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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1895.

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:—The House met at Twelve o'clock, at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, bearing date the sixth day of August, 1895, of which a copy was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK  
“ to wit. } MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of  
“ (L.S.) }  
“ FREDK. M. DARLEY, } New South Wales and its Dependencies.  
“ Lieutenant-Governor. }

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

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

“ By His Excellency's Command,  
“ JAMES N. BRUNKER.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

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

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Abbott, Sir Joseph Palmer	Wentworth.
Affleck, William	Yass.
Anderson, George	Waterloo.
Ashton, James	Hay.
Ball, Richard Thomas	Albury.
Barnes, John Frederick	Grundagai.
Bavister, Thomas	Ashfield.
Black, George	Sydney—Gipps Division.
Brown, Herbert Harrington	Durham.
Brown, Thomas	Condoublin.
Brunker, James Nixon	East Maitland.
Bull, Charles	Camden.
Cameron, Angus	Waverley.

Campbell,

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Campbell, Alexander	Kiama.
Campbell, Archibald	Illawarra.
Cann, John Henry	Broken Hill.
Carrroll, James George	The Lachlan.
Carruthers, Joseph Hector	St. George.
Chanter, John Moore	Deniliquin.
Chapman, Austin	Braidwood.
Clark, Edward Mann	St. Leonards.
Clarke, Francis	The Hastings and The Macleay.
Clarke, Henry	Bega.
Collins, Charles	Narrabri.
Cook, Joseph	Hartley.
Cotton, Francis	Newtown—Camperdown Division.
Crick, William Patrick	West Macquarie.
Cruickshank, George Alexander	Inverell.
Dacey, John Rowland	Botany.
Davis, Thomas Martin	Sydney—Pymont Division.
Dick, William Thomas	Newcastle East.
Donnelly, Denis Cornelius Joseph	Cowra.
Edden, Alfred	Kahibah.
Ewing, Thomas Thomson	Lismore.
Farnell, Frank	Ryde.
Fegan, John Lionel	Wickham.
Ferguson, William John	Sturt.
Fitz-Gerald, Robert George Dundas	Robertson.
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas	Rylstone.
Fitzpatrick, Thomas	The Murrumbidgee.
Garrard, Jacob	Sherbrooke.
Gillies, John	West Maitland.
Goodwin, Thomas Henry Hall	Gunnedah.
Gormly, James	Wagga Wagga.
Gould, Albert John	Singleton.
Graham, James	Sydney—Belmore Division.
Grcene, George Henry	Grenfell.
Griffith, Arthur Hill	Waratah.
Harris, Matthew	Sydney—Denison Division.
Harvey, James Frederick	Sydney—Bligh Division.
Hassall, Thomas Henry	Moree.
Hawthorne, John Stuart	Leichhardt.
Hayes, James	The Murray.
Haynes, John	Wellington.
Hogue, James Alexander	Glebe.
Hollis, Leslie Thomas	Goulburn.
Howarth, George	Willoughby.
Hughes, William Morris	Sydney—Lang Division.
Hurley, William Fergus	Macquarie.
Jones, Llewellyn Charles Russell	Petersham.
Jones, Robert	Mudgee.
Jones, Travers	Tumut.
Kelly, Joseph Bede	The Tweed.
Knox, Adrian	Woollahra.
Law, Sydney James	Balmain South.
Lee, Charles Alfred	Tenterfield.
Levien, Robert Henry	Quirindi.
Lonsdale, Edmund	Armidale.
Lyne, William John	The Hume.
Macdonald, Hugh	Coonamble.
Mackay, James Alexander Kenneth	Boorowa.
Mahony, William Henry	Annandale.
McCourt, William	Bowral.
McElhone, John	Sydney—Fitzroy Division.
McFarlane, John	The Clarence.
McGowen, James Sinclair Tayler	Redfern.
McLaughlin, John	Raleigh.
McLean, Francis Edward	Marrickville.
McMillan, William	Burwood.
Meagher, Richard Denis	Sydney—Phillip Division.
Millard, William	Moruya.
Millen, Edward Davis	Bourke.
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle	Manaro.
Molesworth, Edmund William	Newtown—Erskine Division.
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson	Bingara.
Morgan, William	The Hawkesbury.
Morton, Philip Henry	The Shoalhaven.
Neild, John Cash	Paddington.
Nelson, Arthur David	Sydney—Flinders Division.

Newman,

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Newman, Henry William ... ..	Orange.
Nicholson, John Barnes ... ..	Woronora.
O'Reilly, Dowell Philip ... ..	Parramatta.
O'Sullivan, Edward William ... ..	Queanbeyan.
Parkes, Varney ... ..	Canterbury.
Perry, John ... ..	Ballina.
Phillips, Simeon ... ..	Dubbo.
Piddington, Albert Bathurst ... ..	Tamworth.
Piddington, William Henry Burgess ... ..	Uralla-Walcha.
Price, Richard Atkinson ... ..	Gloucester.
Pyers, Robert ... ..	The Richmond.
Reid, George Houstoun ... ..	Sydney—King Division.
Reymond, Joseph Bernard... ..	Ashburnham.
Rigg, William ... ..	Newtown—St. Peter's Division.
Rose, Thomas ... ..	Argyle.
Ross, Andrew ... ..	Molong.
Schey, William Francis ... ..	Darlington.
See, John ... ..	Grafton.
Sleath, Richard ... ..	Wilcannia.
Smailes, George Wells ... ..	Granville.
Smith, Sydney ... ..	Bathurst.
Smith, Thomas Richard ... ..	The Nepean.
Storey, David ... ..	Randwick.
Thomas, Josiah ... ..	Alma.
Thomson, Dugald ... ..	Warringah.
Thomson, James ... ..	Newcastle West.
Waddell, Thomas ... ..	Cobar.
Watkins, David ... ..	Wallsend.
Watson, John Christian ... ..	Young.
Wheeler, Henry Charles ... ..	Northumberland.
Whiddon, Samuel Thomas... ..	Sydney—Cook Division.
Wilks, William Henry ... ..	Balmain North.
Willis, William Nicholas ... ..	The Barwon.
Wood, William Herbert ... ..	Eden-Bombala.
Wright, Francis Augustus... ..	Glen Innes.
Young, James Henry ... ..	The Manning.

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

The House went, and the President said:—

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

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

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

"To all to whom these presents shall come,

"Greeting:

"WHEREAS, by Proclamation made on the sixth day of August instant, His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight, our Lieutenant-Governor of our Colony of New South Wales, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Lieutenant-Governor of our said Colony, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled "An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of August instant: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Lieutenant-Governor cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir John Lackey, K.C.M.G., President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable Andrew Garran, LL.D., Vice-President of our Executive Council of our said Colony, and the Honorable John Henry Want, Q.C., Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said Sir John Lackey, Andrew Garran, and John Henry Want, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said thirteenth day of August or subsequent day, on our behalf, to do all things necessary to be done in our name or in

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“ the name of our Governor of our said Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no delay; commending also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament that to the said Sir John Lackey, Andrew Garran, and John Henry Want, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

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

“ Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight, our Lieutenant Governor of our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in our said Colony, this sixth day of August, in the fifty-ninth year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

“ FREDK. M. DARLEY,

“ Lieutenant-Governor.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ JAMES N. BRUNKER.”

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

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

And the House having returned,—

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS:—The Clerk informed the Assembly that he had received through the office of the Colonial Secretary, a Commission, under the hand of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and bearing the Seal of the Territory, authorising the Honorable George Houstoun Reid, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer, the Honorable James Nixon Brunker, Esquire, Colonial Secretary, the Honorable Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire, Secretary for Lands, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly,—which Commission the Clerk read, as follows:—

“ *By His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“ *Greeting:*

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, as Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honorable George Houstoun Reid, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer, the Honorable James Nixon Brunker, Esquire, Colonial Secretary, and the Honorable Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire, Secretary for Lands, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the Legislative Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

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

“ FREDK. M. DARLEY,

“ Lieutenant-Governor.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ JAMES N. BRUNKER.”

5. MEMBERS SWORN:—The Honorable George Houstoun Reid took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable James Nixon Brunker and the Honorable Joseph Hector Carruthers, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present,—the Clerk produced the several Writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz.:—Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, K.C.M.G. William Affleck, Esquire. George Anderson, Esquire. James Ashton, Esquire. Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire. John Frederick Barnes, Esquire. Thomas Bavister, Esquire. George Black, Esquire. Thomas Brown, Esquire. Charles Bull, Esquire. Angus Cameron, Esquire. Alexander Campbell, Esquire. Archibald Campbell, Esquire. John Henry Cann, Esquire. James George Carroll, Esquire. John Moore Chanter, Esquire. Austin Chapman, Esquire. Edward Mann Clark, Esquire. Francis Clarke, Esquire. Henry Clarke, Esquire. Charles Collins, Esquire. The Honorable Joseph Cook, Esquire. Francis Cotton, Esquire. William Patrick Crick, Esquire. John Rowland Dacey, Esquire. Thomas Martin Davis, Esquire. William Thomas Dick, Esquire. Denis Cornelius Joseph Donnelly, Esquire. Alfred Edden, Esquire. Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire. Frank Farnell, Esquire. John Lionel Fegan, Esquire. William John Ferguson, Esquire.

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Esquire. Robert George Dundas FitzGerald, Esquire. John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Esquire. The Honorable Jacob Garrard, Esquire. John Gillics, Esquire. Thomas Henry Hall Goodwin, Esquire. James Gormly, Esquire. The Honorable Albert John Gould, Esquire. James Graham, Esquire, M.D. George Henry Greene, Esquire. Arthur Hill Griffith, Esquire. Matthew Harris, Esquire. James Frederick Harvey, Esquire. Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire. John Stuart Hawthorne, Esquire. James Hayes, Esquire. John Haynes, Esquire. James Alexander Hogue, Esquire. Leslie Thomas Hollis, Esquire, M.B., Ch.M. George Howarth, Esquire. William Morris Hughes, Esquire. William Fergus Hurley, Esquire. Llewellyn Charles Russell Jones, Esquire. Robert Jones, Esquire. Travers Jones, Esquire. Joseph Bede Kelly, Esquire. Adrian Knox, Esquire. Sydney James Law, Esquire. Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire. Robert Henry Levien, Esquire. Edmund Lonsdale, Esquire. William John Lyne, Esquire. Hugh Macdonald, Esquire. James Alexander Kenneth Mackay, Esquire. William Henry Mahony, Esquire. William McCourt, Esquire. John Joseph McElhone, Esquire. John McFarlane, Esquire. James Sinclair Taylor McGowen, Esquire. John McLaughlin, Esquire. Francis Edward McLean, Esquire. Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire. William Millard, Esquire. Edward Davis Millen, Esquire. Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire. Edmund William Molesworth, Esquire. Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire. William Morgan, Esquire. Philip Henry Morton, Esquire. John Cash Neild, Esquire. Arthur David Nelson, Esquire. Henry William Newman, Esquire. John Barnes Nicholson, Esquire. Dowell Philip O'Reilly, Esquire. Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire. Varney Parkes, Esquire. John Perry, Esquire. Simeon Phillips, Esquire. Albert Bathurst Piddington, Esquire. William Henry Burgess Piddington, Esquire. Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire. Robert Pyers, Esquire. Joseph Bernard Reymond, Esquire. William Rigg, Esquire. Thomas Rose, Esquire. Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D. William Francis Schey, Esquire. John See, Esquire. Richard Sleath, Esquire. George Wells Smales, Esquire. The Honorable Sydney Smith, Esquire. Thomas Richard Smith, Esquire. David Storey, Esquire. Josiah Thomas, Esquire. Dugald Thomson, Esquire. James Thomson, Esquire. Thomas Waddell, Esquire. David Watkins, Esquire. John Christian Watson, Esquire. Henry Charles Wheeler, Esquire. Samuel Thomas Whiddon, Esquire. William Henry Wilks, Esquire. William Nicholas Willis, Esquire. William Herbert Wood, Esquire. Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire. And The Honorable James Henry Young, Esquire.

6. **ELECTION OF SPEAKER**:—Mr. Henry Clarke, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, and moved,—“That Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Millen.

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

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

And thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then Mr. Reid, Mr. Perry, Mr. McGowen, and Mr. McElhone respectively congratulated the Speaker.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Reid informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor would receive their Speaker at Government House To-morrow at eleven o'clock,—and moved that this House do now adjourn until half-past Ten o'clock To-morrow. Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1895.

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

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

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

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

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

“By His Excellency the Honorable SIR FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“Greeting:

“In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SIR FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, as Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honorable Sir Joseph Palmér Abbott, K.C.M.G., Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly, to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this thirteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and in the fifty-ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

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

“By His Excellency's Command,

“JAMES N. BRUNKER.”

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

“MR. SPEAKER,

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

The House went,—and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Reid, at eighteen minutes after Twelve o'clock until Four o'clock this day.

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The House resumed pursuant to adjournment.

4. **MEMBER SWORN**:—Herbert Harrington Brown, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Durham.

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

- (1.) Parkes to Condobolin Railway Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 1.*

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Parkes to Condobolin, and to provide that the Constructing Authority shall not be required or compelled to make or maintain any fence along the said line,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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*Sydney, 5th July, 1895.*

- (2.) Nepean Cottage Hospital Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 2.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to vest in the Trustees of the Nepean Cottage Hospital certain lands of the Penrith District Hospital, and to enable the said Trustees to deal with the said lands for the purposes of the said Nepean Cottage Hospital,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 5th July, 1895.*

6. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, laid upon the Table his warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

"*By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
of New South Wales.*

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

"*Angus Cameron, Esquire,  
Thomas Bavister, Esquire,  
John Henry Cann, Esquire,  
Henry Clarke, Esquire,  
William Patrick Crick, Esquire,*

"*John Cash Neild, Esquire,  
James Alexander Hogue, Esquire,  
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire,  
Thomas Waddell, Esquire,*

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

"*Given under my Hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney,  
this fourteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and ninety-five.*

"*J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.*"

7. **ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL**:—Mr. Reid presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for confirming the transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales, and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council, 1840,*"—which was read a first time *pro forma*.

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

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I deeply regret that differences of opinion between the two Houses of Parliament, on certain questions of public policy long agitated in this community, made it necessary to terminate the life of the late Parliament, so that the matters at issue might be definitely and finally settled in accordance with the views of the electors.

2. Proposals for the reconstruction of the Legislative Council were also submitted to the constituencies.

3. Measures for the reform of the Tariff, and the establishment of a system of direct taxation, by means of a Land and Income Tax, will be at once introduced. Those measures will follow the lines of the Bills passed by the last Legislative Assembly. My advisers earnestly hope that measures embodying a financial policy, approved at one General Election, and endorsed at another, will speedily become law.



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4. A Bill will be introduced this Session to give effect, substantially, to the Federal Enabling Bill agreed to by the Conference of Premiers at Hobart. The assistance and co-operation of Honorable Members of all parties in furtherance of the objects of the measure is cordially invited, in order that this great and patriotic movement may proceed on truly national lines.

5. In compliance with a general and urgent demand, a Bill to provide for the reconstruction of the Legislative Council will be submitted for consideration without delay. The measure will proceed upon the lines laid down in an official memorandum placed before both Houses shortly before the dissolution.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

6. Estimates of the public expenditure for the year from 1st July last will be submitted to you without delay. The change in the date of the financial year will enable you to meet next Session at a more convenient time than formerly.

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

7. Every reasonable effort will be employed to bring the present Session to a close as speedily as possible, in view of the arduous labours most of you have undergone during the late protracted Session from 7th August, 1894, to 5th July, 1895.

8. Another attempt will, however, be made to remedy the many and grievous defects of the Electoral system, in consequence of which large bodies of electors in every part of the Colony are deprived of their right to vote.

9. The Government intends to continue vigorously the constructing of light lines of railway into agricultural districts, and will make special efforts to enlarge the facilities for the sale, storage, and shipment of the products of the Colony.

10. Although the immigration of Asiatic and coloured labour has not for some time past been considerable, it is nevertheless engaging the serious attention of the Government.

11. The reorganisation of the Public Service, and the reduction of the public expenditure, are also matters to which the Government propose to give immediate attention.

12. A Royal Commission has been appointed to investigate the numerous points of dispute which have prevented for many years legislation designed to make our collieries safe and healthy for the miners employed. It is to be hoped that the labours of this Commission will enable Parliament to agree upon a satisfactory measure.

I now leave you to the discharge of your high and honorable duties, with a fervent hope that, under Divine guidance, your labours may promote prosperity and contentment amongst all classes of the people.

Mr. A. B. Piddington then moved, and Mr. Hogue seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Phillips, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neild, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Ball, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

*To His Excellency the Honorable SIR FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

We desire to assure your Excellency that the utmost consideration will be given to the various important measures that will be submitted to us.

We join your Excellency in the hope that under the guidance of Divine Providence our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the Colony.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Morton 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Boring for Coal near Bradley's Head:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that persons are now employed boring for coal or sinking shafts on military reserves in the neighbourhood of Bradley's Head; and by what authority?

Mr. Brunker answered,—There is no information in the Department of the Colonial Secretary as to any application to mine on the military reserves at Bradley's Head. Perhaps if the honorable gentleman will put a question to my honorable colleague, the Secretary for Mines, he may obtain some information on the subject.

- (2.) Speed of Steamers in the Harbour:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of late accidents, and the constant danger to the passenger traffic at Circular Quay, what steps, if any, have been taken by the Marine Board to enforce the regulations in regard to steamers travelling in the harbour at a rate exceeding 6 miles an hour?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Marine Board do what they can by prosecuting, punishing, and cautioning offenders who commit breaches of the Harbour Regulations by proceeding in ocean-going steamers at a speed exceeding 6 knots westward of Fort Denison. It is found most difficult, however, to obtain convictions in cases of the sort on account of the difficulty in proving from outside that a vessel is exceeding the regulation speed.

- (3.) Payments to Contractors:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he inquire into the delay of transmitting contractors' vouchers from the Accounts Branch of his Department to the Treasury, and give instructions to facilitate more regular and prompt payments than at present?

Mr. Young answered,—The Honorable Member must, I think, be referring to delays in the past. Since the reorganization of the Department there has been no unnecessary delay in checking and passing vouchers in the Account Branch, and forwarding them to the Treasury. In isolated cases, however, where the remission or imposition of fines has to be dealt with, or default has been made by the contractor in carrying out the work, or failed to pay his workmen, or discharge other claims against the contract, the vouchers have to be held over until these matters are satisfactorily settled. If, however, the Honorable Member can furnish me with any particular case, I will have it at once investigated.

- (4.) Working of the Dredge Service and Fitzroy Dock:—Mr. Wilks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to Mr. Wilks' Question No. 3, on 3rd July, 1895, *re* Dredge Service and Fitzroy Dock, is it not a fact that a Commission or Committee, consisting of Messrs. Carleton, Walsh, and A. B. Portus, has been appointed by the Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works to inquire into those two services?

(2.) Is he aware that in similar establishments, including the Mercantile Marine, many of the employees are now paid at what is known as sweating rates?

(3.) Will he avoid adopting these rates as a standard of comparison when dealing with those paid in the Dredge Service and Fitzroy Dock?

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Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) No inquiry is being held at the present moment into the Dredge Service and Fitzroy Dock, but an investigation will be made in common with similar inquiry into every Branch of my Department.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) The Honorable Member may rest assured that neither myself, nor any member of the Government, will permit of what are popularly known as sweating rates obtaining in any branch of the Service.

(5.) Banking Conference held in Sydney:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What action does the Government intend to take to carry out the resolution framed by the Banking Conference, which sat a short time since in Sydney, in regard to the necessity that exists for uniformity in the banking laws of the Colony?

Mr. Reid answered,—The matter will receive consideration.

(6.) Reports from Technical Education Branch:—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Referring to Mr. Wilks' Question No. 5, section 3, of 27th June, 1895, is it not a fact that, in the annual reports of the Department of Public Instruction for 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1893, the reports of lecturers in charge of classes at the Technical College and its branches were published for the information of Parliament?

(2.) Referring to the answer given to the same question and section, is he prepared to say whether the reason given is the only one for departing from the established practice of previous years?

(3.) Will he explain why, if the Superintendent's report for 1894 is as comprehensive as alleged in the answer of 27th June, the important detail referred to in Question No. 7, of 26th June, was omitted?

(4.) Is it a fact that in 1894 the expenditure on technical education amounted to £16,325, and on technological museums to £4,888?

(5.) Is it a fact that in the Department's annual report for 1894 the Superintendent of Technical Education's report covers only 16½ inches, while the report of the Curator of the Technological Museum is extended to 12½ inches of column space?

(6.) With reference to section 2 of Question No. 5, 27th June, will he say whether any of the lecturers in charge of classes or departments of the Technical College furnished reports on such classes or departments for the year 1894 to the Superintendent of Technical Education, as in previous years?

(7.) Referring to section 3 of the answer to the same question, will he say whether the words "individual teachers in other schools" are intended to convey the meaning that professional gentlemen engaged at the Technical College are regarded by the Department as being on the same footing as ordinary Public School teachers?

(8.) Referring to question No. 16 of 19th June, 1895, has the interest on the capital cost of erecting and equipping the Technical College been taken into account in calculating the *per capita* cost of technical education, and, if so, in what year or years?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) No; only extracts.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Because it was not thought to be of the importance that the Honorable Member attaches to it.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) I am not aware.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) No. "Individual teachers in other schools," meaning University, Grammar, High, and Public Schools, are, as a rule, permanent officers, while the Technical teachers are not.

(8.) No.

(7.) Special Areas on the Nanami Station, Eugowra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has anything yet been done in the case of F. T. Jenkins, of Nanami Station, Eugowra, county of Ashburnham, *re* the eight selectors who took up the special areas on the Nanami Run, and which was brought under his notice in May last?

(2.) Has the Local Land Board made any inquiries into the matter, and what is the nature of their report, and will he lay a copy of the same upon the Table of the House?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Conditional Purchase Inspector received a money bribe of £35, with a promise of £50, to pass these selections; if so, what has been done in the matter?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1 and 2.) Inquiries, subject to the provisions of section 20 of the Act of 1884, have been authorised, and will be held without delay.

(3.) No.

(8.) Establishment of Small Debts Court at Leichhardt:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he take steps to create a Small Debts Court at Leichhardt, so that the large population living in that and the surrounding suburbs may have their Court business transacted at Leichhardt instead of as now having to put up with much inconvenience in going to the Glebe?

Mr. Gould answered,—This could not be done without establishing a Court of Petty Sessions at Leichhardt, and it would probably be impracticable for the present staff of Stipendiary Magistrates to attend to the business of additional Courts.

(9.) Glebe Island—White Creek, Roselle Bay:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he arrived at any decision in regard to the cutting down of Glebe Island?

(2.) When does he intend to make a start with the reclamation of White Creek, Roselle Bay?

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Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) There has been as yet no opportunity of bringing the matter before the Cabinet.
- (2.) A difficulty has arisen in connection with the redefinition of the line of high-water-mark. As soon as this and other legal matters can be arranged the necessary instructions will be given to proceed with the work, and I have given orders that action must be expedited.

(10.) Bridges over Yullakool and Whymoul Creeks:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will tenders be invited for the construction of a bridge over the Yullakool Creek, near Deniliquin?
- (2.) When will tenders be invited for the construction of a bridge over the Whymoul Creek, on road leading from Moulamein to Koondrook?

Mr. Young answered,—The necessary plans are completed, and tenders for the erection of bridges over the creeks referred to will probably be invited next week.

(11.) Surrender and Exchange of Land, in Land District of Deniliquin:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What proposals for surrender and exchange of land, within the Land District of Deniliquin, have been made to him to date?
- (2.) Will he state which of these proposals will be inquired into by the Land Board, and the date of inquiry?
- (3.) Will he cause a notice to be inserted in the local newspapers prior to the Land Board inquiring into these proposals?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Information of this character should be moved for in the shape of a return.
- (3.) Every endeavour will be made to apprise the public of the inquiries.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Substituted Regulation, No. 108, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (2.) Amended Regulation, No. 71, under the Crown Lands Acts.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Stock and Brands Branch of the Department of Mines and Agriculture, being for 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Report of the Postmaster-General for the year 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Tenth General Report, together with returns giving a record of the Committee's inquiries and Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.  
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) By-laws of Borough of Newcastle under the "Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act."

(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Alexandria under the "Municipalities Act of 1867" and "Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875."

(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Tamworth under the "Municipalities Act of 1867" and "Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875."

(5.) By-laws of the Borough of Young under the "Municipalities Act of 1867" and "Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875."

(6.) By-law of the Municipality of Braidwood under the "Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875."

(7.) By-laws of the Borough of Hunter's Hill under the "Municipalities Act of 1867" and "Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875."

(8.) By-law of the Borough of Wagga Wagga under the "Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875."

(9.) By-law of the Borough of Stockton.

3. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order—Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That if be a Sessional Order that, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at Four o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week.  
Question put and passed.

4. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order—Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered,—

(1.) General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays until 8 o'clock p.m., after which hour Government Business only shall be proceeded with; and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Brunker,  
Mr. Gould,  
Mr. Reid,  
Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Carruthers,  
Mr. Sydney Smith,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Garrard,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Lonsdale,  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Russell Jones,  
Mr. McCourt,  
Mr. Cameron,  
Mr. Newman,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. W.H.B. Piddington,  
Mr. Neild,  
Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. Storey,  
Mr. Howarth,  
Mr. Morgan,  
Mr. E. M. Clark,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Hughes,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Hawthorne,  
Mr. McLean,

Mr. Bull,  
Mr. Phillips,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Ball,  
Mr. Wheeler,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Harvey,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Wilks,  
Mr. Dick,  
Mr. O'Reilly,  
Dr. Hollis,  
Mr. Knox,  
Mr. Ashton,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Collins,  
Mr. Millen,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Black,  
Mr. Whiddon,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Edden.

Tellers,

Mr. A. B. Piddington,  
Mr. Lee.

Noes, 43.

Mr. FitzGerald,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Chanter,  
Mr. Lyne,  
Mr. Wright,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Schey,  
Mr. Rose,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Hassall,  
Mr. Pyers,  
Dr. Ross,  
Mr. Hurley,  
Mr. Travers Jones,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. F. Clarke,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Henry Clarke,  
Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. Nelson,  
Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Chapman,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Griffith,  
Mr. H. H. Brown,

Mr. Ewing,  
Mr. Goodwin,  
Mr. Mackay,  
Mr. Alexander Campbell,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Raymond,  
Mr. James Thomson,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Smailes,  
Mr. Dacey.

Tellers,

Mr. T. R. Smith,  
Mr. Waddell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That William McCourt, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. McCourt made his acknowledgments to the House.
6. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, appointed,—

Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire,  
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire,  
Thomas Bavister, Esquire,  
Frank Farnell, Esquire, and  
Edmund William Molesworth, Esquire,—

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

7. LIENS ON WOOL AND STOCK MORTGAGES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages on stock and stations.  
Question put and passed.
8. MASTERS AND SERVANTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "Masters and Servants Act of 1857," and the "Agreements Validating Act," and to make other provisions in the laws relating to masters and servants, and contracts made out of the Colony of New South Wales for personal service therein, and for other purposes connected therewith.  
Question put and passed.
9. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. A. B. Piddington, That the following Address in Reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—  
"To His Excellency the Honorable SIR FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLBY, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.  
"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—  
"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.  
"We desire to assure your Excellency that the utmost consideration will be given to the various important measures that will be submitted to us.  
"We join your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the Colony."  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1895, A.M.

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1895.

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

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

And being returned,—

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—

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

It is pleasing to me to know that your utmost consideration will be given to the various important measures that will be submitted to you.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 20th August, 1895.*

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Salaries of Professor Anderson Stuart:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What salary does Professor Anderson Stuart receive, as Professor at the University, per year?
- (2.) What is the amount of fees he receives, through his position at the University, per year?
- (3.) What is the amount of salary per year he receives as Medical Adviser to the Government?
- (4.) What fees does he receive per year through his position as Medical Adviser, &c., to the Government?
- (5.) What is the total amount he received as salaries from the Government, through the various offices he holds, for the year 1894?
- (6.) The total amount of fees he received from all sources during the year 1894?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) £855 net.
- (2.) For 1894—Physiology Class fees, £234 13s. 6d.; Public Examination fees, £10 10s.
- (3.) Nil.
- (4.) Nil.
- (5.) £489.
- (6.) £245 3s. 6d.

(2.) Perry, late Letter-carrier at Newtown:—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a man named Perry, late a letter-carrier at Newtown, has been put on as a stamper and sorter in the General Post Office?
- (2.) Is it a fact that he has been so put on over the heads of ten other sorters and stampers in the Department?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that, through his appointment, he debars the other sorters and stampers from their due promotion?
- (4.) Is it not a fact that the sorters and stampers, like other persons in the Public Service, are promoted by seniority when not otherwise disqualified?
- (5.) Why was Perry appointed over the heads of other stampers and sorters?

Mr. Cook answered,—

- (1.) A letter-carrier named Parker has been transferred to the Head Offices as stamper and sorter.
- (2.) It is hardly correct to say this, seeing that Parker has over twelve years' service against the three to ten years' service of the ten juniors, over whom he takes precedence as stamper and sorter.

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- (3.) To a certain extent; but, in the public interest, it is sometimes necessary when a man of long and faithful service becomes incapacitated for outdoor work, to give him indoor work, with as little loss of salary as possible. Parker's was a case of this kind, and he forfeited £30 a year by the transfer.
- (4.) Yes, except in special cases, as above.
- (5.) Answered by No. 3.
- (3.) Lease of Sydney Harbour Colliery Company:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has a lease been granted to T. S. Huntley, as representing the Sydney Harbour Colliery Company, for mining purposes?
- (2.) Were the conditions of the Mining Act complied with in connection with same, and in what manner?
- (3.) Has he been informed that the Sydney Harbour Colliery Company is being floated in London on a statement that the existence of the Bulli seam has been recently proved by the Government under the Company's property by means of a diamond drill?
- (4.) Is this statement correct; and, if so, where is this company's property?
- (5.) Was the original discovery of coal made upon land at Cremorne not the property of the company or of the Government?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes, by marking out the area by posts and trenches at each angle of the required size and dimensions, and by posting the necessary notices required under the regulations relating to applications for mineral leases.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The seam of coal has been proved near to the land under the harbour comprised in authorities granted to the company.
- (5.) Yes; but it was understood the company had acquired the right to put down bores upon the land.
- (4.) Boring for Coal on Military Reserves near Bradley's Head:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that persons are now employed boring for coal or sinking shafts on military reserves in the neighbourhood of Bradley's Head; and by what authority?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—No; no one is either boring for coal or sinking shafts on the Military Reserves in the neighbourhood of Bradley's Head.
- (5.) Telephone at Boorooma Station:—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Willis, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) What was the cost of the telephone at Boorooma Station?
- (2.) On what date was it opened to the public?
- (3.) What is the amount of revenue which has been derived from it?
- Mr. Cook answered,—
- (1.) Line and instruments, £78 16s. 10d.
- (2.) 31st October, 1894.
- (3.) October, 1894, to 10th August, 1895:—£19 17s. 4d.
- (6.) Fees paid to Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Are the fees payable to presiding officers and poll-clerks at elections fixed by regulation, or are the fees paid at the discretion or caprice of the Returning Officer?
- (2.) If the fees are fixed by regulation, will he inform the House what are the amounts fixed at for the various officers?
- (3.) Are the fees all the same, or are they paid according to the distance travelled by the various officers; if so, what are the amounts of variation?
- (4.) Have all the accounts for the late General Election been sent in; if so, what was the total cost to the country?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
- (1.) Fixed by regulation.
- (2 and 3.) Presiding officers, £3 3s.; first class poll clerks, £1 11s. 6d.; second class poll clerks, £1, with travelling allowances sufficient to cover the expenses of journey to and from the polling place.
- (4.) No; they have not yet all been received, and it will be impossible to furnish the total cost until they have been.
- (7.) Pay in the Military Service:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the sum of 2s. a day, and 1s. per half-day, has been deducted from the pay of all in the Military Service of the country for the purpose of paying for the yearly encampment?
- (2.) If so, how long have these deductions been going on?
- (3.) If these deductions have taken place, will the Government appropriate such funds towards a general encampment this or early next year?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—No deductions have been made from the pay of the Military Service for the purpose stated in the Honorable Member's question.
- (8.) Copybooks used in Public Schools:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is there any rule in the Department by which teachers are compelled to use a certain copybook?
- (2.) If so, which is the copybook authorised to be used in the Public Schools?
- (3.) If there is no authorised copybook, will he issue instructions to teachers and inspectors that any brand of copybook may be used in the schools that the children may take with them, so long as they are the class or number suitable?
- (4.) Is he aware that much loss and inconvenience are caused to booksellers and storekeepers in the country by the continual change of the copybooks, as ordered by teachers and inspectors, and will he take such steps as will prevent this in future?

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- Mr. Garrard answered,—
- (1.) Yes; certain copybooks are approved, and teachers may, under certain conditions, select books of any series.
  - (2.) Either of the following series:—Jackson, Federal, Collins, Foster, Arnold, Adair, Nelson.
  - (3.) Answered by No. 1.
  - (4.) I am not aware.
- (9.) Special Audit of the Railway Accounts:—Dr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the Government considered the advisableness of instituting a special audit of the railway accounts on the expiry of the term of office of the Railway Commissioners?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I have to draw the Honorable Member's attention to section 20 of the Government Railways Act of 1888, wherein it is provided that all the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870, or any other Act relating to the collection and payment of public moneys, applies to the railway accounts. The railway accounts are duly audited by, and are always referred to in the annual report of, the Auditor-General. I do not, at present, see the necessity for any further audit.
- (10.) Iron and Steel purchased by the Works Department:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Watkins, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How many tons of iron and steel were purchased by the Public Works Department during the three years ending 31st December, 1894?
- Mr. Young answered,—I will have the information prepared at once and furnished to the Honorable Member.
- (11.) Iron and Steel purchased by the Railway Commissioners:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Watkins, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many tons of iron and steel were purchased by the Railway Commissioners during the three years ending 31st December, 1894?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that 2,681 tons of iron and 380 tons of steel were purchased during the years named. The bulk of the iron was locally manufactured.
- (12.) Parcels conveyed by Railway through Parcel Post Office:—*Mr. Perry*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How much does the Railway Department lose annually by carrying parcels that are now sent or conveyed through the Parcel Post Office?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that it would be impossible to say definitely what reduction in railway traffic has been caused by the introduction of the parcels post system introduced in October, 1893. It may be mentioned, however, that the railway parcels traffic in 1892 was £74,644, while in 1894 the traffic only amounted to £68,334, the difference being due to some extent to the number of parcels carried under the parcels post.
- (13.) Revenue derived from the Parcel Post:—*Mr. Perry*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) The amount of revenue derived annually from parcels sent by the parcel post?
  - (2.) The number of parcels transmitted by the parcel post?
- Mr. Cook answered,—
- (1.) The estimated revenue derived from parcels sent by the parcel post during 1894 was £19,432.
  - (2.) During 1894, 339,536 parcels were posted in the Colony, and 28,354 were received from places beyond the Colony; total, 367,890.
- (14.) Mount Rennie Prisoners:—Mr. Watson asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it his intention to take any action towards the liberation of the Mount Rennie prisoners?
- Mr. Gould answered,—The whole case is now being reviewed in the light of recent representations, and in accordance with the promise made by me on the 20th June ultimo, in reply to a question upon this case in the House.
- (15.) Members of Local School Boards:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Cameron, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Are members of the local School Boards appointed for the period of their natural lives?
  - (2.) What are supposed to be the duties of the members of these Boards?
  - (3.) Are periodical reports furnished to the Department as to the meetings held and the attendances of the members?
  - (4.) Are instructions issued by the Department defining the duties and responsibilities of the members?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—
- (1.) So long as they are resident in the locality, and attend to the duties of their office.
  - (2.) See Public Instruction Act, clause 19, and Regulations 126 to 134 inclusive.
  - (3.) Yes, in some instances; but Boards are not compelled by the Regulations to do so.
  - (4.) Yes, by the Regulations already referred to, copies of which are forwarded to each Board.
- (16.) Erection of a Sea-wall at Bondi:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Cameron, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the necessity for the erection of a sea-wall at Bondi?
  - (2.) Will he have any objection to obtain a report as to the probable cost of this work, with a view to its being carried out?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2.) I shall have no objection to obtain a report, if the Honorable Member will furnish me with the particulars of what is required.



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3. **CAPERTEE TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from John Lang, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise John Lang, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, merchant, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said John Lang, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from a point near the north-east corner of lease number twenty, in the parish of Gindantherie, county of Cook, to the Mudgee railway; and to use steam or other motive power upon the said tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said tramway, for hire, for the public generally.  
And Mr. Fitzpatrick having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Rylstone Advocate*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—  
Petition received.
4. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—Mr. McLean presented a Petition from the New South Wales Local Option League, and the representatives of the organisations affiliated therewith, representing that the evils through intoxicants are manifold in this Colony, and include drunkenness, lunacy, pauperism, immorality, and crime, and praying for the immediate passing of a law which shall contain the principle of full local option without compensation, and that the House will grant such relief as may seem best.  
Petition received.
5. **PAPERS**:—  
Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 11th June, 1895, "Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (*Pymont Bridge*)."  
Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of June, 1895.  
(2.) Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of July, 1895.  
(3.) Report by Board of Health respecting Antitoxic Serum for the cure of Diphtheria.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. **DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated nineteenth August, 1895, and signed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, empowering William McCourt, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law,—which Commission, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Clerk, as follows:—  
"By His Excellency the Honorable SIR FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.  
"To all to whom these Presents shall come,—  
"Greeting:  
"IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, as Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorise WILLIAM McCOURT, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.  
"Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and in the fifty-ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.  
"FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
"Lieutenant-Governor.  
"By His Excellency's Command,  
"JAMES N. BRUNKER."
7. **EXCHANGE OF LAND IN THE LAND DISTRICT OF DENILQUIN (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
(1.) What proposals for exchange and surrender of land within the Land District of Deniliquin have been made to the Minister for Lands to date.  
(2.) What proposals will be inquired into by the Land Board.  
(3.) The date of such inquiry.  
Question put and passed.
8. **EIGHT HOURS BILL (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects.  
Question put and passed.
9. **EXCISE DUTY ON COLONIAL TOBACCO**:—Mr. H. H. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the excise duty on colonial tobacco of 1s. 3d. per lb. is most injurious to the cultivation and manufacture of colonial-grown leaf, and should be abolished.  
Debate ensued.

And

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*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

10. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

*Message No. 3.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a Tax on Land and a Tax on Income; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments, and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.

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

11. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Lyne, Mr. See, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cameron, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Crick, Mr. Young, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
Question put and passed.
12. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Neild, Mr. Hogue, Mr. O'Sullivan, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Perry, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Black, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's resolution of 6th August, 1862.  
Question put and passed.
13. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. McCourt, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Bavister, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
Question put and passed.
14. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Question put and passed.
15. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Question put and passed.
16. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a tax on land and a tax on income; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.  
Question put and passed.
17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Reserve on the Boree Creek:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he see that steps are taken to have water reserve 1,317, notified 25th October, 1880 (consisting of 15½ acres), district of Molong, parish of Boree, and county of Asburnham, withdrawn from lease, and made available for the use of the general public, seeing that the reserve is on the Boree Creek, the only water supply in the neighbourhood?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Inquiry will be made.

(2.) Bridge over the Macleay River, at Kempsey:—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did he, just prior to the recent election, or at any time, promise Mr. W. H. Vivian, the selected free-trade candidate for the Hastings and Macleay electorate, that in the event of Mr. Vivian's return he would place a sum of money on the next Estimates for the erection of a bridge over the Macleay River at Kempsey?

(2.) Did he also promise the same candidate, under similar conditions, to immediately expend a sum of £2,000 on road works within the electorate?

(3.) If these promises were made, is he prepared to fulfil them now?

Mr. Young answered,—I must decline to be made responsible for statements made by any candidates at the recent General Election.

(3.) Members of the Public Works Committee:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it part of his programme of retrenchment to either reduce the number of the members of the Public Works Committee or to supersede them by three professional men?

(2.) Is he aware that during the late Parliament the Public Works Committee cost the country on an average £100 per week?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(4.) Clerks of Petty Sessions:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—At what hours in country districts are Clerks of Petty Sessions supposed to be in attendance at their offices?

Mr. Gould answered,—Nine o'clock a.m. to 4:30 o'clock p.m., except on Saturdays, when the hours of attendance are from 9 o'clock a.m. to noon—time being allowed for luncheon.

(5.) Amendment of the Land Act:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he propose to amend the Land Bill, reducing the annual instalments of selectors to 6d. per acre, instead of 1s. as at present?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Selectors Instalment Bill will be introduced at an early period of this Session.

(6.) Government Hospital Patients:—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do the Government contribute towards the support of patients they send to hospitals, apart from subsidy granted to those institutions; if so, what is the amount per individual per week?

(2.) Is there any difference in amount between Sydney and country hospitals; if so, what amount?

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Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes; the Government pay for every patient admitted to the metropolitan hospitals as a pauper the sum of 3s. per diem.

(2.) Yes; country hospitals are required to admit and treat suitable cases, properly recommended by a recognised Government officer, in consideration of the £ for £ subsidy received from the State.

(7.) Selectors' Balances:—Mr. W. H. B. Piddington asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to bring in during this Session a Bill for extending the time of payment for selectors' balances, as indicated by the Premier in his Financial Statement on 9th May last?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Yes; at an early period of this Session.

(8.) Contract for Post and Telegraph Office, Enmore:—Mr. McGowen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the work in the new post and telegraph office, Enmore, is being carried out under the sub-letting system?

(2.) If so, has he taken any action to suppress it; if so, what is the nature of same?

(3.) Will he insist on the Government officials making inquiries, and reporting breaches of the contract?

(4.) Will he take into consideration the desirability of abolishing the limit exemption owing to the iniquitous practice of sweating?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1 and 2.) I have had careful inquiries made into this matter. The contractors, in a letter to the Government Architect, dated the 6th instant, say, "We beg to inform you we have no carpenters working piece-work, and, further, the job has been carried out as a day-work job." On my further inquiry as to whether this statement is borne out, the officer in charge of the work wrote, "I have made inquiries of the Clerk of Works as to whether he has any information upon this subject, or has seen anything to lead him to suppose that the work is sublet, but he informs me that to all appearances, and as far as he can judge, the contractors are speaking truly. I know of nothing that should make me doubt their word, deliberately stated, as above."

(3.) It is their business to do so, and I always insist upon its being done.

(4.) There are many difficulties in the way of applying this to small contracts, especially in the country; but I should be glad to take any reasonable steps to put a stop to the abominable practice of sweating.

(9.) Deaths on board the "Ysabel":—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he endeavour to obtain from the German Consul the following particulars:—

(1.) How many persons, being passengers by or officers or others employed on board the "Ysabel" during the years 1894–1895, or any part thereof, have died, stating cause of death?

(2.) How many above-described contracted malarial fever, not resulting fatally?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I will communicate with the Acting Consul-General and endeavour, if possible, to obtain the information.

(10.) Anti-toxin Cure for Diphtheria:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the anti-toxin cure for diphtheria is becoming discredited by the medical profession in London and other countries where the remedy has been used in this disease?

(2.) Is it true that during the whole time that anti-toxin had been used that the death-rate from diphtheria had increased rather than diminished?

(3.) What percentage of deaths has occurred in the Colony under the influence of anti-toxin treatment, compared with other cases where this remedy has not been used?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) No evidence of this has been received.

(2.) No.

(3.) Full information regarding the use of diphtheria anti-toxin in this Colony will be found in a Report by the Board of Health, laid upon the Table of the House yesterday.

(11.) Sub-letting and Sweating of Government Contracts:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the Ministry come to any decision to abolish sub-letting and sweating of the works done under contract for the different Departments of the Government service; and, if so, will the action taken be made known to this House?

Mr. Reid answered,—This matter will be submitted to the Cabinet.

(12.) Centennial Park Work:—Mr. Schey asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he yet arrived at a decision as to how many meals per week single men are to be allowed to earn per medium of the Centennial Park work?

(2.) If so, what is his decision?

Mr. Garrard answered,—It is not intended, at present, to alter the existing scale.

(13.) Salaries paid out of Loan Votes:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that when public works are made or built, &c., out of loan money, that the salaries of Government officials employed in supervising the construction of such works are paid out of such Loan Votes, and are not voted on the Estimates?

(2.) If so, what number of officials were so paid out of Loan Votes for the years 1893 and 1894, and the total amounts so paid them in the years 1893 and 1894 respectively?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes, in many instances; such expenses being a necessary part of the cost of the work.

(2.) A return will be prepared giving this information, and laid upon the Table of the House if moved for in the usual way.

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(14.) Inspection of Boilers in Country Districts:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether it is not possible, seeing the danger existing in many places in connection with the matter, to have an immediate inspection of the boilers in use in the country districts?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will look into this matter, and see whether it can legally be done.

(15.) Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act Amendment:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With respect to his proposed amendment of the Electoral law, will he say whether provision will be made for voting by post, to ensure the enfranchisement of the many thousands of people of travelling occupations inland; or whether, in the event of this not being proposed by the Government, will he so frame the measure as to ensure the embodying of this principle if the House so desire it?

Mr. Reid answered,—This matter will receive consideration.

(16.) Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act Amendment:—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, in taking steps to introduce an amending Electoral Bill, so frame the order of leave and the title of the Bill that it will be competent to move amendments providing for an extension of the franchise, and for candidates for election to the Legislative Assembly being required to make a money deposit?

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

(17.) Cattle condemned at the Flemington Saleyards:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The total number of cattle condemned during the past six months at the Flemington saleyards by the Government Inspector as unfit for human food?

(2.) What were the principal diseases for which such cattle were condemned?

(3.) The like information with regard to sheep?

(4.) What steps are taken to prevent either live animals, or the carcasses of those slaughtered, which have been condemned, from being sold for consumption?

(5.) Is it true that cattle are often condemned and then sold to butchers, who slaughter them at places some miles from the city, and then sell the meat?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) One hundred and two.

(2.) Tuberculosis, cancer, actinomycosis.

(3.) No sheep were condemned.

(4.) Condemned beasts are shot; the carcasses are not bled, and are kept in the yards for about twenty hours, and then removed to the boiling-down premises, and passed through steam-digesters.

(5.) No.

2. DUTIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from John Black, J.P., Chairman of a Public Meeting of Farmers of Molong and surrounding district, representing that the removal of the present duties on imported Agricultural Produce would result in the ruin of thousands of farmers throughout the Colony; suggesting that such duties, instead of being removed, should be fixed for some years; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, and grant such relief as may seem meet.  
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for public school purposes at Boggy Creek, Connorton, and Mount Kembla.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Grenfell, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Redfern, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

4. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

*Message No. 4.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works of Harbour Improvements at Newcastle; and for other purposes.

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*Sydney, 20th August, 1895.*

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

5. THE PERMANENT ARTILLERY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hogue moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with a recent competitive examination for a vacancy in the Permanent Artillery, in which the candidates were Lieutenants Murray and Mair, inclusive of the examination papers and the reports of the examiners upon the same.  
Question put and passed.

6. CAPERTEE TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise John Lang, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, merchant, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said John Lang, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from

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from a point near the north-east corner of lease number twenty, in the parish of Gindantherie, county of Cook, to the Mudgee Railway; and to use steam or other motive power upon the said tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said tramway, for hire, for the public generally.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 77.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cotton,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Raymond,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Harvey,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. A. B. Piddington,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Storey,	Mr. Barnes,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Ball,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Bull,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Knox,	
Mr. W.H.B. Piddington,	Mr. Crick,	

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Mr. Miller,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Schey,  
Mr. Smailes,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. James Thomson,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Wilks,  
Mr. Bavister,  
Mr. Black,  
Mr. Whiddon,  
Mr. Dacey.

Tellers,

Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Thomas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise John Lang, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, merchant, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said John Lang, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point near the north-east corner of lease number twenty, in the parish of Gindantherie, county of Cook, to the Mudgee Railway; and to use steam or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said Tramway, for hire, for the public generally,*"—read a first time.

7. NATIVE FLORA PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect the native flora of New South Wales.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 79.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. See,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Bull,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Ball,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Raymond,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Storey,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Harris,	Dr. Ross,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Harvey,	Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Mackay,	Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Russell Jones,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Knox,	

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Mr. Smailes,  
Dr. Hollis,  
Mr. James Thomson,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. E. M. Clark,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Black,  
Mr. Dacey,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Davis,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Watson.

Tellers,

Mr. Law,  
Mr. McGowen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Farnell then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to protect the Native Flora of New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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8. MILSON'S POINT RAILWAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The gross earnings and working expenses of the Milson's Point railway.  
 (2.) The valuation of land fronting Lavender Bay, the property of the Government, and partly used for railway purposes.  
 (3.) The cost of land resumed in excess of railway requirements.  
 Question put and passed.
9. SENIOR-SERGEANT VAUGHAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That the papers laid upon the Table of the House during the last Session, relating to the reduction and removal of Senior-sergeant Vaughan, from Narrandera, in June, 1888, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.
10. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—  
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Municipalities Act of 1867."  
 Question put and passed.  
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,'"—  
 which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 10th September.
11. HOMESTEAD PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the protection of homes.  
 Question put and passed.
12. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Willis, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Agreements Validating Act, and to make provision for the continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.  
 Question put and passed.
13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—  
 (1.) Liens on Wool and Stock Mortgages Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages on stock and stations;—until Tuesday, 10th September.  
 (2.) Excise Duty on Colonial Tobacco; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. H. H. Brown, "That, in the opinion of this House, the excise duty on colonial tobacco of 1s. 3d. per lb. "is most injurious to the cultivation and manufacture of colonial-grown leaf, and should be "abolished";—until Tuesday next.
14. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle, and for other purposes.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to tedious repetition and continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Schey, the Honorable Member for Darlington, directed him to discontinue his speech.  
 Debate continued.  
 Question put and passed.
15. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—  
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Reid moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a tax on land and a tax on income; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. A. B. Piddington,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Law,
Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. O'Beilly,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Kelly,	Dr. Hollis,

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Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Sec,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Haesall,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Kwing,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wood,
Mr. McLaughlin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon

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Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

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

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

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

*Resolved*.—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a tax on land and a tax on income; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a tax on land and a tax on income; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects*,"—which was read a first time.

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

16. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 6.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1895.

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

## COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

- (1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Wednesday, 14th August, 1895, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.
- (2.) *Members sworn*:—Thomas Bavister, Esquire, John Henry Cann, Esquire, Henry Clarke, Esquire, James Alexander Hogue, Esquire, John Cash Neild, Esquire, Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire, and Thomas Waddell, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.
- (3.) *Appointment of First Meeting of Committee*:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at eleven o'clock, a.m., on Thursday next, the 29th instant, in No. 1 Committee Room.

2. *ELECTION PETITION (Tumut)*:—Mr. Bruncker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor from John Channon, alleging that at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of New South Wales, Nathaniel Emanuel, Travers Jones, Robert Albert Newman, and Petitioner, were severally candidates to be elected as Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Tumut; that the Returning-Officer, on the day of the declaration of the poll for the said Electoral District, declared the number of votes polled for the respective candidates to be as follows:—For the said Nathaniel Emanuel, two hundred and eight votes; for the said Travers Jones, four hundred and sixty-nine votes; for the said Robert Albert Newman, one hundred and seventy votes; and for Petitioner, four hundred and sixty-nine votes; and the said Returning Officer further declared that nineteen votes polled were informal; that he also further declared that the number of votes polled at the said election in favour of the said Travers Jones and your Petitioner respectively was equal; that the said Returning Officer gave his casting vote in favour of the said Travers Jones, and thereupon declared the said Travers Jones to be duly elected, and that the said Returning Officer afterwards endorsed on the Writ for the said election the name of the said Travers Jones as the person so elected, and returned the said Writ; that Petitioner has been informed, and verily believes it to be the fact, that many mistakes were made in counting the ballot papers at several of the polling places; that many of the polling papers were declared informal which were not informal, and that such votes should have been counted in favour of Petitioner; that of the nineteen votes declared to be informal three thereof were not informal, and were in favour of Petitioner, and should have been counted in his favour, thereby giving a majority of three votes in favour of Petitioner; and that many of the said polling papers were not initialled by the Deputy Returning Officers according to the provisions of the "Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893," and were, therefore, informal; and praying (1) that this Petition may be dealt with according to law; (2) that the return of the said Travers Jones as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Tumut may be declared null and void for the reasons aforesaid; (3) that a scrutiny of all ballot papers in relation to the said election may be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications

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Qualifications; (4) that, for the reasons aforesaid, it may be declared that the said Travers Jones was not lawfully elected; (5) that it may be declared and determined that Petitioner was duly elected at the said election to be a Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District of Tumut, and is entitled to take his seat accordingly.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

3. ELECTION PETITION (*Botany*):—Mr. Brunker (*by command*) laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor from William Stephen, of Botany, alleging that, at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, John Rowland Dacey, William Stephen the Petitioner, and James John MacFadyen were severally candidates to be elected as Members of the said Assembly for the Electoral District of Botany; that the Returning Officer, on the day of the Declaration of the Poll for the said Electoral District, declared the number of votes polled for the respective candidates to be as follows:—For John Rowland Dacey, six hundred and ten votes; for Petitioner, William Stephen, six hundred and seven votes; for James John MacFadyen, one hundred and ninety votes; and further declared that fourteen of the total number of votes polled were informal. And he thereupon declared the said John Rowland Dacey to be duly elected. And the said Returning Officer afterwards endorsed on the said Writ the name of the said John Rowland Dacey as the person so elected, and returned the said Writ; that the Returning Officer publicly declared that the candidate John Rowland Dacey polled six hundred and ten votes, and the Petitioner has been informed, and verily believes it to be the fact, that in consequence of many mistakes being made in counting the ballot papers, and in consequence of unqualified persons being permitted to record votes, the said John Rowland Dacey did not poll that number of votes; that many of the ballot papers were declared to be informal, which, as a matter of fact, were not informal, and that such votes should have been counted in favour of Petitioner, thereby giving him a majority; that many of the said ballot papers were not initialled by the Deputy Returning Officers, according to the provisions of the "Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893," and were therefore informal; that the said Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officers were not supplied with proper Check Rolls in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, and that consequently there were no available means of ascertaining the validity of many of the votes polled; that the Deputy Returning Officer at the polling booth at Alexandria permitted persons to remain in the said polling booth during the taking of the poll other than the said Deputy Returning Officer, the Poll Clerks, the Scrutineers, and six voters being at the time actually engaged in voting, contrary to the provisions of the said Act; that certain persons were permitted to record votes who should have been prohibited from voting, pursuant to the provisions of the said Act; that certain persons were permitted to vote who were not qualified by law to vote at the said election; and that certain irregularities were committed in connection with the said election, contrary to the provisions of the said Act; and praying (1) that this Petition may be dealt with according to law; (2) that the return of the said John Rowland Dacey as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District of Botany may be declared null and void for the reasons aforesaid; (3) that a scrutiny of all ballot papers may be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; (4) that, for the reasons aforesaid, it may be declared that the said John Rowland Dacey was not lawfully elected; (5) that it may be declared and determined that your Petitioner was duly elected at the said election to serve and be a Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District of Botany, and is entitled to take his seat accordingly in the said Legislative Assembly.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

#### 4. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Revenue from Land Tax Bill:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the estimated yearly amount of a land tax at 1d. in the £ without exemptions?
- (2.) The like amount as regards a land tax with the exemptions, as carried in the Land Tax Bill of the last Parliament in the Legislative Assembly?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) This is a matter of conjecture.
- (2.) £400,000.

- (2.) Centennial Park and Shea's Creek Works:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many men are employed at Centennial Park, or other places, working for rations?
- (2.) What is the nature and extent of the ration for each person, who supplies the rations, and what is the cost of each ration?
- (3.) How many persons are employed at Shea's Creek, Church and School Lands near Randwick, and Woolloomooloo, and what is the average time each of them is employed per month?
- (4.) Is there a person named Trickett employed at Shea's Creek, and is he aware that the men complain that he cruelly overworks and drives the new men sent to the work, and who from want of employment and sufficient food are unable to stand the strain of such heavy work as is done at Shea's Creek until they become seasoned to it?

Mr. Reid answered,—These questions should be asked of the proper Ministers. The work at the Centennial Park is under the control of the Minister for Public Instruction; the work at the other places named is under the Department of Public Works.

- (3.) Tobacco Factories:—Mr. H. H. Brown asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What number of tobacco factories are in existence in country districts; the names of such districts, and registered owners?
- (2.) The like information in the city of Sydney and suburbs?

Mr. Reid answered,—I shall presently lay a return upon the Table giving the required information.

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- (4.) Validity of Actions of Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has he yet received an opinion from the Crown Law Officers as to the point raised by Mr. Schey some months ago concerning the validity of actions, particularly relating to appeals of employees, performed by two Railway Commissioners, the third being absent for a protracted period from the Colony?
  - (2.) If so, will he please lay a copy of such opinion upon the Table?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes; this week.
- (5.) Fisheries Bill:—Mr. Wheeler asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government this Session introduce a Fisheries Bill, based on the report of the Royal Commission on Fisheries?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The members of the Commission have asked for an extension of time for a period of three months, and until that time has expired it will be impossible for me to give a definite reply to the Honorable Member's Question.
- (6.) Employees on the Cable Trams:—Mr. Watkins asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it true that some of the men employed on the cable trams are compelled to work nine or more hours per day without a break, or any opportunity being given them to get a meal?
  - (2.) If so, will he see that some change is made with a view to shorten the hours of labour, so that opportunity will be given the men to obtain their lunch?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the hours of men engaged in working the Sydney cable tramcars average eight and a half per day. It would not be any additional expense to the Department to arrange for the men to relieve each other at meal times, but it would be most inconvenient to the men and cannot in their interests be adopted.
- (7.) Deviation of main Peat's Ferry Road, near Pymble:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the railway authorities propose to close the level-crossing near Pymble Station, and deviate the main Peat's Ferry Road to the eastern side of the railway line?
  - (2.) How many years has this road been in use, and by what authority is it proposed to make this deviation?
  - (3.) Will he make the necessary inquiries, and take steps to protect the interests of property-owners on the main road now proposed to be deviated?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Six years. The proposed closing of the crossing by the Railway Commissioners, under the powers conferred by the Railways Act, renders the deviation necessary.
  - (3.) The District Engineer reports having been informed by the Railway Commissioners that it has been decided to take this action in the interests of safety, and to utilise an overway bridge to connect the road on one side of Pymble Station with the other, and that the public interest has been thoroughly considered.
- (8.) Reserve near St. Leonards Railway Station, Willoughby:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it proposed to revoke the reservation of 140 acres near St. Leonards Railway Station, Willoughby?
  - (2.) Was the land originally conveyed to the Borough Council of Willoughby, and in what manner?
  - (3.) Does the land form part of disputed lands in the neighbourhood, and are there any other claimants in connection with same?
  - (4.) Is there considerable private land for sale in the neighbourhood of this reserve, and what special advantage will the State derive by its resumption?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) Yes; and to rededicate about 48 acres of the land for public recreation and sports.
  - (2.) Yes; by deed of grant, upon trust for public recreation.
  - (3.) It is understood that certain persons allege a claim to this reserve, and there are numerous trespasses upon the land.
  - (4.) There is private land for sale in this locality. The special advantages to be derived from the resumption are:—
    - (a) The existing trespassers can be dealt with by the Crown.
    - (b) The part of the reserve not required for public recreation can be disposed of for suburban settlement or otherwise as the demand arises.
- (9.) Interest on Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Wheeler asked the Secretary for Lands,—Are the holders of conditional purchases who have failed to pay the interest and instalment due thereon for the current year being charged a penalty of 10 per cent., commencing from the 1st July, 1895?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—Yes, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (10.) Wood-blocking of Regent-street and Newtown-road:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Did he, just prior to the recent General Election, or at any other time, promise Mr. Thomas Clarke, the selected free-trade candidate for Darlington, that, in the event of Mr. Clarke's return, a sum of money would be placed on the next or any Estimates for the purpose of wood-blocking the Regent-street and Newtown-road, or either of them?
  - (2.) Did he make any such promise, or statement inferring such promise, to any other person?
- Mr.

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Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No. I take this opportunity of stating that the conduct attributed to me by the Honorable Member on Wednesday night in connection with this matter is, like many similar statements, a perfect fabrication.

(11.) Official Assignees :—Dr. Hollis asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What is the salary of the Official Assignee?

(2.) What amount was received in fees from the public by the late Official Assignee during the year 1894?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Official Assignees do not receive salaries; they are paid remuneration out of the estates they administer.

(2.) The Registrar in Bankruptcy informs me that Mr. Morris, the late Official Assignee, received in 1894 the sum of £2,082 5s. 10d., out of which he had to pay £913 2s. for rent and salaries, in addition to other expenses. 1894 was, however, an exceptional year, in consequence of the suspension of certain banks in 1893.

(12.) Centennial Park Works :—Mr. Schey asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Referring to Answer given to Mr. Schey's Question No. 12, of 21st instant, will he please say—(a) What is the existing scale of rations allowed to single men for each week; (b) When was this allowance approved of by him?

Mr. Garrard answered,—(a) 4 lbs. bread, 3 lbs. meat, 2 lbs. sugar, 4 oz. tea, and 1 tin of preserved milk. This information was given, together with the full scale of rations in force at Centennial Park, in reply to questions asked by Mr. Schey, on 9th May, 1895, and on the 25th June, 1895, respectively; (b) on the 27th April, 1895.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Tobacco Factories in the Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Regulations for the management of Gaols.

Ordered to be printed.

6. DUTIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE :—Dr. Ross presented the following Petitions, representing that the removal of the present duties on imported Agricultural Produce would result in the ruin of thousands of farmers throughout the Colony; suggesting that such duties, instead of being removed, should be fixed for some years; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, and grant such relief as may seem meet,—

(1.) From John Leary, as Chairman of a meeting of Farmers of Cumnock and surrounding district.

(2.) From Michael O'Donnell, as Chairman of a meeting of Farmers of Manildra and surrounding district.

Petitions received.

7. EXCISE DUTY ON COLONIAL TOBACCO :—Mr. Gillies presented a Petition from certain Farmers and residents of West Maitland, stating that in the opinion of the Petitioners the excise duty has tended to destroy the very large tobacco-growing manufacturing industry from which at one time that and other country districts of the Colony derived very great and material prosperity; representing that the tobacco industry is a legitimate industry well adapted to many portions of the Colony; and praying the House to repeal the Tobacco Excise Duty.

Petition received.

8. HOMES PROTECTION BILL :—Mr. O'Sullivan, pursuant to leave granted on 21st August, 1895, presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill for the protection of homes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

9. COST OF ELECTIONS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Smailes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The cost of the elections of 1895 and 1894, in each electorate, with the amounts paid under the following heads :—(a) Salaries to officials; (b) remuneration to returning officers where given; (c) rents paid; (d) labour and material; (e) refreshments; (f) printing and advertising; (g) travelling expenses.

(2.) The names of all polling-places, and the distance from chief polling-place, to be stated.

Question put and passed.

10. ALIENS EMPLOYED BY GOVERNMENT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The number of aliens in Government employ.

(2.) The name, position, rate of pay, and date of first employment.

(3.) The name, position, and rate of pay at present date.

(4.) The name, position, and rate of pay at time of becoming naturalised of each Government employee who has taken out his naturalisation papers since 1st January, 1893.

Question put and passed.

11. EIGHT HOURS BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Schey, 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 declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects.

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

- (2.) Mr. Schey then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects*,"—which was read a first time.

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

12. NATIVE FLORA PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Buiness only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

13. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Angus Cameron, Esquire, and William Patrick Crick, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

14. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1895-6, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR PERIOD FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 30TH JUNE, 1895, AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 5.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1895-6, together with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895, and for previous years.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 26th August, 1895.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the year ending 30th June, 1896, a sum not exceeding £1,425, to defray pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Vic. cap. 54.

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

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

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

17. PAPER:—Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1895-6.

Ordered to be printed.

18. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle, and for other purposes.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle, and for other purposes.

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

- (2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle, and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

19. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Copy-books used in Public Schools :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Affleck*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) In reply to a question put and replied to on the 20th instant, which stated teachers may select from certain copy-books named, under certain conditions, will he state what these conditions are?

(2.) Have the inspectors power or authority to compel the teachers to use certain copy-books?

*Mr. Garrard* answered,—

(1.) Teachers may adopt any of the approved series of copy-books, and need not confine themselves to one series; but each individual pupil must be kept to the particular series selected for him.

(2.) No.

- (2.) Embezzlements by Solicitors :—*Mr. Black* asked the Minister of Justice,—In view of the alarming increase of embezzlements of trust moneys by solicitors, and viewing punishment as a deterrent, is he prepared to consider the advisability of introducing a Bill which would make the prosecution of such offenders obligatory on the Crown?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—There does not appear to be any need for special legislation of the character indicated, as solicitors are equally amenable to prosecution for the embezzlement of moneys as are other people for like offence.

- (3.) Members of the Legislative Council :—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of recent occurrences, will he consider the advisability of causing all Members of the Legislative Council to take the Oath of Allegiance at the opening of each Parliament?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—This is not required by the Constitution Act, and, in view of the fact that the Members of the Legislative Council are appointed for life and take the Oath of Allegiance before sitting, it is not considered necessary that the oath should be again administered on the assembling of a new Parliament.

- (4.) Tramway Extension to Circular Quay :—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he take into consideration the advantage to the public and the increase of revenue to be gained by the extension of the tramways to Circular Quay as far as Battery Point?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—Yes; that is to say, I will ask the Secretary for Public Works to do so. The matter is in his Department.

- (5.) Postage Acts Amendment Act :—*Mr. Black* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the recently-passed Act relating to the carriage of externally-printed matter within the Colony has been found to be practically inoperative?

(2.) If so, for what reason?

(3.) If so, will he take steps to have it enforced?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—

(1.) If the Honorable Member refers to newspapers being carried free which contain matter either not printed in the Colony, or printed from type not set up in the Colony, I can only say that the 5th Section of the Act 56 Victoria No. 31, has been put into operation whenever a case of infringement thereof has come under the notice of the Department.

(2 and 3.) Answered by No. 1.

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- (6.) Mount Rennie Prisoners :—Mr. Black asked the Minister of Justice,—If, in the promised review of the evidence given at the trial of the Mount Rennie prisoners in the light of after-happening circumstances, he will also cause the case of Sweetman, the cabman, imprisoned as an accessory, to be taken into consideration?

Mr. Gould answered,—Yes.

- (7.) Glen Innes Post-office :—Mr. Black asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the tenders have fallen through for the Glen Innes Post-office?
- (2.) If so, is the Government prepared to fix a price for carrying out the work on their specifications?
- (3.) If so, will the Government consider the advisability of handing over the tender to a co-operative association of local workmen?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) The lowest tenderer declined to take up the work.
- (2 and 3.) I am afraid this is not desirable; but I have called for a report on the modification of the design so as to make it less costly, but until this is before me I am not in a position to arrive at any determination upon the subject.

- (8.) Allowance to Letter-carriers :—Mr. Rose asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it a fact that there are letter-carriers in the suburbs in outlying offices from the railway who have night duties to perform, clearing receivers, &c., and who do not receive an allowance, while letter-carriers near the railway are allowed an allowance for same?

Mr. Cook answered,—In a few cases special allowances are granted for night duty where the letter-carrier's ordinary day work is heavy or continuous, as it is in the more populous suburbs in the vicinity of the railway lines. In the outlying suburbs the day work is light, and the night duty is compensated for by the salaries received by the letter-carriers. So far as I am aware, the whole duties of those not receiving extra allowance occupy under eight hours a day, but if any case to the contrary is brought under my notice I will consider it.

- (9.) Business done at Goulburn Railway-station :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the business done at the Goulburn Railway-station averages £50,000 a year?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Goulburn business is the third largest in the Colony?
- (3.) Do the Railway Commissioners admit that the chief feeders to the large business at Goulburn are the Crookwell and Taralga districts?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that—

- (1.) The business done at Goulburn Railway-station for the year ended 30th June, 1894, amounted to £50,087.
- (2.) This made it the third largest of any country station throughout the Colony.
- (3.) The business is contributed to by the Crookwell and Taralga districts, but it is not possible without detail inquiry to state to what extent.

- (10.) William Creswell, Inmate of Parramatta Lunatic Asylum :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is a person named Creswell an inmate of Parramatta Lunatic Asylum?
- (2.) Is this same person said to be identical with Sir Roger Tichborne; and is he aware that efforts are being made to prove him to be that individual?
- (3.) Have the authorities refused to allow Creswell to be seen by certain persons claiming to prove his identity as Sir Roger Tichborne; and, if so, for what reason, and by what authority?
- (4.) Will he take steps to offer every reasonable facility to the persons interested in the case (Mr. E. Priestman and Mrs. Jenkins) to visit Creswell, and enable them to establish his alleged identity with Sir Roger Tichborne?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Insane that the identity of William Creswell, an inmate of the Hospital for the Insane at Parramatta, has been fully established by a visit from his brother, and by other means. Visits from strangers irritate and worry the patient, and it is not considered advisable that these should be made as a matter of curiosity or by persons who have no authority. The papers in the case of William Creswell have been laid before Parliament and published.

- (11.) Military Reserves at Bradley's Head :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to inquire if a company or syndicate are at present engaged clearing off a large area of military reserves at Bradley's Head for the purpose of mining; and, if so, will he state by what right or authority important military reserves can be used for mining purposes, or whether the Mining Department can grant leases for a long period on such reserves without the necessary authority or permission to do so?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Mines Department:—About 6½ acres of the military reserve have been leased with the concurrence of the military authorities and the Lands Department for mining purposes, under the powers conferred by the Mining Act, 1874, and it is understood the lessees are clearing a portion of that area for sinking pits, &c.

- (12.) Level Crossing at Pymble Station :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners to close the present level crossing at Pymble Station; and, if so, when?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that it is the intention of the Railway Commissioners to close the crossing as soon as the necessary bridge and road communication, which is now in hand, has been carried out.

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- (13.) Wharfage Dues on Goods at Newcastle:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he introduce a Bill to enable the Government to levy and collect wharfage dues on merchandise, &c., on goods landed on or shipped from the Government wharf at Newcastle? *Mr. Reid* answered,—This is one of a number of matters I intend to look into when Parliament goes into recess.
- (14.) Franchise to the Military, Naval, and Police Forces:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government, when introducing a Bill to amend the Electoral law, make provision for the extension of the franchise to members of the Military, Naval, and Police Forces who are householders? *Mr. Bruncker* answered,—A Bill to amend the Electoral Act has already been prepared, and is now being considered by the Government. The suggestions contained in the Honorable Member's question have, however, not yet been considered.
- (15.) Balance of Loan Money for Railway Construction:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What has become of the £60,000, the balance of the loan that was voted and borrowed in the English money markets for the construction of the railway from Orange to Forbes *via* Molong?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to spend this money; if so, on what public works is the balance of this Loan Vote likely to be expended?
  - (3.) In what year was the money borrowed for the construction of this line of railway, and how much interest has accrued from the unexpended balance during that period, if any?
- Mr. Young* answered,—The following information has been received from the Treasury with regard to Questions 1 and 3:—
- (1.) The balance on the vote of £705,500, voted under Act 48 Vic. No. 26, for railway, Orange to Molong, *via* Borenore, 21 miles, Borenore to Forbes, *via* Cudal, 60 miles, is £53,361, and is available from the balance to credit of General Loan Account. £397,410 of this vote was authorised by Act 54 Vic. No. 5, to be applied to Molong to Parkes railway.
  - (2.) The balance cannot be used for any other purpose than that for which it was voted.
  - (3.) The following loans have been floated under authority of Act 48 Vic. No. 26:—1885, £1,213,300; 1886, £5,500,000; 1888, £3,500,000; 1889, £2,109,400. These loans were raised at the rate of 3½ per cent., but as £2,577,127 has yet to be raised under the Act, it may be held that the £60,000 referred to has not been borrowed, and that, therefore, no interest has accrued on it.
- (16.) Railway Fare to Rookwood Cemetery:—*Mr. Whiddon* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that persons who are too poor to pay their fare to Rookwood Cemetery are furnished with tickets upon which the word pauper is stamped?
  - (2.) If so, will he take steps to prevent the continuance of such an objectionable and unnecessary practice?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—I am informed that the tickets are so stamped. The custom is one which has been in existence many years. Inquiry will be made with a view to other arrangements.
- (17.) Government Relief Works:—*Mr. Rigg* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that men from the adjacent colonies and from other parts of the world, having no electors' rights, are being employed here on the Government relief works?
  - (2.) If so, will he in future give preference to the men holding electors' rights of this Colony?
- Mr. Young* answered,—I am not aware, but it is possible. A minute examination of each man's genesis, and other particulars relating to him, make the carrying out of these works a matter of extreme difficulty. In order, however, to minimise this as much as possible, and with a view to prevent inconvenience and irregularity and in some cases fraud, I have given instructions that no men are to be employed on these works unless they have first been registered at the Labour Bureau, the Superintendent of which will, no doubt, observe all due precautions before issuing a ticket.
- (18.) Unimproved Land within Municipal Areas:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. F. Clarke*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he yet received reports from the different municipal bodies as to the unimproved value of land within municipal areas?
  - (2.) If so, has he any objection to laying the information upon the Table of the House in the form of a return?
- Mr. Bruncker* answered,—Very little information has been received in response to the request made to municipalities in this matter, as few saw their way to comply with it. The annual statistics which are being prepared relating to Local Government will be ready in a few weeks, and will contain all the available information at the disposal of the Government in regard to the unimproved value of land within municipal areas.
- (19.) Commercial Treaty between Great Britain and Japan:—*Mr. Hogue* asked the Colonial Secretary,—What action has been taken by the Government in respect to the commercial treaty entered into between Great Britain and Japan last year, establishing reciprocal trade relations between the countries named and their dependencies and possessions?
- Mr. Bruncker* answered,—This treaty was entered into on 16th July, 1894, and contains a provision to the effect that certain colonies named, New South Wales being one, could come within the operation of the treaty upon notice given within two years from the date of exchange of ratifications. This Government does not propose to take any steps to bring New South Wales within the operation of the treaty. I may point out that those countries joining in the treaty with Japan engage that the Japanese shall have full liberty to enter, travel, or reside therein.



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(20.) Overseers of Telegraph Construction:—Mr. O'Reilly asked the Postmaster-General,—Is any method or order of procedure observed in the employment of telegraph construction overseers?

Mr. Cook answered,—These overseers are selected, placed upon a list, and employed as opportunities offer in supervising the construction of lines, the apportionment of the duty depending on the fitness of the men. Whilst not actually employed they receive no pay.

(21.) Sugar Industry:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he give effect to the resolution passed by this House in the last Parliament as to laying upon the Table of the House the report furnished to his Department on the sugar industry?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The resolution mentioned in this question was passed in the last Parliament. This being a new Parliament, if the Honorable Member will submit another resolution, I shall offer no objection to it.

(22.) Marrickville-Burwood Road Railway:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The cost of the Marrickville-Burwood Road railway without resumption of land?

(2.) The cost of the resumption of land?

(3.) Is it a fact that when the proposal was first laid before the Public Works Committee it was rejected?

(4.) Is it a fact that a reconsideration of the proposal was given without an appeal to Parliament?

(5.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners now contemplate closing the line of railway owing to its being unprofitable?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The cost to date of the Marrickville to Burwood Road railway, without resumption of land, is £114,331 12s. 8d.

(2.) The cost of the resumption of land to date is £49,909 5s. 10d.

(3 and 4.) A resolution was passed by a majority of six to five of the Committee on 19th December, 1889, that it was not expedient that the railway should be carried out, and on the 18th February, 1890, the question having subsequent to the first decision been reopened, it was resolved by a majority of seven to six that it was expedient the railway should be constructed. An appeal to Parliament was not necessary, as the Committee had not reported to the Legislative Assembly before arriving at their final decision.

(5.) The Railway Commissioners do not contemplate closing the line, but in view of the loss sustained thereon a modification has recently been made in the system of working the line, which has considerably reduced the expenses.

(23.) Death of John Copp:—Mr. Haynes asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Were the medical men who certified to the death of John Copp duly registered according to law?

(2.) What steps does he propose to take in regard to the breach of the law in this matter, as testified in the statements in the Press, with respect to the manner in which the death certificate was obtained in John Copp's case?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The papers do not disclose the commission of any breach of the law with respect to the granting of the death certificate in this case, and it does not appear to me, seeing that the medical gentlemen in question seem to have acted *bona fide* in the matter, that any further action is called for.

2. LAND TAX:—Mr. Moore presented a Petition from certain Landholders and Residents of Upper Manilla, in the Bingara Electorate, in public meeting assembled, representing that, in the opinion of the meeting, it is economically unsound, and therefore unjust, to levy a land value tax upon the amount paid, or contracted to be paid to the State, but that a betterment tax, or tax upon unearned increment of land, is economically sound and just; and praying the House to give effect to such betterment tax by making it the law of the land.  
Petition received.

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

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

(2.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate, on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, "That the Native Flora Protection Bill be now read a second time," postponed until Tuesday, 8th October.

5. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Ewing requested Mr. Speaker's ruling respecting two points in relation to this Bill; the first was that it was beyond the Order of Leave, inasmuch as the Title contained no reference to the exemptions provided for in the Bill, and the second point was that, if a taxing Bill, it was irregularly before the House, as it had not been introduced in the Committee of Ways and Means.

Debate ensued.

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Mr. Speaker said he was not called upon to consider or decide upon anything but the Bill now before him, and he had no hesitation in ruling that it was not a taxation Bill, and therefore did not require the preliminary Committee of Ways and Means. Not being a taxation Bill it was, of course, open to amendment like any other ordinary Bill. As to the other point taken, he considered that the provision for exemptions was merely incidental, and required no special mention in the Order of Leave, or the Title.

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Local Government Bill:—Mr. Rigg asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a comprehensive system of Local Government early next Session?

(2.) Will provision be made in the meantime for a special endowment to the municipalities?

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

- (2.) Travelling Stock Reserve on Talbragar River:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. McMaster has fenced in about 500 acres of the travelling stock reserve on the Talbragar River for about two years past, and that his stock eat all the grass of the said reserve, and travelling stock are prevented from getting on to the portion of the travelling stock reserve fenced in?

(2.) Is it a fact that this part of the reserve is leased to Mr. McMaster at about 6d. per acre?

(3.) Is he aware that other persons would pay 1s. per acre rent for it?

(4.) If this land or travelling stock reserve is not required for a travelling stock reserve, will he cancel the reserve and throw it open for settlement?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) If travelling stock reserve No. 19, parish of Turill, county of Bligh, is the one referred to, Mr. McMaster has an annual lease of 530 acres of it, and a portion of it is fenced. He is entitled to its use subject to the usual conditions that he has gates on the portion fenced, and maintains notices on them to the effect that the land enclosed is a travelling stock reserve. No complaints have been received that travelling stock are prevented from getting on the portion of the reserve fenced in.

(2.) The rent is £8 16s. 8d. per annum, which is fixed by the Land Board.

(3.) No.

(4.) It is necessary that the reserve should be retained in the interest of travelling stock.

- (3.) Mr. Bruce, Land Agent and C.P.S. at Cassilis:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Bruce, the Land Agent and C.P.S. at Cassilis, also acts as secretary to the Stock Board, and that he receives a salary of £40 a year as secretary to the Stock Board, and that he performs the work of the Stock Board during the time he is paid for work by the Government as Land Agent, C.P.S., &c.?

(2.) Is there no other person in the district qualified to act as secretary to the Stock Board besides Mr. Bruce?

(3.) What salary does Mr. Bruce receive as Land Agent, C.P.S., and for other offices he holds?

(4.) Is there not a regulation in the Service, or was there not some order or instructions given by a previous Government, to the effect that Civil Servants are not allowed to hold any office outside of the Civil Service; if so, will he give instructions to have it carried out in Mr. Bruce's and all other cases of a similar nature?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes, it is a fact that Mr. Bruce receives a salary of £40 as secretary to the Pastures and Stock Board, but that appointment is made by the Board, and this Department has no means of knowing when he performs his duty as secretary.

(2.) I cannot say; the appointment is a matter which rests entirely with the Board.

(3.) Land Agent, £200; Clerk of Petty Sessions, £90; Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, paid by fees amounting last year to £10.

(4.) It is generally understood that Civil Servants should not engage in work outside of the Government. The Lands and Justice will be invited to consider the matter.

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- (4.) Men Employed at Shea's Creek Works:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a number of men who camp at the Shea's Creek works are put on to work every other week at Shea's Creek, and that many of the men who camp at Shea's Creek works, and are often found work every other week, have come from Victoria and other colonies during the last few months?
  - (2.) Is he aware that our own people, native-born and old colonists, mostly married men with families, are only put on to work at intervals of seven or eight weeks, whilst many of the men who camp at Shea's Creek and who get work every other week are single men, and the said single men from other colonies are often sent to work at Woolloomooloo works?
  - (3.) Is it not a fact that a member of the Ministry stated publicly that our own people would get work in preference to strangers, and will he have this promise carried out without delay?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1 and 2.) As I stated in answer to a somewhat similar question yesterday, it is almost impossible to make a minute examination into the history of each of the large number of men who are employed at Shea's Creek; but, in order to minimise any irregularity as much as possible, I have given instructions that no men are to be employed on these works unless they have been first registered at the Labour Bureau, the Superintendent of which will, no doubt, observe all due precautions before issuing a ticket.
- (3.) Probably correct. It expresses a sentiment with which I fully concur, and I endeavour, as much as possible, to give effect to it.
- (5.) Loan Expenditure from 1891 to July, 1895:—Mr. See asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the average monthly Loan Expenditure for the years 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, and up to the end of July for the year 1895?
  - (2.) What is the total amount of the Public Debt, and the annual interest payable thereon?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) 1891, £402,925 0s. 10d.; 1892, £251,223 7s. 5d.; 1893, £159,594 7s. 10d.; 1894, £110,837 2s. 9d.; 1895, £107,475 11s. 6d.
- (2.) On 31st July, 1895:—Public Debt, £58,219,533 9s. 2d.; annual interest, £2,205,722 9s. 10d.
- (6.) Franchise to Military, Naval, and Police Forces:—Mr. Nield asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- Will the Government consider the desirability of introducing a Bill amending the Electoral Law, and making provision for the extension of the franchise to members of the Military, Naval, and Police Forces who are householders?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—I have nothing to add to the reply I gave to a similar question last night. I then said that the Bill to amend the Electoral Law had been prepared, and was now being considered by the Government. I added, with respect to a similar matter to that included in the Honorable Member's Question, that it had not yet been considered by the Government, and since last evening we have not had time to consider it.
- (7.) Shea's Creek and Centennial Park Works:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Rose, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the expenditure per week on Shea's Creek and the Centennial Park?
- Mr. Young answered,—£1,000 and £600 respectively.
- (8.) Amendment of the Crown Lands Act:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Rose, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he at once introduce an amendment on the regulation of the Crown Lands Act which enforces the 10 per cent. fine on free selectors who are in arrears?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—This is not a matter of regulation, but is provided for by the Crown Lands Acts, under which all overdue payments by lessees or purchasers are made to carry interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum. It applies to all debtors in respect of Crown lands. The interest is remitted or reduced in all cases where it is clearly shown that the default has been the result of inadvertence, accident, or other similar cause.
- (9.) Rations distributed at Labour Bureau:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Rose, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What is the cost per week incurred at the Labour Bureau for distributing rations?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—No cost is incurred at the Labour Bureau for distributing rations, such cost being included in the contract price of the rations.
- (10.) Consolidated Revenue Fund:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the total amount to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund when the present Government took office in 1894?
  - (2.) What is the state of this fund to-day, and the total amount to the credit of the same?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Debit balance, 2nd August, 1894, £329,294 16s. 4d.
- (2.) Debit balance, 27th August, 1895, £888,080 9s. 8d. There would have been on this date a balance at credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of £111,919 10s. 4d. but for advances from that fund to loans amounting to £1,000,000 sterling—a difference between the state of the account when the Government took office and the present date to the extent of £441,214 6s. 8d. in favour of the financial position of the present Government.
- (11.) Post Office Savings Banks,—Loan and Consolidated Revenue Funds:—Mr. See asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the amount of deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank on the 31st July, 1894?
  - (2.) The like on the 31st July, 1895?
  - (3.) What sum was there to credit of Loan Fund on the 31st July, 1894?
  - (4.) The like on the 31st July, 1895?
  - (5.) What amount has been borrowed on account of Loan Works from 31st July, 1894, up to 31st July, 1895?
- (6.)

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- (6.) What amount has been paid in discharge of debentures and Treasury Bills since 31st July, 1894?
- (7.) What was the debit balance against Consolidated Revenue Fund on the 31st July, 1894?
- (8.) The like on the 31st July, 1895?
- (9.) What was the amount of funds to the credit of Government in the banks in Sydney (other than the Post Office Savings Bank) on the 31st July, 1894?
- (10.) The like on the 31st July, 1895?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) £3,306,980 14s. 11d.
- (2.) £3,779,540 0s. 4d.
- (3.) £1,089,095 11s. 8d.
- (4.) £556,096 6s. 4d.
- (5.) No amount; but I would like to add that under an agreement with a former Government contractors were allowed to take Inscribed Stock instead of cash in payment for their contracts, and, much to our dislike, they availed themselves of that agreement to a considerable extent. The same observation applies to an amount in connection with the University. Inscribed Stock was issued for these purposes to the amount of £46,000, which will be used for works in the nature of Loan Works, but the expenditure does not come under the category of loans raised.
- (6.) £996,910.
- (7.) £350,807 1s. 10d.
- (8.) £1,171,464 9s. 1d., which includes £1,000,000 advances to General Loan Account pending realisation of loans authorised.
- (9.) £1,796,955 11s. 1d.
- (10.) £1,438,773 9s. 5d.
- (12.) Punt on the Edwards River, at the Moulamein Crossing:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the total cost of the punt on the Edwards River at the Moulamein Crossing?
- (2.) The annual cost of repairs, &c.?
- (3.) The revenue derived annually from the letting or hire of said punt?
- Mr. Young answered,—I am unable to answer this question without reference to the Local Officer, but I will obtain the information, and forward it to the Honorable Member.
- (13.) Trust Fund Account:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the total amount of balance at present due to the credit of the Public Trust Fund Account?
- (2.) The amount of money the Government have borrowed from the Public Trust Fund Account?
- (3.) The amount expended on public works by the present Government from Loan or Trust Fund money since they took office?
- (4.) The amount borrowed for carrying on public works from Savings Bank Funds?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) The balances at the credit of the Trust Fund Accounts, including the Special Trust Accounts, was on 27th August, 1895, £7,270,854 16s.
- (2.) The amount of Trust Funds invested by previous Governments in Government Securities is £3,432,822 13s. 2d.
- (3.) Expended from General Loan Account, from 3rd August, 1894, to 27th August, 1895, £1,291,058 15s. 1d.
- (4.) The amount of the Savings Bank Funds invested in debentures and other securities issued on account of Loan Services is £1,392,666 13s. 11d. As I explained in my Financial Statement, we are under an obligation by law to pay 3 per cent. to the Savings Bank for these moneys; and unless we were to make use of them in this way—that is, by advancing them to the Loan Fund—we should have to pay 3 per cent. for idle money, which would be a gross waste of our means.
- (14.) Beam-engine in abandoned Flour-mill at Dapto:—Mr. O'Reilly asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is he aware that, in an abandoned flour-mill at Dapto, New South Wales, there still exists an old-fashioned beam-engine almost identical with the one by Boulton and Watt, now preserved in the Glasgow Museum?
- (2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, and, in the event of its being proved that the engine came from Watts' historic works, will he endeavour to obtain it as a valuable addition to the museum of the Technical College?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware.
- (2.) Yes.
- (15.) His Honor, Mr. Justice Windeyer:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer.—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a notice of motion now on the business paper by Mr. Price, the member for Gloucester, condemnatory of His Honor, Mr. Justice Windeyer?
- (2.) Will he consider the advisability of giving an early and special opportunity for having the motion in question dealt with to finality?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I cannot make any statement on this subject at present.
- (16.) "On Service" Letters:—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—The amount of money the revenue of the Post Office Department has lost in the shape of stamps through adopting the principle of transmitting letters on the public service free by post?
- Mr. Cook answered,—The Post Office revenue loses nothing by the new system, as the Treasury continues to credit the Postal Department with an equal amount to that with which it was credited for stamps under the former arrangement.

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2. **DUTIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE**:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from certain Farmers of Garra and the surrounding district, representing that the removal of the present duties on imported agricultural produce would result in the ruin of thousands of farmers throughout the Colony; suggesting that such duties, instead of being removed, should be fixed for some years; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, and grant such relief as may seem meet.  
Petition received.
3. **LAND TAX**:—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Nyngan, praying, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867.  
Petition received.
4. **PAPER**:—Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Copy of opinion of the Attorney-General respecting the absence of one of the Railway Commissioners from the Colony.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. **BATTERY RESERVE, PULLAMING STATION, MOOKI RIVER (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports, plans, and papers, in reference to the exchange by the Government of the Battery Reserve, Pullaming Station, fronting the Mooki River, for other lands on the same station, with the owner of said lands, Mr. John McKay.  
Question put and passed.
6. **NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Dick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the Newcastle Hospital dispute.  
Question put and passed.
7. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. H. H. Brown,—“That, in the opinion of this House, the excise duty on colonial tobacco of 1s. 3d. per lb. “is most injurious to the cultivation and manufacture of colonial-grown leaf, and should be “abolished”;—postponed until Tuesday, 8th October.
8. **LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, “That this Bill be now read a “second time,”—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1895, A.M.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 62.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Fogan,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Ball,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. A. B. Piddington.
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Black,	
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Millard,	
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Harvey,	
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. O'Reilly,	
Mr. Mahony,	Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Millen,	
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Davis,	
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Smailes,	
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Sleath,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. See,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Nelson
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Goodwin.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

- 9.
- ADJOURNMENT**
- :—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Auctioneers Licensing Act:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to amend the "Auctioneers Licensing Act"?
- (2.) Is he aware that many persons at present hold licenses who should not do so in the public interest?
- (3.) How many licensed publicans or innkeepers at the present time hold auctioneers' licenses also?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Department of Justice:—

- (1.) It is impossible to answer this unless some indication is given as to the way in which it is considered desirable to amend the law.
- (2 and 3.) This Department is not in possession of any information upon these matters, and exhaustive inquiries would have to be made before definite particulars would be available.

- (2.) Stipendiary Magistrates:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Addison, Stipendiary Magistrate, wrote officially to him, stating that Mr. Giles, S.M., was drunk on the Bench when he, Mr. Giles, complained that Mr. Addison and other Stipendiary Magistrates neglected their work, and put the work on to him, Mr. Giles?
- (2.) Is he aware that a certain Stipendiary Magistrate is to be seen repeatedly drunk about the city and at pleasure resorts and sports meetings, and will he cause inquiry to be made into the matter?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) It is not conducive to public interest that matters contained in correspondence respecting disputes between public officers should be made public. Such matters are dealt with by the Minister.
- (2.) No report of the kind has been received by me.

- (3.) Rations supplied to Men at Centennial Park:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the name of the contractor who supplies the rations to the men working at the Centennial Park, the quantity of rations (in pounds) of meat, bread, per week, and the price paid for each ration?

Mr. Garrard answered,—Mr. James Kidman, Oxford-street, is the contractor. The quantities supplied for the week ended 24th August ultimo were 27,576 lb. of bread, 20,682 lb. of meat, 13,788 lb. of sugar, and 1,723½ lb. of tea. The price per ration (which consists of 4 lb. bread, 3 lb. meat, 2 lb. sugar, and ½ lb. tea) is 1s. 5d.

- (4.) The Gore, Artamon, and Nichols Estates, North Sydney:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House the papers in connection with the titles of the Gore, Artamon, and Nichols Estate, North Sydney, ordered by the last Parliament?

Mr. Brunker answered,—It is customary that in all departments an order should be made by Parliament before papers are produced. According to May's Parliamentary Practice, an order made by one Parliament does not remain in force in another. I should, therefore, be glad if the Honorable Member would again move for the production of the papers referred to. If he does so, there will be no objection to their production.

- 5.) Reserves on Travelling Stock Routes:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that on reserves on travelling stock routes there is little or no grass, because it is eaten down by trespassing stock of adjoining run-owners?
- (2.) Will he see that instructions are issued to inspectors of stock in each district to keep trespassers off such reserves, to give the grass a chance to grow during the spring?

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Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes; I am aware that through the want of rain, and the number of stock travelling for grass, the travelling stock reserves are bare of pasture, and not so much through the stock of adjoining owners trespassing on these reserves.

(2.) Instructions have been frequently issued to inspectors to protect the reserves, and steps are taken to see that these instructions are carried out. If the Honorable Member refers to any particular reserve inquiry will be made on his furnishing the necessary information.

(6.) Mr. Parker, Clerk at Shea's Creek:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. Parker, clerk at Shea's Creek, has been allowed three weeks holidays; if so, does he get pay whilst away?

(2.) What is Mr. Parker's weekly pay?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Mr. Parker has been allowed two weeks leave on full pay, according to the regulations of the Department.

(2.) £2 14s.

(7.) Amendment of the Electoral Law:—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government consider the desirability of amending the Electoral Law, in order to allow electors in country districts to obtain electors' rights at the post office nearest to their place of residence?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The necessity for making provision in the manner suggested will be considered with the Amending Bill now in course of construction.

(8.) Franchise to Members of Military, Naval, and Police Forces:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government consider the desirability of introducing a Bill amending the Electoral Law, and making provision for the extension of the franchise to members of the Military, Naval, and Police Forces who are householders?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Liberal provisions for the exercise of the franchise are already under consideration. There is no objection to consider the desirability of amending the law in the form suggested by the Honorable Member.

(9.) Granville Railway Station:—Mr. Smailes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that Granville Railway Station is unprovided with a water supply in case of fire?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that special provision is not made, but arrangements exist similar to those at most railway stations to meet emergencies.

2. DUTIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from certain Farmers of Cudal and the surrounding district, representing that the removal of the present duties on imported agricultural produce would result in the ruin of thousands of farmers throughout the Colony; suggesting that such duties, instead of being removed, should be fixed for some years; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, and grant such relief as may seem meet. Petition received.
3. LAND TAX:—The following Petitions, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867,—were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Wright—From the Council of the Municipal District of Glen Innes.
  - (2.) By Mr. Henry Clarke—From the Council of the Municipal District of Bega.
  - (3.) By Mr. Hogue—From the Council of the Borough of The Glebe.
  - (4.) By Mr. Frank Farnell—From the Council of the Borough of Hunter's Hill.
  - (5.) By Mr. Chanter—From the Council of the Municipality of Moama.
  - (6.) By Mr. Mackay—From the Council of the Municipal District of Wallendbeen.
  - (7.) By Mr. Millen—From the Council of the Municipal District of Bourke.
- Petitions received.
4. MARINE BOARD AND NAVAL BRIGADE ACCOUNTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of Treasury-Inspector Brodie's report of the Marine Board and Naval Brigade Accounts. Question put and passed.
5. NAVAL BRIGADE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all papers and correspondence in connection with the appointment of Commander Connor and the retirement of Lieutenants Milson and Cohen from the Naval Brigade. Question put and passed.
6. RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Storey moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the "Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Act of 1867" as relates to the Randwick Cemetery, and to the interment of bodies therein, and to prohibit burials in the said cemetery. Question put and passed.
  - (2.) Mr. Storey then presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill to repeal so much of the 'Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Act of 1867' as relates to the Randwick Cemetery, and to the interment of bodies therein, and to prohibit burials in the said cemetery.*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd October.



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7. **APPOINTMENTS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The names of all officers appointed to the Civil Service since the present Government came into office.  
 (2.) The salary at present being paid to each of these officers.  
 (3.) The names of all such officers who were not previously retrenched Civil Servants.  
 Question put and passed.
8. **THE SUGAR INDUSTRY** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a report recently obtained by the Minister for Mines on or in connection with the sugar industry of New South Wales and the central mill system of Queensland.  
 Question put and passed.
9. **LAW PRACTITIONERS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—  
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admission of persons to practice in Courts of Law.  
 Question put and passed.  
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the admission of persons to practice in Courts of Law*,"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd October.
10. **FIRE BRIGADES ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan, for Dr. Hollis, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Fire Brigades Act, 1884"; to provide for the constitution of Fire Brigades Boards in country districts; to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigades Boards; and to make other provision in connection with such Boards.  
 Question put and passed.
11. **NAVIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Molesworth moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Navigation Act," 35 Victoria No. 7.  
 Question put and passed.
12. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Homes Protection Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
13. **RAILWAY TO EASTERN SUBURBS**:—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, as soon as possible, take the necessary steps for the construction of a railway to the eastern suburbs of Paddington, Woollahra, Waverley, and Randwick.  
 (2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.  
 Debate ensued.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

*WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1895, A.M.*

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

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

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

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

- (1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending 30th June, 1896, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £1,425, to defray pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic. cap. 54.

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

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Miners' Rights:—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—When do the Government propose to give effect to the resolution passed to reduce miners' rights to 5s.?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This is a matter that will be dealt with by the Government shortly.

(2.) Mining on Private Lands Act Amendment and Mining Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—Does he intend to reintroduce at an early date this Session the "Mining on Private Lands Act Amendment and Mining Act Amendment Bill," which was passed by the Assembly and sent to the Council during the last Parliament?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I cannot give a decided answer to the Honorable Member's Question at present, but I hope to be able to do next week.

(3.) Men working at the Government Quarry, Riley's Hill:—Mr. Pyers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that two men named J. Lyne and W. Bourke were dismissed from work at the Government quarry, Riley's Hill, Richmond River, some time during the year 1894; if so, will he state the reasons for their dismissal?

Mr. Young answered,—Yes. For withholding information from the Engineer-in-charge of the works (which they ought to have supplied, especially as inquiries had been held) and supplying it to the Press.

(4.) Obstructions in German Creek, Richmond River:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his Department undertaken to clear obstructions in German Creek, Richmond River District?

(2.) Under what conditions was the work undertaken?

(3.) Has his Department undertaken similar works under the same conditions?

(4.) If similar work is being carried out in other districts at the sole cost of the Government, will he forego his demand on the farmers at German Creek for their contributions towards the cost of the work in that Creek?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Residents have voluntarily agreed to pay half the cost.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Similar work has been carried out at the sole cost of the Government, but only in main channels and arteries which open up large areas partly Crown lands. German Creek (which is only a comparatively small drain) does not come under the above category.

(5.) Underground Tunnels:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Are tenders being invited for the completion of a section of the underground tunnels for the Department, and what is the estimated cost of same?

(2.) Is this a work for which very little plant or material is necessary; and, if so, will he consider the advisability of carrying it out as an experiment under the "butty-gang" system, the introduction of which was asked for by a deputation to the Minister for Public Works a short time ago?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes, from Pitt-street along Martin-place and Barrack-street to Clarence-street. Estimated cost, £2,600.

(2.) A large plant is not required for this work, and I am considering the advisability of carrying out the extension by day labour.

(6.)

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(6.) Tattersall's Club:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the proceedings now being taken for the suppression of betting and gambling, is it a fact that there is in Sydney a well-known shop of this description known as Tattersall's Club, where gambling for large sums of money is being carried on in horse-racing, billiards, cards, and other forms of betting; and is it proposed to take any steps to deal with this establishment as a common gaming-house; and, if not, why?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that members of Tattersall's Club are admitted in the ordinary manner by ballot and election. If gambling is carried on it has not so far been practicable to obtain evidence sufficient to justify proceedings.

(7.) Contract for Post and Telegraph Office, Enmore:—Mr. McGowen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to Answer to Question No. 8, of 21st August, *re* sub-letting on Enmore Post and Telegraph Office:—

- (1.) What was the name of the Government official who made the inquiries *re* this work?
- (2.) Did he ask any of the men engaged on the job, or were his inquiries made of the Clerk of Works alone?
- (3.) Did he ask the Clerk of Works whether he ever heard one of the contractors request a carpenter to give him a tender or price to do the stairs and roof?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the secretary of a society sent him a communication, dated 23rd July, 1895, with three declarations enclosed from three different carpenters, who positively asserted that the work was being done as piecework?
- (5.) Did the Department acknowledge the receipt of this correspondence and declarations?
- (6.) If not, why not?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Cook, Assistant Architect.
- (2.) Of the Clerk of Works only.
- (3.) Not in those exact words, but according to reply given to Question No. 2 of previous set, asked on 21st August, as follows:—"I have made inquiries of the Clerk of Works as to whether he has any information upon this subject, or has seen anything to lead him to suppose that the work is sublet, but he informs me that to all appearances, and so far as he can judge, the contractors are speaking truly. I know of nothing that should make me doubt their word, deliberately stated, as above." I may say that I am not satisfied with the reply given, and have therefore instructed the architect to make further inquiries, the result of which I will communicate to the Honorable Member.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) Through an oversight.

(8.) Workmen's Tickets on the Railways:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that workmen's tickets on the Government railways of this Colony enable the holders of them to travel to and from their work at certain hours of the day at reduced fares?
- (2.) Will he confer with the Railway Commissioners, and endeavour to obtain the same treatment for workmen who live in tram suburbs, and are only allowed at the present time to travel at workmen's fares to their work, and are made to pay full fares when returning from their work?
- (3.) Will he also endeavour to have the fares reduced on the trams, so that boys and girls learning trades, and whose wages are very small, may be able to travel at the same fares as those who use the railways to the different suburbs of Sydney?
- (4.) Will he also try to obtain the same concessions for the patrons of Government trams as are granted to those of Government railways, so that weekly or season tickets may be granted to the former as soon as possible?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that workmen's and apprentices' tickets are issued on the railways, and at certain times workmen's trams are run, upon which any person may travel at reduced rates. The circumstances in regard to the two services are, however, distinct, and the same conditions could not be held to apply equally to both. The question of the issue of season tickets on the tramways has had very careful consideration, but the Commissioners cannot see their way to approve of the system.

(9.) Post-office Site Henderson and Mitchell Roads, Alexandria:—Mr. Anderson asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What amount of money was paid for a post-office site at the corner of Henderson Road and Mitchell Road, Alexandria?
- (2.) When was it purchased?
- (3.) What amount of interest has been paid on the principal to date?
- (4.) What sum of money has been paid in rent since the site was purchased?
- (5.) Is it his intention to cause a sum of money to be placed on the Estimates, so as to erect a suitable building on the site to meet the requirements of that locality, which is thickly inhabited?

Mr. Cook answered,—

- (1.) £600.
- (2.) 20th May, 1891.
- (3.) Calculated from the time payment was made, £71 8s. 1d.
- (4.) £333 0s. 5d.
- (5.) Not at present, as the lease of the premises now occupied, which meet all postal requirements, will not expire until the 15th March, 1898.

(10.) Operators in the Telegraph Office:—Mr. McGowen asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that certain operators in the Government Telegraph Office are in the habit of periodically accepting employment under the promoter of Tattersall's sweeps?

(2.)

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(2.) When these sweeps are being conducted do these gentlemen, after leaving their official duties, work for four or five hours, getting paid at the rate of 2s. an hour by the promoter of these sweeps?

(3.) If so, will he see that these salaried civil servants are not allowed any further to continue the practice?

Mr. Cook answered,—Nothing whatever is known of the circumstances stated. I understand that some years ago an operator, then, but not now, in the Department, was also employed at Tattersall's. If fuller information be given the matter will be further investigated.

(11.) Employees on the Ocean-street Cable Train :—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Do the Ocean-street gripmen and conductors work under a different system to that of the steam trams and the North Shore cable trams as regards working hours?

(2.) Do the men on shifts Nos. 10, 11, and 12 in the Ocean-street time-table have to come back six nights on No. 10 and five nights on 11 and 12 runs, getting no extra pay?

(3.) Is it the custom to pay extra to men engaged on steam and North Shore trams when they go back to do extra duty at night?

(4.) Do some of the men on the Ocean-street trams work nine hours and fifty-two minutes on a Saturday and nine hours and forty-four minutes on Sunday?

(5.) Is it a fact that the men on No. 2 (Sunday afternoon run) work ten hours without a break?

(6.) Is it a fact that these men are not allowed to take their meals while on their cars?

(7.) Is it a fact that these men do not average more than five minutes at the terminus, most of the time being taken up in shunting?

(8.) Are these men to do without food for ten hours?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will bring the matters referred to under the notice of the Railway Commissioners. I am, however, informed that the hours worked are not excessive, and the men as a body would not appreciate a broken shift for meals. No. 2 shift does not work ten hours on Sunday, although booked on, there being eighty minutes during which the trams do not run. It is not necessary for the men to abstain from food for ten hours.

(12.) Books in the Technical College :—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it true that there are a large number of books in the Technical College on subjects treated in that college?

(2.) Is it a fact that the students have no access to these books?

(3.) For whose benefit were these books purchased by the State, and are they continually kept under lock and key, so that no one can have the use of them?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) For the use of teachers and students. Specially valuable books are kept under lock and key, but may be obtained on application.

(13.) Seed supplied to Agriculturists :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What has been the total cost to the country, from the 1st January to the 31st August last, of the seed supplied to agriculturists?

(2.) What portions of New South Wales have the seed been supplied to?

(3.) Who are the persons that have received this aid, and what was the value supplied to each?

(4.) Is it understood that these persons are to pay for the seed supplied; and when?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The accounts to the 31st August are not yet complete. From 6th June to 13th August, cost of seed, £2,422 9s. 10d.; railway fares, &c., £83 5s. 1d.; total, £2,505 14s. 11d.

(2.) Hunter River, Hawkesbury River, and Manning River districts.

(3.) The answer to this question can be supplied in the form of a return if ordered by the House.

(4.) Yes, out of the proceeds of the crop.

(14.) Water Supply for Tamworth :—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the pumping scheme of water supply to Tamworth, recommended by the Department of Works, and passed by the Public Works Committee and by this House, has been abandoned?

(2.) Is it a fact the Works Department are now surveying a gravitation scheme from Moore Creek?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Cockburn Creek, one of the principal tributaries of the Peel River, has been known to be dry for several successive months?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(15.) Dam at Bethungra, for June Water Supply :—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the height of the dam at Bethungra, for the June Water Supply, from the bed of the creek to its crest?

(2.) What is the length of the dam at its crest and at the creek-level?

(3.) What distance does the dam throw back the water up the creek?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) 41 feet.

(2.) 528 feet at crest, 6 feet at creek-level.

(3.) 72 chains.

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(16.) Interest on Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Ashton asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the amount due on conditional purchases taken up under the 1861 Land Act, on which interest only is being paid?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed by the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade that on the 31st December last the sum of £1,645,805 was due.

(17.) Retrenchment in the Civil Service:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House, for the information of Members, a detailed return or schedule showing how the sum of £200,000 is to be retrenched for the year 1896—the offices or officers that are likely to be dispensed with in order to save this amount?

Mr. Reid answered,—If the Honorable Member will kindly read that part of the recent Financial Statement referring to the matter, he will see that it is impossible to comply with his request. I may add that the saving of £200,000 is not to be derived from salaries only.

(18.) Forest-thinning in the Murray Forests:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he, at an early date, proceed with the forest-thinning in the Murray Forests, and thereby provide employment for the large number of local men, a large number of whom have wives and families dependent upon them?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—There are no funds available at the present time for the continuation of this work, but when the Loan Bill has been passed it is our intention to proceed with the thinning operations on the Murray.

(19.) Re-appraisalment of Crown Leases:—Mr. Millen asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the fact that the benefits of re-appraisalment of Crown leases under the 1895 Land Act do not commence to operate until the year following the year current at the time of such re-appraisalment, and that as a consequence a delay of a day may make twelve months difference to the lessee, will he take steps to have the re-appraisalments carried out at once?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Steps will be taken to carry out the provisions of the law with the least possible delay.

(20.) Royal Commission on Fisheries:—Mr. Wheeler asked the Colonial Secretary,—On what date will the three months extension of time given to the Royal Commission on Fisheries expire?

Mr. Brunker answered,—On the 4th of October next.

(21.) Amendment of the Electoral Law:—Mr. Wheeler asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With respect to his proposed amendment of the Electoral Act, will he say whether provision will be made for taking the contingent vote?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The subject to which the Honorable Member's Question refers has not yet been considered by the Government.

(22.) Cockle Creek, Lake Macquarie:—Mr. Watkins asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is there a reservation of 100 feet on the banks of Cockle Creek, Lake Macquarie?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes, in the following grants:—David Scott's 2,560 acres, James Mitchell's 914 acres, George Weller's 2,560 acres, and W. Brook's 1,280 acres.

(23.) Suppression of Gambling:—Mr. Hughes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the suppression of the double-shops has resulted in a large number of their patrons frequenting the Chinese gambling dens?

(2.) Will he take immediate steps to suppress these also?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) The police have no information on this point.

(2.) The subject will receive attention.

(24.) Weights and Measures Act:—Mr. Hughes asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether it is his intention to bring in a Bill to amend the Weights and Measures Act this Session?

Mr. Gould answered,—I very much fear that it will not be possible to deal with this important measure during the present Session.

(25.) Provisions of the Civil Service Act:—Mr. Russell Jones asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Whether, under the Civil Service Act 48 Vic. No. 24, all those who have been paying into the Superannuation Fund should receive the privileges of the Act?

(2.) If so, is it a fact that letter-carriers in the Department are not allowed leave of absence under the Act, and what is the reason they are refused?

Mr. Cook answered,—All who contribute to the Superannuation Fund are entitled to the benefit of the superannuation provisions of the Civil Service Act, but the leave of absence provisions only apply to "officers," as defined under section 2.

(26.) Public Health and Medical Bills:—Mr. Cameron, for Dr. Graham, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Public Health Bill at an early date?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to reintroduce the Medical Bill dealt with in last Parliament, or some such similar measure?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

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2. **DUTIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE:**—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from certain Farmers of Cargo and the surrounding district, representing that the removal of the present duties on imported Agricultural Produce would result in the ruin of thousands of farmers throughout the Colony; suggesting that such duties, instead of being removed, should be fixed for some years; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, and grant such relief as may seem meet.  
Petition received.
3. **ELECTION PETITION (Burwood):**—Mr. Brunker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor from William Archer, of Railway-parade, Burwood, alleging that, at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, William McMillan and Petitioner, William Archer, were Candidates to be elected as Members of the said Assembly for the Electoral District of Burwood; that the Returning Officer, on the day of the declaration of the poll for the said Electoral District of Burwood, declared the number of votes polled for the respective candidates to be as follows:—For the said William McMillan, 730 votes, and for Petitioner, the said William Archer, 439 votes; and the said Returning Officer further declared that ten votes polled at the said election were informal. And he thereupon declared the said William McMillan to be elected as a Member of the said Assembly for the said Electoral District. And the said Returning Officer afterwards endorsed on the said Writ the name of the said William McMillan as the person so elected, and returned the said Writ; that Petitioner is informed, and verily believes, that the said William McMillan departed from this Colony during the term of the previous Parliament, and has been continuously absent therefrom to the date hereof; that the signature to the paper purporting to be a nomination paper delivered to the Returning Officer for the said Electoral District of Burwood was written thereon when the said William McMillan was the Member representing the said District in the said previous Parliament, and before its dissolution, and before any Writ had been issued for another election for the said District; that before and at the time of signing the said alleged nomination paper, and before and at the time of its delivery to the said Returning Officer, the said William McMillan was not a person duly qualified by law to be elected a Member of the said Legislative Assembly; that at the time of the delivery of the said alleged nomination paper to the said Returning Officer the said William McMillan did not reside at the place alleged, and had no residence in New South Wales, and that the place of residence of the said William McMillan is not truly stated in the said alleged nomination paper; that the nomination of the said William McMillan was not consented to by him in writing or at all, and that at the time when persons purporting to nominate him signed their names to the said alleged nomination paper the Writ for the Election for which he was alleged to be a Candidate had not been issued, and the said William McMillan was not then capable of being a Candidate or of being elected for the said Electoral District; that the said William McMillan was not nominated in accordance with the requirements of section 65 of the Act 56 Victoria Number 38, and was not a Candidate for election pursuant to the said Act; and praying (1) that this Petition may be dealt with according to law; (2) that the return of the said William McMillan as Member for the Electoral District of Burwood may be declared null and void for the reasons aforesaid; (3) that for the reasons aforesaid it may be declared that the said William McMillan was not duly nominated or lawfully elected, and is not such Member for the Electoral District of Burwood; (4) that it may be declared and determined that Petitioner was duly elected at the said election to serve and be a Member for the Electoral District of Burwood, and is entitled to take his seat accordingly in the said Legislative Assembly.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
4. **LAND TAX:**—The following Petitions, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867,—were presented by the Members named:—  
(1.) By Mr. Levien—From the Council of the Municipal District of Quirindi.  
(2.) By Mr. Neild—From the Council of the Borough of Paddington.  
(3.) By Mr. Donnelly—From the Council of the Municipality of Carcoar.  
(4.) By Mr. Cook—From the Council of the Municipality of Katoomba.  
(5.) By Mr. Chanter—From the Council of the District of Deniliquin.  
(6.) By Mr. Russell Jones—From the Council of the Borough of Petersham.  
(7.) By Mr. Rigg—From the Council of the Municipality of St. Peters.  
Petitions received.
5. **PAPER:**—Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Report of Inspecting Forester Manton on the thinning the Murray Red Gum Forest Reserves.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. **LOST POLICIES BILL (Formal Motion):**—  
(1.) Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remedy the loss or destruction of life assurance policies.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Cameron then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to remedy the loss or destruction of life assurance policies*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 5th November.

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7. **MARYLAND COLLIERY** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Watkins moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the recent application of the Plattsburg Council for a joint inspection of the Maryland Colliery; also of the Inspector's report thereon.  
Question put and passed.
8. **COMMONS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—  
(1.) Mr. Hayes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Commons Acts of 1873 and 1886.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Hayes then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Commons Acts, 1873-1886,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 5th November.
9. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Fire Brigades Act, 1884"; to provide for the constitution of Fire Brigades Boards in country districts; to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigades Boards; and to make other provision in connection with such Boards;—postponed until Tuesday, 22nd October.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Mr. E. M. Clark, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—  
"The leasing of the foreshores and other public rights in Sydney Harbour for coal-mining purposes."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Clark moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
11. **LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bridge between Sydney and North Sydney:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Having reference to a Question of the Honorable Member for Shoalhaven, Mr. Morton, on the 29th of May last, asking that, in view of the growing necessity for a bridge between Sydney and North Shore, the Minister would have a return prepared, showing the estimated number of passengers who travel daily between Circular Quay and Milson's Point and Lavender Bay, such return to include the number of vehicles which pass across daily by the horse-ferry, and the promise of the Minister that he would obtain this information, have any steps been taken in the matter; and, if so, when will the return be furnished?

(2.) Having further reference to a resolution passed by the last Parliament, on the 21st June last, affirming the desirability of referring the question of the North Shore Bridge to the Public Works Committee, will he take steps to give effect to that resolution?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) The information referred to was obtained and furnished to the Honorable Member for Shoalhaven, Mr. Morton, on the 27th June last, and I will furnish the Honorable Member with a copy.

(2.) The matter will be dealt with when the railway proposals of the Government are being considered by the Cabinet.

- (2.) Grades on proposed Line, Glen Innes to Grafton:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he kindly state what are the prevailing grades on the recently-surveyed line between Glen Innes and Grafton?

(2.) Is it true that the grades as originally proposed have been very much reduced?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) The present ruling grade is 1 in 50.

(2.) The ruling grade on the original line was 1 in 33.

- (3.) Truckage Rates to Glen Innes:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total tonnage of goods received during the last twelve months at Glen Innes railway station?

(2.) Is he aware that the traffic between Grafton and Glen Innes and Inverell is steadily increasing, to the detriment of the railway revenue?

(3.) If the above is found to be a fact, will he ask the Railway Commissioners to consider the advisability of reducing the present truckage rate to Glen Innes?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that 7,083 tons of goods were received during the twelve months ending 30th June last at the Glen Innes railway station, and that the traffic between Grafton and Glen Innes has increased.

(3.) I am further informed by the Railway Commissioners that the loss which would be involved in quoting rates to secure the low-class traffic carried between Grafton and Glen Innes would be out of all proportion to its value. This traffic passes over a road maintained by the Government as a first-class road, and could not be specially dealt with as regards reducing railway rates except by a general reduction to the Northern District.

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(4.) Trickett, Ganger at Shea's Creek Works:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What pay does Trickett, the ganger at Shea's Creek works, receive a day?

(2.) Is it a fact that he is allowed 2s. 6d. per night when he stops at the works at night, and 4s. a day for the walking the lengths at the works?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) 15s. per day.

(2.) No.

(5.) Railway Proposals, Muswellbrook to Cassilis:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the Government consider the advisability of including the Muswellbrook to Cassilis line in their railway proposals, and refer it to the Public Works Committee?

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

(6.) Attorney-General's Opinion respecting Absence of one of the Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the date of the Attorney-General's opinion *in re* the necessity for three Railway Commissioners to hear employee's appeals, &c.?

(2.) Did he, on 3rd June last, make a promise to Mr. Schey, M.L.A., to lay the said opinion upon the Table of the Assembly during the next following week?

(3.) What were the reasons which caused him to delay the production of the said opinion over so considerable a portion of time?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) 30th May, 1895.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I regret that my promise was overlooked. The Honorable Member is generally so pertinacious that I feel inclined to ask him why he failed to give me a reminder between the second week in June and the dissolution early in July.

(7.) His Honor Mr. Justice Windeyer:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Can he yet fix a date when opportunity will be afforded for dealing finally with the motion challenging Mr. Justice Windeyer's fitness to occupy the position of a Judge, and now standing on the Business Paper in the name of Mr. Price, M.L.A.?

Mr. Reid answered,—No. I may add that a Judge of the Supreme Court is, in the terms of the Constitution Act, removable only by the Queen upon Address by both Houses. I propose to obtain the opinion of the Law Officers as to the form of the motion in the name of Mr. Price. It seems, to say the least, very doubtful whether a Judge of the Supreme Court can be removed upon such a motion, which does not propose an Address to the Queen in terms of the Constitution Act.

(8.) Attorney-General's Opinion respecting Coal Mines Act of 1876:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the decision given by the Attorney-General regarding the interpretation of the weighing clause in the Coal Mines Act of 1876, will he consider the advisability of at once introducing a short Bill for the purpose of removing all doubts connected therewith?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I think it would be better to allow this matter to stand over until the conclusion of the inquiry by the Royal Commission upon Collieries now sitting.

(9.) Letter-carriers Uniforms:—Mr. Edden asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) In view of the fact that tenders are now being invited for the supply of uniforms to letter-carriers, will he endeavour to have provision made for the issue of lighter clothing for the summer months?

(2.) Will he direct that a different colour to the present glaring scarlet cloth coat, which attracts the heat, is provided?

(3.) Will he endeavour to meet the reasonable request of the letter-carriers in this direction for more suitable clothing for the coming summer?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1 and 2.) The summer coat worn by the letter-carriers, which is made of light scarlet serge, weighs only 24 oz. for an ordinary sized man, and could not be made of lighter material to be serviceable and stand fair wear and tear. No doubt a scarlet coat attracts the heat more than a coat of a different colour, but the advantage of the scarlet uniform is that it looks smarter than any other, and is more conspicuous.

(3.) I am considering the question of changing the colour to a light brown with red facings, as supplied to Broken Hill and Wilcaunia.

(10.) Magistrates in Country Districts:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that serious inconvenience and loss are experienced in many country districts for want of resident magistrates?

(2.) Is he aware that recently two men were kept in gaol awaiting trial for several days at Byrock owing to there being no resident magistrate?

(3.) Is he aware that the same has occurred at Louth for want of a resident magistrate?

(4.) Is he aware that the town of Nyngan, with about 1,500 inhabitants, has only one resident magistrate, and that much public inconvenience is felt in consequence?

(5.) Is he aware that in many parts of the western district men frequently have to travel 40 and 50 miles to get papers witnessed by a magistrate?

(6.) Were these facts generally brought under his notice about twelve months ago?

(7.) Did he then promise that a special list would be appointed as soon as possible?

(8.) What is the cause of the long delay that has taken place?

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Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am fully aware of the inconvenience occasioned in various parts of the country through the non-appointment of Justices of the Peace. But this matter is a much more difficult one to deal with than might appear to Honorable Members or to the outside public. The number of nominations which have been received from Members of Parliament rendered the subject a very difficult one to deal with. It is necessary, before appointments of this kind are made, that I should make full inquiry with regard to the reputation of some of the gentlemen who have been nominated. I have found that to be necessary from experience and from inquiries which I have already made. The question now resolves itself into this phase: that the Government will have to determine whether a special list of appointments shall be made to the Commission or whether the entire list shall be thoroughly revised. I have had a revision made to a certain extent, and I find that up to the day before yesterday 4,362 gentlemen were upon the Commission of the Peace. It will probably be my duty, if a general revision be made, to place on the Commission a number of new justices in those places where they are required, and no doubt a great number of names at present on the Commission will have to be removed.

(11.) Suppression of Chinese Gambling Dens:—Mr. Hughes asked the Colonial Secretary,—In reference to the question of suppressing the Chinese gambling dens, and upon which subject he declares he has no information, does he mean that the Police Department is in ignorance of the existence of these shops, and the purpose for which they are used?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The Honorable Member has apparently misunderstood the Answer I gave to his Question. I stated that the police have no information on the point referred to therein, but the subject should receive attention. The police are by no means unaware of the Chinese gambling dens, which are closely watched, and steps are always taken for prosecutions as soon as sufficient evidence is obtained to enable them to do so.

(12.) Railway proposals, Molong to Wellington:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, in submitting his railway proposals or policy to Parliament at an early date, see that steps are taken to obtain a survey and searching inquiry into the propriety of extending the railway from Molong to Wellington—a distance of about 40 miles—so that the railway west from Orange may be worked on more economical and commercial lines than that of running at present two lines almost parallel with each other, viz., the line by way of Ironbarks and one by Molong; or will he refer the matter to the Railway Commissioners for report?

Mr. Young answered,—I regret that the information before me does not justify me in making this promise.

(13.) Government Labour Bureau:—Mr. Griffith asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is he making any arrangements for establishing branches of the Government Labour Bureau in the country towns of New South Wales?

Mr. Garrard answered,—Arrangements have been made, and branches will be established when funds are available.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*Election Petition—Channon v. Travers Jones—Tumut*):—Mr. Henry Clarke, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 27th August, 1895, the Petition of John Channon, in reference to the return of Travers Jones, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Tumut. And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 14th August, 1895, to whom was referred, on 27th August, 1895, a Petition from John Channon against the return of Travers Jones, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Tumut, have determined and do hereby declare,—

- “1. That Travers Jones, Esquire, the sitting Member, has been duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of Tumut.
- “2. That the Petition of John Channon is not frivolous nor vexatious.
- “3. That the Committee make no award as to costs.

“No. 3 Committee Room,  
“Legislative Assembly,  
“4th September, 1895.”

“HENRY CLARKE,  
“Chairman.

Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Clarke, That the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

3. LAND TAX:—The following Petitions, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867,—were presented by the Members named,—

- (1.) By Mr. Morton—From the Council of the Municipal District of Numba.
- (2.) By Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Alexander Campbell—From the Council of the Borough of Kiama.
- (3.) By Mr. Mackay—From the Council of the Borough of Murrumburrah.
- (4.) By Dr. Hollis—From the Council of the Borough of Goulburn.
- (5.) By Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Alexander Campbell—From the Council of the Borough of Jamberoo.
- (6.) By Dr. Ross—From the Council of the Municipality of Cudal.
- (7.) By Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Alexander Campbell—From the Council of the Municipal District of Gerringong.
- (8.) By Mr. Reymond—From the Council of the Municipal District of Parkes.
- (9.) By Mr. T. R. Smith—From the Council of the Municipal District of Mulgoa.

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- (10.) By Mr. Mackay—From the Council of the Municipality of Burrows.  
 (11.) By Mr. Lonsdale—From the Council of the Borough of Armidale.  
 (12.) By Mr. Howarth—From the Council of the Borough of Willoughby.  
 Petitions received.  
 (13.) By Mr. Gillies—From the Council of the Borough of West Maitland.  
 Mr. Gillies then moved, That the Petition be received.  
 Question put, and voices given.—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.  
 Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with the Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only twelve Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.  
 The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Thomas, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Edden, Mr. Sleath, Mr. James Thomson, Mr. Affleck, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Smailes, and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.  
 Petition received.
4. **HOLT'S WINGELLO ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Bavister, presented a Petition from Alfred William Holt, of Prospect Hall, Summer Hill, near Sydney, Gentleman, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to rectify a certain indenture of lease, dated the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and to empower Alfred William Holt, his executors or administrators, to assign or to underlet certain lands and hereditaments therein comprised without first obtaining a certain license in writing.  
 And Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph* and *Goulburn Herald*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—  
 Petition received.
5. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Report of the State Children's Relief Board for the year ended 5th April, 1895.  
 (2.) Particulars respecting deaths on board the "Ysabel."  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Five Dock, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.  
 (4.) By-law of the Borough of Kiama.  
 (5.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1895.  
 (6.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies for quarter ended 30th June, 1895.
6. **THE GORE, ARTARMON, AND NICHOLS ESTATES, NORTH SHORE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The names of applicants and the dates of applications to place certain lands, known as the Gore, Artarmon, and Nichols Estates, North Shore, under the Real Property Act.  
 (2.) The various areas applied for, and the present position of each application.  
 (3.) The areas of any portions resumed or reserved for public use, and for what purpose.  
 (4.) The areas of any portions forming part of public reserves or Crown lands.  
 Question put and passed.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney—Fitzroy Division, Mr. McElhone, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The treatment of the unemployed at Shea's Creek."  
 And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
 Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and negatived.
8. **LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
 Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
9. **NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young 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. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
 Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.  
 The House adjourned, at seven minutes after Seven o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
 Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Travelling Expenses of Civil Servants:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the total cost from the 1st January to the 30th June, 1895, as travelling expenses incurred by the officers of the Treasury Department?
  - (2.) The same with regard to the Colonial Secretary's Department?
  - (3.) The same with regard to the Public Works Department?
  - (4.) The same with regard to the Public Lands Department?
  - (5.) The same with regard to the Mines and Agricultural Department?
  - (6.) The same with regard to the Education and Labour Department?
  - (7.) The same with regard to the Justice Department?
  - (8.) The same with regard to the Attorney-General's Department?
  - (9.) The same with regard to the Postal Department?

Mr. Reid answered,—It would be more convenient to give the required information in the form of a return, which should be moved for in the usual way.

- (2.) Searle Monument, Parramatta River:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Searle monument on the Parramatta River has been injured?
- (2.) Will he take steps, on account of its national importance, to have the same repaired?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware.
- (2.) This monument was put up, I understand, at the expense of those gentlemen who were interested in our aquatic sports, and I feel sure that the subscribers or the rowing clubs will still feel sufficient interest in the matter to keep the monument in proper repair.

- (3.) Stables connected with Post and Telegraph Service, Castlereagh-street:—Mr. Bull asked the Postmaster-General,—With reference to the stables connected with the Post and Telegraph Service, in Castlereagh-street,—

- (1.) What is the difference in the cost of the present system compared with the former one?
- (2.) What are the names of the different persons employed in the system, from the manager down, permanent and casual?
- (3.) What are the different salaries or wages paid to each person so employed?
- (4.) What are the hours of service of the different persons so employed?
- (5.) Has the manager's salary been increased since his appointment?
- (6.) Were applications called for to fill the position before the appointment of Mr. James Bocking as manager?
- (7.) By whom was Mr. James Bocking appointed, and were any recommendations as to his previous experience or qualifications produced?
- (8.) Is the fodder required for the horses, &c., supplied under contract, or how is it purchased?
- (9.) The number (average) of the horses kept at the stables in question, and what (if any) fees have been paid for veterinary services?

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

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- (4.) Drawing taught at the Technical College:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that life drawing is taught in the Technical College?
  - (2.) Is this subject one of those usually taught in such institutions?
  - (3.) Has this subject always been taught in the College from its inception?
  - (4.) Is it held by the Department that this is a subject that ought to be taught at the expense of the country?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes. Life classes are held in the undermentioned English technical schools, and at all the leading technical institutions in France, Germany, Switzerland, and America:—Finsbury, Bradford, Manchester, Birmingham, Huddersfield, Merchant Venturers (Bristol), South London Technical Art School, London Polytechnic, People's Palace, Yorkshire College (Leeds), Glasgow Technical College, Durham College of Science, and Hartley Institution (Southampton).
  - (3.) Not until the students were sufficiently advanced to take up the subject.
  - (4.) Yes, the expense being merely nominal.
- (5.) Railway Trucks returned from Glen Innes:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many railway trucks have been returned from Glen Innes empty during the last six months?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that 221 empty trucks were returned from Glen Innes during the last six months. I am further informed that what is termed the inwards and outwards traffic at stations rarely balances.
- (6.) Glen Innes Post and Telegraph Office:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend to accept any of the late tenders for the Glen Innes Post and Telegraph Office; or is it the intention of the Department to call for fresh tenders; and, if so, when?
- Mr. Young answered,—I have this day accepted a tender.
- (7.) Claims of Farmers residing at North Creek, Ballina:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he read the Evidence and Report of a Select Committee on the claims of certain farmers residing at North Creek?
  - (2.) Seeing that it is impossible to get a fresh Committee appointed to deal with this question this Session, will he appoint some competent person to proceed to the district to deal with these cases on their merits, and so avoid costly law suits?
- Mr. Young answered,—I have considered it, and as a result am not in a position to admit the claim. The Honorable Member has brought the subject before the House, and it must be there dealt with.
- (8.) Treatment of Sulphide Ores:—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) In view of the large reduction-works to be established in this Colony to treat sulphide ores, will the Government grant a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the best means to adopt for the prevention of injury to health from the poisonous fumes; also, to preserve the grazing lands surrounding such works?
  - (2.) May not such Commission be inexpensive by appointing men already in the Public Service or Members of this House?
- Mr. Reid answered,—This is a matter which I will take into consideration. As at present advised, I think the end in view can be achieved without the necessity of appointing a Royal Commission.
- (9.) Sentences passed on Thomas Meredith Sheridan:—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Thomas Meredith Sheridan received, in March, 1885, two sentences of ten years each?
  - (2.) Did the late Chief Justice, Sir James Martin, remark at the time that the two sentences represented a term of fifteen years imprisonment?
  - (3.) On what grounds, and through whose representations, was the said Thomas Meredith Sheridan released in 1894?
- Mr. Gould answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) There is no record of any such remark having been made, but from the prison records it appears that five years of the second sentence were made concurrent with the first sentence, making the two sentences fifteen years in all, but this under ordinary remission regulations would be shortened by good conduct to a period of ten years and nine months.
  - (3.) A petition was presented by Sheridan's wife for his release in 1892, which, among other grounds, advanced that of ill-health, and reference was made to the then Medical Adviser to the Government, who reported that Sheridan had lately suffered from repeated attacks of illness, and that he was of opinion that the conditions of prison life, even under the most favourable conditions, were likely to be very prejudicial in this case, and that further imprisonment, especially in winter weather, would tend to inflict permanent and irreparable injury to prisoner's health. In view of this report, the then Minister of Justice, having carefully considered the whole facts of the case, and taking into account that Sheridan had then completed seven years and seven months imprisonment, and had rendered valuable service for some years as hospital wardman, recommended in October, 1892, that Sheridan be released, and this was approved.
- (10.) His Honor Mr. Justice Windeyer:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Can he yet fix a date when opportunity will be afforded for dealing finally with the motion challenging Mr. Justice Windeyer's fitness to occupy the position of a Judge, and now standing on the Business Paper in the name of Mr. Price, M.L.A.?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to my answer of the 5th instant.

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(11.) Maternity Home :—*Mr. Watkins*, for *Mr. Hughes*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the number of infanticides occurring in the Colony, many of which are due to the lack of sufficient accommodation for accouchement, will he take immediate steps to have the present inadequate premises supplemented by others more suitable for the requirements of the people?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—From inquiries made there does not appear to be any want of accommodation for cases of accouchement. Besides the Benevolent Asylum, there is the "Maternity Home" in Elizabeth-street, to which admission is free, and in connection with which an endeavour is being made to raise funds for the erection of new premises, attached to which will be an infants' home where children may be kept for at least two years. There are also several lying-in homes in the Metropolitan district, where admission is charged, which are supervised under the Children's Protection Act, and since the passing of that Act there has been a very large decrease in the number of infanticides. It is believed that the class of women who resort to means of destroying their offspring would not be likely to enter any institution of this kind no matter what accommodation is made available.

(12.) Waterloo Pastoral Holding, No. 261, Central Division :—*Mr. Thomas Brown* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) With respect to the Waterloo Pastoral Holding No. 261, Central Division, did the lessees apply and secure an extension of their pastoral lease under the provisions of the 43rd clause of the Land Act of 1889; and, if so, for what further period was the extension made?

(2.) Subsequent to the granting of this extension of lease, did the lessees intimate to the Department their desire to forego their right to same, and apply to have an occupation license issue in lieu thereof?

(3.) Have the lessees since applied to be admitted to withdraw their application for an occupation license, and to be allowed to occupy under the terms and conditions of their extended pastoral lease?

(4.) What action, if any, has been taken with respect to these several applications?

*Mr. Carruthers* answered,—

(1.) Yes, an extension of the pastoral lease to 10th July, 1900, was granted.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes, and furnished a declaration, under date the 28th May last, that their previous letter withdrawing their application for an extension of the pastoral lease was written under a misapprehension of its effect.

(4.) The lessees have been permitted to withdraw their application for an occupation license, and allowed to occupy under the terms and conditions of their extended pastoral lease.

(13.) Water Supply, North Sydney :—*Mr. Howarth* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Whether, in view of the rapid settlement along both sides of the North Shore railway, the completion of the water supply service for the said settlements will be expedited as much as possible?

(2.) When is it probable the service will be available?

*Mr. Young* answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage have furnished the following replies :—

(1.) Yes, no time will be lost in carrying on this work to completion.

(2.) About beginning of January, 1896.

(14.) Richmond College :—*Mr. Howarth* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What alterations or repairs are being effected at the Richmond College?

(2.) What was the amount of the tender for carrying out the same?

(3.) What is the name of the successful tenderer?

(4.) Has he sublet the contract?

(5.) Is it a fact that tradesmen are engaged on this work at 4s. per day of eight hours?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

(1.) New college buildings are being erected.

(2.) £7,417 18s. 7d.

(3.) Messrs. Grant and Mathison.

(4.) Not with my authority.

(5.) Inquiry will be made.

2. MEMBER SWORN :—*William McMillan*, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Burwood.

3. LAND TAX :—The following Petitions, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867,—were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By *Mr. Knox*—From the Council of the Borough of Woollabra.

(2.) By *Mr. Cameron*—From the Council of the Borough of Waverley.

(3.) By *Mr. McGowen*—From the Council of the Borough of Redfern.

(4.) By *Mr. Bavister*—From the Council of the Borough of Ashfield.

(5.) By *Mr. Ashton*—From the Council of the Municipality of Balranald.

(6.) By *Mr. Schey*—From the Council of the Borough of Darlington.

(7.) By *Mr. McCourt*—From the Council of the Municipal District of Moss Vale.

(8.) By *Mr. Thomas Brown*—From the Council of the Municipality of Condobolin.

(9.) By *Mr. Dick*—From the Council of the Borough of Stockton.

(10.) By *Mr. F. Clarke*—From the Council of the Borough of Kempsey.

(11.) By *Mr. Dick*—From the Council of the Borough of Newcastle.

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- (12.) By Mr. Perry—From the Council of the Municipal District of Ballina.  
 (13.) By Mr. Pyers—From the Council of the Municipality of Casino.  
 (14.) By Mr. Ewing—From the Council of the Municipal District of Lismore.  
 Petitions received.

4. ELECTION PETITION (*Rylstone*):—Mr. Brunker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor from William Chandos Wall, of Waverley, near Sydney, alleging that, pursuant to a Writ in that behalf, the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Rylstone duly received nominations for Candidates, and Petitioner (being a person duly qualified by law to be elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly) and one John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick were duly nominated, and a poll was taken at the various polling-booths appointed for that purpose in the said Electorate; that the Returning Officer subsequently declared the said John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick elected, stating as the result of the said poll that 613 votes had been recorded in favour of the said John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, and 607 votes in favour of Petitioner, thereby giving a majority of six votes in favour of John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick; and the Returning Officer further declared that eight votes polled at the said Election were informal; that the Returning Officer returned the Writ endorsed with the name of John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick as the person so elected, and he has since taken his seat as such Member; Petitioner also alleges that, at the various booths at which such Election was conducted, votes were received, recorded, and allowed by the respective Presiding Officers as votes for the said John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick which should have been rejected for non-compliance with the requirements of the "Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893" and the Acts amending the same; that votes which should have been received, recorded, and allowed as votes in favour of Petitioner, were disallowed which were in effect legal; that certain votes, which at certain polling-booths were received and declared to be legal, were at other booths declared and were treated as illegal; that if the votes taken at the respective polling-booths had been received and allowed in pursuance of the provisions of the said Electoral Acts, Petitioner would have been returned as Member for Rylstone in lieu of the said John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick; and praying for an inquiry into the various allegations in the Petition, and into the general validity of the said election, and that it may be declared that the said John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick was not lawfully elected, and is not Member for the Electoral District of Rylstone, but that Petitioner is the duly elected Member.  
 Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

## 5 PAPERS:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Particulars respecting application by the Sydney Harbour Collieries Company to lease and purchase certain land at Bradley's Head.  
 (2.) Particulars respecting application by the Sydney Harbour Collieries Company for a special lease for wharfage purposes at Bradley's Head.  
 (3.) Particulars respecting application by the Trustees of the Cooper Estate to reclaim and purchase certain land at Kurraba Point.  
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Return respecting staff, salaries, &amp;c., in connection with the Postal and Electric Telegraph Stables, Sydney.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 10th April, 1895,—“Flood Prevention on the Clarence River.”  
 (2.) Report by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction on a proposed system of rapid transit for the City of Sydney and Suburbs, together with plan.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. Andrew, county of Cumberland, for a pumping station for sewerage purposes at the intersection of Pymont Bridge Road and Wattle-street.  
 (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Cunningham, county of Harden, for deviation of road from Harden to Marengo.  
 (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Tinonee, county of Gloucester, for an approach to Ferry over Manning River at Tinonee.  
 (6.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Concord, county of Cumberland, in connection with the Ryde Water Supply.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1895.  
 (2.) Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of August, 1895.  
 Ordered to be printed.

6. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
 Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties, and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid.

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

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7. **HOLT'S WINGELLO ESTATE BILL (Formal Motion) :—**  
 (1.) *Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Bavister*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to rectify a certain indenture of lease dated the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and to empower *Alfred William Holt*, his executors or administrators, to assign or to underlet certain lands and hereditaments therein comprised without first obtaining a certain license in writing.  
 Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Mr. Farnell* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to rectify a certain indenture of lease dated the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and to empower Alfred William Holt, his executors or administrators, to assign or to underlet certain lands and hereditaments therein comprised without first obtaining a certain license in writing,*"—read a first time.
8. **CASE OF THE LATE JOHN COPP (Formal Motion) :—***Mr. Haynes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the death-certificate in the case of *John Copp*, together with any other papers relating to the dispensing with an inquest in the case referred to.  
 Question put and passed.
9. **PAYMENT OF WITNESSES AT CORONERS' INQUESTS (Formal Motion) :—***Mr. Edden* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when provision should be made for the payment of witnesses called to give evidence at coroners' inquests.  
 Question put, and voices given,—*Mr. Speaker* stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.  
 Whereupon, Division called for, and *Mr. Speaker* having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the affirmative, as there were only seven Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.  
 The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, *Mr. Hassall*, *Dr. Ross*, *Mr. O'Sullivan*, *Mr. McElhone*, *Mr. Hogue*, and *Mr. Ashton*.
10. **LAW OF LIBEL AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion) :—***Mr. O'Sullivan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law of libel and defamation.  
 Question put and passed.
11. **ADJOURNMENT :—**  
*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for *Molong*, *Dr. Ross*, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The death of a patient (*Power*) in "the *Molong Hospital* from alleged neglect."  
 And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members, *Dr. Ross* moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and negatived.
12. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL :—**The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Neild* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Bill read a second time.  
 On motion of *Mr. Neild*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
*Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 19th November.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

13. **WAYS AND MEANS :—**The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Reid*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
*Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.  
 The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
- (2.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty there shall be charged, collected, and paid from and after the 1st October next, upon the several articles, goods, wares, and merchandise imported into the Colony, enumerated in Schedule A hereto attached (including those in Bond), the duties of Customs specified against each respectively, in lieu of all duties heretofore chargeable thereon. And the duties upon all goods mentioned in Schedule A of the Customs Duties Act of 1892, which are not mentioned in the Schedule to this Resolution, and upon all goods which are by the said Act subject to ad valorem duties, shall continue to be levied, and collected as under the said Act until the 30th September, 1895, inclusive, and no longer, except in the case of butter (which shall, however, be levied at the rate of one penny per pound instead of twopence), cement, plaster, and hydraulic lime, cheese, bacon, and ham, chicory, dandelion, and taraxicum, roasted, ground, or mixed with any other article, chocolate plain or mixed with any other article, chocolate creams, cornflour, and maizena, cocoa prepared, paste, or mixed with any other article, coffee roasted, ground, or mixed with any other article (except coffee essence), fish dried, preserved, or salt,



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iron galvanised, in bars, sheet, or corrugated, galvanised wire-netting, milk condensed or preserved, sporting powder, shot, rice, salt, timber dressed and undressed, doors, sashes, and shutters, the respective duties on which shall be levied and collected as under the said Act until the 30th day of June, 1896, inclusive, and no longer.

## SCHEDULE A.

*Permanent Tariff.*

Spirits—On all kinds of spirits and spirituous compounds imported, and not otherwise enumerated ... ..	per proof gallon	s. d. 14 0
No allowance beyond 16·5 shall be made for the underproof of any spirit of a less strength than 16·5 underproof.		
Case Spirits—Contents of two, three, four, or five gallons shall be charged—		
Two gallons and under as two gallons.		
Over two gallons and not exceeding three as three gallons.		
Over three gallons and not exceeding four as four gallons.		
Over four gallons and not exceeding five as five gallons.		
Bitters, essences, fluid extracts, sarsaparilla, tinctures, medicines, infusions, and toilet preparations containing—		
Not more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit ... ..	per gallon	3 6
Not more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit ... ..	per gallon	7 0
Not more than 75 per cent. of proof spirit ... ..	per gallon	10 6
If containing more than 75 per cent. of proof spirit ... ..	per gallon	14 0
If containing spirit overproof to be charged as spirituous compounds ... ..	per proof gallon	14 0
Methylated spirit ... ..	per gallon	0 1
Perfumed spirits, perfumed waters, Florida water, and bay rum	per liquid gallon	20 0
Wines—Sparkling—For six reputed quarts, or twelve reputed pints	.....	10 0
Other kinds ... ..	per gallon	5 0
Other kinds—For six reputed quarts, or twelve reputed pints ... ..	.....	5 0
Beer, ale, porter, spruce, or other beer, cider, and perry—		
In wood, or jar ... ..	per gallon	0 6
In bottle ... ..	per gallon	0 9
For six reputed quarts, or twelve reputed pints ... ..	per gallon	0 9
Tobacco—Delivered from ship's side or from a Customs Bond for home consumption—manufactured, unmanufactured, and snuff		
Unmanufactured, entered to be manufactured in the Colony. At the time of removal from a Customs Bond or from an importing ship to any licensed tobacco manufactory for manufacturing purposes only into tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes .. ..	per lb.	3 0
Unmanufactured, entered to be manufactured in the Colony. At the time of removal from a Customs Bond or from an importing ship to any licensed tobacco manufactory for manufacturing purposes only into tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes .. ..	per lb.	1 0
Sheepwash ... ..	per lb.	0 3
Cigars and Cigarettes (including wrappers in latter case) ... ..	per lb.	6 0
Opium, and any preparation thereof ... ..	per lb.	20 0

*Diminishing Duties.*

Candles per lb., or reputed package of that weight, and so in proportion for any such reputed weight, night lights, and stearine	per lb.	s. d. 0 1
From 1st July, 1897... ..	per lb.	0 0½
From 1st July, 1899... ..	.....	Free.
Oil, Kerosene, naphtha, and gasoline ... ..	per gallon	0 6
From 1st July, 1896... ..	per gallon	0 3
From 1st July, 1897... ..	.....	Free.
Oils, except linseed oil (raw or boiled), fish and seal oils, black whale, coconut, sperm, palm, and essential oils ... ..	per gallon	0 6
From 1st July, 1896... ..	per gallon	0 3
From 1st July, 1897... ..	.....	Free.

Sugar—Refined.	Sugar—Raw and Solid Glucose.	Molasses and Treacle—Glucose, Liquid and Syrup.	
per cwt. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.	
6 8	5 0	3 4	Until 30th June, 1897, inclusive.
5 4	4 0	2 8	From 1st July, 1897.
4 0	3 0	2 0	From 1st July, 1898.
2 8	2 0	1 4	From 1st July, 1899.
1 4	1 0	0 8	From 1st July, 1900.
Free.	Free.	Free.	From 1st July, 1901.

Biscuits

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		s. d.
Biscuits ... ..	per lb.	0 1
From 1st July, 1898 ... ..	per lb.	0 0½
From 1st July, 1900 ... ..	.....	Free.
Confectionery (including cakes, comfits, liquorice, liquorice paste, lozenges of all kinds, cocoanut in sugar, sugar-candy, succades, and sweetmeats) ... ..	per lb.	0 2
From 1st July, 1898... ..	per lb.	0 1
From 1st July, 1900... ..	.....	Free.
Fruits—Dried, candied, and prunes (exclusive of dates) ... ..	per lb.	0 2
From 1st July, 1898... ..	per lb.	0 1
From 1st July, 1900... ..	.....	Free.
Jams and Jellies—per lb. or reputed package of that weight, and so in proportion for any such reputed weight ... ..	per lb.	0 1
From 1st July, 1898... ..	per lb.	0 0½
From 1st July, 1900... ..	.....	Free.
Preserves and canned fruits, fruits boiled, peel drained or dry ... ..	per lb.	0 1
From 1st July, 1898... ..	per lb.	0 0½
From 1st July, 1900... ..	.....	Free.

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

## 14. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, That a Bill be brought in founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 2), for the establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid,*"—which was read a first time.

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

## 15. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Reid moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

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

## 16. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Reid moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Separation of Queensland from New South Wales:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) On what date was the present Colony of Queensland separated from New South Wales?
- (2.) At the adjustment of accounts between the two colonies, what amount was it agreed should be paid by Queensland to New South Wales?
- (3.) What arrangements were made as to such payment, and what guarantees were given *re* the same?
- (4.) On what dates were the moncys in question paid to New South Wales?
- (5.) Is anything now owing by Queensland to New South Wales?
- (6.) If so, how much, and when will it be paid?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) 10th December, 1859.

(2 to 6.) An Act 26 Vic. No. 8 was passed in this Colony to determine the portions of the Public Debt of New South Wales to be borne by the Colony of Queensland. The Queensland Government had previously passed an Act 24 Vic. No. 4, to appoint Commissioners for the adjustment of amounts with the Colony of New South Wales, but the Queensland Legislative Assembly in 1865 declined to appoint Commissioners. Nothing therefore has been settled. Correspondence on the subject was laid before the Legislative Assembly of this Colony in 1862 and 1865.

(2.) South Wallsend and Cardiff Coal Companies:—Mr. Watkins asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of royalty received from the South Wallsend or Cardiff Coal Company for the years 1893 and 1894?
- (2.) What amount per ton is being received from the said Company at the present time?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Nil.

(2.) 6d. per ton due on the round, and 3d. per ton on the small coal, but nothing is being received at present. The Crown Solicitor has been asked to investigate this matter, and take the necessary action to protect the interests of the Crown in obtaining payment of the royalty.

(3.) Mining on Private Lands Act Amendment and Mining Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—Does he intend to reintroduce, at an early date this Session, the "Mining on Private Lands Act Amendment and Mining Act Amendment Bill," which was passed by the Assembly and sent to the Council during the last Parliament?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Government hope to be able to introduce this Bill at an early date.

(4.) Land abandoned in the Central and Western Divisions:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the total area of land abandoned by Crown lessees in the Central and Western Divisions?
- (2.) How much of this land has been improved by fencing and conserving water upon it?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) This information will be furnished in the form of a return if moved for in the usual manner.
- (2.) These particulars could not be supplied without an inspection of the ground.

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- (5.) Plasterers working at the Justice Department:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the plasterers working at Justice Department are being paid at the rate of 6s. per day?
  - (2.) If this is the case, will he see that the usual rate paid under Government contracts is insisted upon?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware, but am having the necessary inquiries made.
  - (2.) Most certainly.
- (6.) His Honor Mr. Justice Windeyer:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to Answer given to Mr. Schey's Question No. 7, on 5th instant,—
- (1.) Has he yet referred the matter to the Crown Law Officers, as proposed?
  - (2.) If so, what is the opinion expressed by them?
- Mr. Reid answered,—Not yet.
- (7.) Schedule to the Estimates:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will the schedule, as placed upon the Table by him in the last Parliament, suit the Estimates now before the House?
  - (2.) When will the schedule under the Road Vote be placed upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) No; it is being revised and will be laid on the Table shortly.
  - (2.) Probably next week.
- (8.) Managing Trustee of the Savings Bank of New South Wales:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What are the duties of the Managing Trustee of the Savings Bank of New South Wales?
  - (2.) How many days per week is the Managing Trustee employed, and how many hours per day?
  - (3.) After the statement made by the Colonial Treasurer regarding the amalgamation of the Savings Bank and the Post Office Savings Bank, do the Government consider it necessary to appoint a successor to the late Mr. Wise?
  - (4.) What is the salary attached to the office of Managing Trustee?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) The daily and constant supervision of the banking establishment under advice and direction of the Chairman and Board of Trustees.
  - (2.) Daily, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., excepting Saturdays, when the hours are from 9 to 1.
  - (3.) This matter will be taken into consideration when the recommendation of the trustees is dealt with.
  - (4.) £1,350 per annum.
- (9.) The Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Pyers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) In view of the alarming deficiency in the Superannuation Fund, and the great injustice that must accrue to all those who are still paying into this fund, will he provide for the repayment of all amounts paid into this fund, or place said fund on a satisfactory basis during this Session of Parliament?
  - (2.) Will he state what action he will take in the matter?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2.) When the proper time arrives.
- (10.) Timber Licenses:—Mr. Pyers asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he take the necessary steps to reduce the present very high charges made for timber licenses, which is a very heavy charge on timber-getters with the low prices of timber?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This matter is now under consideration.
- (11.) Tenders for Tramway Castings:—Mr. Egan, for Mr. Edden, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The names of tenderers and amounts of respective tenders, for tramway castings which closed at Commissioners Office on the 7th June, 1894, and marked tenders for tramway castings from 1st July, 1894, to 30th June, 1895?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the following tenders were received for the supply of iron castings for the Tramway Department for the year ending 30th June, 1895:—W. Taylor, £8 5s. per ton; Pope, Maher, & Co., £9 10s. per ton; Taylor and Wearing, £8 per ton; W. Miller, £9 per ton; J. B. Barclay, £9 per ton; J. S. Rodgers and Son, £9 15s.; Souter and Martin, £8 19s. per ton; R. Gibson, £8 19s. 6d. per ton; Atlas Engineering Co., £14 per ton; J. Sutton and Sons, £9 3s. 4d. per ton; F. Revett, £8 14s. per ton; G. and C. Hoskins, £9 9s. per ton; J. Simpson, £8 4s. 2d. per ton; Morrison and Bearby, £10 2s. 6d. per ton.
- (12.) Town Commons of Tumut, Adelong, and Grahamstown:—Mr. Travers Jones asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the town commons of Tumut, Adelong, and Grahamstown have been thrown open to lease?
  - (2.) Is he also aware that the said commons have been applied for in large areas?
  - (3.) What action will he take to restore the commons for the benefit of the residents?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) By notice of 13th April, 1892, in *Government Gazette* 290, all temporary commons were reserved from annual lease. That notice has not been cancelled, nor is it intended at present to cancel it.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) The applications will come before the Land Boards in due course, and be finally disposed of by the Minister for Lands, who, under the Land Act of 1895, can refuse any application for an annual lease

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(13.) Drawback, Refund, or Allowance to Messrs. Tooth & Co. (Limited):—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Hughes*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount of drawback, refund, or allowance was obtained from the excise department or Treasury during each month of the year 1893 by the firm of Tooth & Co. (Limited), brewers, Sydney, in accordance with the Beer Duty Act?

(2.) What are the particulars and dates of each drawback, refund, or allowance transaction; the amount of money received, and when received, whether by duty stamps, cash, or cheque, whether on beer, ale, stout, or porter; the number and denomination of casks and their contents, with the name of the excise officer who certified to passing and examining each lot submitted for drawback, refund, or allowance?

(3.) How was the application for drawback, refund, or allowance made in each instance, and by whom; does the Act provide for a declaration; if so, who made any such declaration, and in whose presence was it made in every instance; to whom was the application for drawback, refund, or allowance made in each instance, and on what date?

(4.) What are the particulars of the excise returns—bulk ale and stout and bottle ale and stout—in each month from 1st July, 1893, to 1st July, 1894; number of gallons and number of dozens paid excise by Tooth & Co. (Limited)?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—This information should be moved for in the shape of a return, which I shall be glad to lay upon the Table when ordered.

(14.) Landing Waiters:—*Mr. Wilks* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are a landing waiter's duties and his salary, does he give security for the faithful performance of his duties, and does he get paid for overtime?

(2.) Has the overtime payment been reduced lately, and to what extent?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) The supervision of goods imported, also of goods exported under bond and for drawback. The salaries vary from £180 to £384 according to seniority. Security to the extent of £500 is given by each landing waiter. Overtime is allowed.

(2.) From 1st March, 1894, overtime has been paid at the rate of 2s. per hour; previous to that date the rate allowed was 2s. 6d.

(15.) Local Government Office:—*Mr. Wilks* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to locate the Local Government Office in the same building as the Colonial Secretary's Department?

(2.) (a) What is the number of electoral registrars who are also clerks in the Chief Electoral Office; (b) what is the amount of their emoluments, and their hours of attendance?

(3.) (a) What is the number of electoral registrars (who are not employed as clerks) located at the Chief Electoral Office; (b) what is the amount of their emoluments, and their hours of attendance?

(4.) Is it not the intention of the Electoral Act that the registrars shall have their offices in their respective electorates?

*Mr. Brunner* answered,—

(1.) There is no intention at present.

(2 and 3.) I will lay a return upon the Table to-morrow giving the desired information.

(4.) This matter has not yet been considered.

(16.) Mining Lease within Parramatta Park:—*Mr. O'Reilly* asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the fact that, according to official reports, Parramatta Park is not auriferous, and the expressed objection of the Park trustees, will he refuse to grant the application of one *George Hawkins* for a mining lease within the park?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—This matter has not yet been finally dealt with.

(17.) Consolidated Revenue Account:—*Mr. McMillan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the actual balance of Consolidated Revenue Account, 30th June last, after deducting suspense and other accounts not properly chargeable to it?

(2.) What was the amount of unexpended balances on 30th June, arising out of the old system of charging expenditure to the year in which it was appropriated?

(3.) Does the amount of deficiency in last Ways and Means, which the Treasurer proposes to cover by Treasury Bills, represent the actual cash deficiency under the new system?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) Debit balance, £166,450 2s. 1d., which will, however, be reduced by sums to be repaid to the extent of £115,838 15s.

(2.) £1,059,853 5s. 3d., after allowing for estimated savings to the amount of £559,588 15s. 1d. This sum of £1,059,853 5s. 3d. will be increased by proposed Supplementary Estimates for 1895 and previous years, amounting to £64,303 2s. when passed.

(3.) As explained in my Financial Statement, the new system came into operation on 1st July, 1895. The deficiency in Ways and Means for 1895 and previous years represents the actual debit cash balance on 30th June, 1895, and the outstanding liabilities.

(18.) Head Master at Sydney Grammar School and Sydney High School:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Miller*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What is the total amount in salary, fees, and allowances received by—

(1.) The Head Master of the Sydney High School?

(2.) The Head Master of the Sydney Grammar School?

*Mr. Garrard* answered,—

(1.) For the year 1893, £733 10s.; for the year 1894, £717.

(2.) For the year 1893, £1,615; for the year 1894,\* £1,406 13s. 4d.

\* Was absent on leave, and was paid reduced salary for that period.

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(19.) Cope's Creek Preferential Occupation License:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Return to Order relating to the reinstatement of Cope's Creek preferential occupation license, and Owen M'Cosker's applications for annual leases, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The papers will be laid upon the Table in the course of a few days.

(20.) Coal-mining on Private Lands on Shores of Port Jackson:—Mr. Dugald Thomson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, if successful in stopping the alienation of harbour reserves for coal-mining purposes, use all the powers of the Government to prevent coal-mining on private lands on the shores of Port Jackson in such prominent positions as to seriously disfigure the harbour, or in populous residential districts which will be greatly injured by such industry?

Mr. Reid answered,—The matters alluded to in this Question are under the consideration of the Government.

(21.) Granting of Leases to Mine for Coal on Shores of Port Jackson:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Griffith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government fix a day when the motion standing in Mr. Griffith's name with regard to the appointment of a Select Committee, to inquire into the granting of leases and the right to mine for coal in the vicinity of Port Jackson, can be dealt with?

Mr. Reid answered,—The matters to which the honorable gentleman refers are under the consideration of the Government, and the honorable gentleman had better defer his Question until the decision of the Government respecting them is made known.

2. WATER SUPPLY FOR WYALONG:—Mr. Greene presented a Petition from residents in the towns of Wyalong, Wyalong West, and the Wyalong Gold-fields, representing that great distress exists through the want of a water supply for domestic and mining purposes; and praying that immediate steps may be taken to provide a water supply for the Wyalong Gold-fields.  
Petition received.

3. LAND TAX:—The following Petitions, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By *Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Millard—From the Council of the Municipal District of Moruya.

(2.) By Mr. Frank Farnell—From the Council of the Borough of Drummoyne.

(3.) By Mr. W. H. B. Piddington—From the Council of the Municipal District of Uralla.

(4.) By Mr. Price—From the Council of the Municipal District of Rockdale.

Petitions received.

4. SPECIFIC DUTIES:—Mr. F. Clarke presented the following Petitions, representing that resolutions were unanimously carried affirming the advantages realised from the specific duties on grain, sugar, timber, farm and dairy products; and praying for the retention of the duties until the entire question of Customs Duties is dealt with by a Federal Parliament:—

(1.) From John Clarke, as Chairman of a Public Meeting at Yarravel, Macleay River.

(2.) From Edmund Debenham, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Frederickton, Macleay River.

Petitions received.

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

(1.) Income Tax Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 7.*

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

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 11th September, 1895.*

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

(2.) Land Tax Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 8.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th Section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for imposing a Tax on Land.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 11th September, 1895.*

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

6. MIDWIFERY NURSES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Dr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote the better training of women as midwifery nurses, and for their registration as such.

Question put and passed.

(2.)

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- (2.) Dr. Graham then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to promote the better training of Women as Midwifery Nurses, and for their registration as such*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 24th September.
7. **TEMORA HOLDING, EASTERN DIVISION (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. W. H. B. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all plans, papers, and documents, in reference to the proposal of the licensee of Temora Holding, No. 437, Eastern Division, to exchange certain lands on that holding for those comprising equal area now thrown open for homestead selection on 12th September.  
Question put and passed.
8. **TRUCK BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate contracts made with respect to and the payment of wages, to prohibit such payment being made in goods or otherwise than in money, and to regulate the service of legal process.  
Question put and passed.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. McElhone, 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 fact that on Monday, the 9th September, a lavatory compartment was marked "engaged, and was run empty from Narrabri to Singleton, such car being kept empty for Mr. Gould, Minister of Justice, to the great inconvenience of ladies and children in the train."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
10. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table.—  
(1.) Particulars respecting the application of Mr. T. S. Huntley, on behalf of the Sydney Harbour Collieries Company (Limited), to mine upon and under land at Bradley's Head.  
(2.) Letter from Mr. T. S. Huntley, Manager of the Sydney Harbour Collieries Company (Limited), desiring that certain rent and labour conditions may be granted to applicants for mining authorities at Bradley's Head.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. **LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Neild moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of the proviso "in sub-section II of clause 9, lines 35, 36, 37," instead thereof.  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
*Speaker's Ruling*:—Mr. Speaker ruled that it was irregular to discuss the whole Bill at this stage, and that the debate must be restricted to the proposed amendment, viz., the recommittal for the reconsideration of the proviso in sub-section II of clause 9.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of the proviso in sub-section II of clause 9, lines 35, 36, 37,—put and passed.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup> with a further amendment.  
Ordered, That the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
12. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—  
(3.) *Resolved*,—That in aid of the Revenue of the Colony, and to provide for the annual supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, levied, and paid for every year commencing from the first day of July, 1895, upon and in respect of all lands within the Colony held in private ownership, including mortgages and other interests in such lands (with such exemptions, exceptions, deductions, adjustments, conditions, and qualifications as are prescribed in the Assessment Act of 1895), a tax of one penny for every pound sterling of the unimproved value of all individual holdings, and to impose an additional tax of twenty pounds for every hundred pounds of the land tax in the case of absentees.  
(4.) *Resolved*,—That in aid of the revenue of the Colony, and to provide for the annual supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, levied, and paid for every year commencing from the 1st day of July, 1895, upon and in respect of the annual income derived by or accruing to any person from any profession, trade, employment, or vocation, followed or carried on in  
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New South Wales, or from any salary or allowance from any office or employment of profit in the Public Service of New South Wales, or from any pension or allowance payable from the Consolidated Revenue or the Civil Service Superannuation Account, or any other public Account, and upon and in respect of income from pastoral lands of the Crown held under lease or license issued by or on behalf of the Crown, or arising or accruing to any person, wheresoever residing, from any kind of property (not being lands, mortgages, or other interests in land held in New South Wales, and subject to the payment of land tax) or from any other source of income whatsoever in New South Wales not previously specified (with such exemptions, exceptions, qualifications, adjustments, and deductions as are prescribed in the Assessment Act of 1895), for every 20s. of the annual value or amount thereof a tax of 6d.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

## 13. LAND TAX BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 3), to impose a Tax in respect of Land, of Mortgages on Land, and of Leasehold, and other interests therein.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to impose a Tax in respect of Land, of Mortgages on Land, and of Leasehold, and other interests therein,*"—which was read a first time.

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

## 14. INCOME TAX BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 4), to impose a Tax on Incomes.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to impose a Tax on Incomes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed

The House adjourned accordingly, at four minutes before 11 o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 14.

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1895.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, and read to the House a letter from him on the subject.

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

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS (*Election Petition—Archer v. McMillan—Burwood*):—Mr. Henry Clarke, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 4th September, 1895, the Petition of William Archer, in reference to the return of William McMillan, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Burwood.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Deputy Speaker, as follows:—

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 14th August, 1895, to whom was referred on 4th September, 1895, a Petition from William Archer against the return of William McMillan, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Burwood, have determined and do hereby declare:—

“1. That William McMillan, Esquire, the sitting Member, has been duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of Burwood.

“2. That the Petition of William Archer is not frivolous nor vexatious.

“3. That the Committee make no award as to costs.

“No. 3 Committee Room,  
“Legislative Assembly,

“12th September, 1895.”

“HENRY CLARKE,  
“Chairman.

Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Clarke, That the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Contracts for Clothing for Postal Department:—Mr. Schey asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Are tenders being called, or about to be called, for supplies of clothing for employees of his Department?

(2.) Is it a fact that, on the last occasion of such contracts being let, the contract for clothing was given to a man who was by trade a cap-maker, thereby causing the whole of the clothing work to be sublet?

(3.) Will he, in letting present and future contracts, insert a clause therein by which subletting will be prohibited?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is not known what trade the last contractor had followed. He had previously held Government contracts for the supply of uniform caps. I am not aware that the contract was sublet; all moneys were paid direct to contractor.

(3.) Yes.

(2.) Contractor for Work on Garden Island:—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did any firm or contractor for work on Garden Island violate the conditions of the Minister's minute as to minimum wage?

(2.) What is the name of such contractor or firm?

(3.) Has this contractor or firm been allowed to take other Government contracts since that occurrence; and, if so, what other contracts has he had from the Government, and is he still carrying out such work?

Mr.

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Mr. Young answered,—Yes; and as soon as it was known the penalty inflicted by the contract, viz., cancellation, was carried out. Subsequently, however, on the grounds that it was the first default, and that the contractors, upon my calling upon them to do so, had paid the workmen the stipulated wage, I revoked the cancellation notice, thinking that this course would be sufficient to prevent a repetition of the offence, substantial justice in the meantime having been done to the workmen affected.

(3.) Men working at Shea's Creek :—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that if a man is found to be working in the name or on the ticket of another man on the Shea's Creek he is discharged, the money already earned confiscated, and his Bureau ticket cancelled, and every effort made to prevent the man getting any other employment?

(2.) Is the penalty adjusted on the same principle as that in contractors violation of conditions of contract?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) When a man is found to be personating he is discharged without pay, and his Bureau ticket is returned to the Bureau, but no further action is taken. Unless some such course were followed there would be no check to an evil which militates against the interests of honest and deserving workmen.

(2.) The cases are not parallel. All breaches of contract are dealt with according to the specified conditions thereof.

(4.) Electors disfranchised from Voting :—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that electors were debarred from voting at the last elections on the grounds that the numbers on the rights and the Poll Clerks' check rolls did not correspond?

(2.) What means have electors in determining that the numbers on the rights and check rolls are identical?

(3.) What steps does he propose to take for the removal of this cause of disfranchisement?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied from the Chief Electoral Office :—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Act prohibits the disclosure of any entry contained in the check rolls.

(3.) As far as can be ascertained there has been no case of disfranchisement from cause stated.

(5.) Military Reserve at Bradley's Head :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any portion of the military reserve at Bradley's Head been revoked, to allow of mining operations being carried on there?

(2.) If not, will he take steps to prevent any action of the kind being taken?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—If the honorable gentleman will ask this Question of the Secretary for Mines he may possibly obtain the information he desires. I would point out to him, however, that the revocation of reserves comes under the administration of the Department of Lands, while mining operations come under the administration of the Department of Mines.

(6.) Applications of Mr. T. S. Huntley to mine at Bradley's Head or Robertson Point :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What were the dates of *Gazette* notices of the application of T. S. Huntley to mine at Bradley's Head?

(2.) What were the dates of *Gazette* notices of the application of T. S. Huntley to mine at Cremorne or Robertson Point?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Application 384, section 28 Mining Act, 1874, *Gazette* notices were published 10th, 17th, and 24th April, and 1st May, 1894. *In re* the applications for mineral leases at Bradley's Head and Cremorne Point, no notices were published in the *Government Gazette*, but possession of each area was taken. Notices posted on the Warden's office, on the nearest post office, and on the land as required by the Regulations relating to mineral leases.

(7.) Thinning-work in the Forests near Narrandera :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that the price paid for some of the thinning-work in the forests near Narrandera is so low that the men engaged in the work cannot make a profit, and are therefore unable to help their wives and children?

(2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the matter, and see that there is a fair schedule price for the work?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I have received a telegram from the Forester in charge of the thinning-work in the forest near Narrandera, in which he states that an ordinary bushman can earn 7s. a day at the work, and that a smart man can earn as much as 8s. per day of eight hours. The schedule rates were fixed upon the basis of 7s. for a day of eight hours. The officer, who is responsible for the fixing of the rates, was asked to so fix them that the men could earn 7s. a day, and I am told that the men can earn that amount. Honorable Members will recollect that a similar complaint was made in connection with the Murray River forest-thinning. It was stated in that case that the men could not earn 2s. a day. I have a distinct recollection that that statement was made when the schedule rates were fixed. I subsequently received a report showing that the men were satisfied with the rates, and I afterwards received no complaint from them.

(8.) Children attending Public Schools at Cleveland-street, Bullanaming-street, &c. :—Mr. Anderson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—The number of children over the age of 8 years, who are residents in the borough of Alexandria, attending the following public schools, viz. :—Cleveland-street, Bullanaming-street, George-street, Erskineville, and Waterloo public schools?

Mr. Garrard answered,—I will lay the information upon the Table next week in the form of a return.

(9.)

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- (9.) Revenue derived from the Railways :—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the net revenue earned by the railways during the past twelve months?
  - (2.) In computing the net returns for railway revenue, are allowances made for depreciation of rolling-stock, station-houses, and other railway plant?
  - (3.) If yes, what amount is allowed for the depreciation of the value of rolling-stock during the past twelve months?
  - (4.) What was the amount of interest paid last year on the capital invested in the railways and tramways of the Colony?
  - (5.) What was the loss entailed during the last twelve months in working the railways?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

- (1.) The net revenue of the railways and tramways during the past year was £1,361,938.
- (2. and 3.) The usual practice of the best railway companies is followed, that is, to keep the whole of the property in good and efficient condition. No revaluing of the property takes place year by year. All rolling stock required to replace worn-out or defective stock is paid for out of working expenses; in fact, many items in connection with additional works, which might fairly be charged to the capital account, are debited to working expenses.
- (4. and 5.) The interest paid last year by the railways on the total capital expenditure on lines open for traffic was 3·60 per cent. and 3·83 per cent. upon the capital on which the country has to pay interest. The average rate of interest on the money borrowed is equal to 3·77 per cent. The percentage of interest on the capital returned by the tramways is 3·69 per cent.

- (10.) University Vote :—*Mr. A. B. Piddington* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has he received a memorandum from Sir William Windeyer, Chancellor of the University, with reference to the reduction in the University vote?
- (2.) If so, will he lay the memorandum upon the Table of the House?

*Mr. Garrard* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I will presently lay a copy of this communication upon the Table.

- (11.) Fine imposed on Free Selectors :—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Secretary for Lands,— Will he at once consider the necessity of introducing a short measure to relieve the selectors who are in financial arrears from paying the 10 per cent. fine imposed by the Act?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The relief sought is granted without any further legislation in every case of default the result of inadvertence, accident, or other similar cause. In all cases the merits are considered upon application to remit the fine.

4. LAND TAX :—The following Petitions, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867,—were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By *Mr. Greene*—From the Council of the Municipality of Grenfell.
  - (2.) By *Mr. McFarlane*—From the Council of the Municipality of Ulmarra.
  - (3.) By *Mr. Garrard*—From the Council of the Municipal District of Smithfield and Fairfield.
  - (4.) By *Mr. Sydney Smith*—From the Council of the Borough of Bathurst.
  - (5.) By *Mr. Perry*—From the Council of the Borough of Cowra.
  - (6.) By *Mr. F. Clarke*—From the Council of the Municipal District of Port Macquarie.
  - (7.) By *Mr. Robert Jones*—From the Council of the Municipal District of Cudgegong.
  - (8.) By *Mr. Meagher*—From the Council of the Municipal District of Blayney.
- Petitions received.

## 5. PAPERS :—

*Mr. Garrard* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Nautical School-ship "Sobraon" for the year ended 30th April, 1895.
- (2.) Letter from the Senate of the University of Sydney in reference to the reduction in the vote for Additional Endowment.

*Mr. Sydney Smith* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amendment of Regulation No. 2 of the Regulations relative to Lead Poisoning.
  - (2.) Return to an Order made on 3rd September, 1895,—“The Sugar Industry.”
- Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Brunker* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Particulars respecting Electoral Registrars.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
  - (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

6. LAW OF LIBEL AMENDMENT BILL :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, pursuant to leave granted on the 10th September, 1895, presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the law of libel and defamation*,”— which was read a first time.

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

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7. **HOLT'S WINGELLO ESTATE BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That the Holt's Wingello Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Russell Jones, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Cann, Mr. Perry, Mr. Wood, Mr. Wright, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover.  
 Question put and passed.
8. **GENERAL ELECTIONS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The number of electors on the various rolls who were entitled to vote at the Election of 1895.  
 (2.) The approximate number of electors qualified to vote.  
 (3.) The percentage qualified to vote to the number on the rolls, the percentage recorded to the number on the rolls, and the percentage recorded to the number qualified to vote.  
 (4.) The number of electors on the rolls, and the number of votes recorded at the General Elections of 1891, 1894, and 1895.  
 (5.) The number of votes polled at each polling-place for each candidate, together with the informal votes.  
 (6.) The approximate number of electors disfranchised at the late election by reason of removal from one electorate to another, by arriving at age since January last, by the non-delivery of electors' rights, and by reason of the names being off the roll, although they held these rights.  
 Question put and negatived.
9. **WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893," and the Acts amending the same, so as to extend the franchise to adult female persons resident in New South Wales.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Bavister,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. A. B. Piddington,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Howarth,	Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Pyers.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Smailes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Millen.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Lec,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Bull,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Raymond,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Gormly.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Alexander Campbell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. **EMU GRAVEL AND ROAD-METAL COMPANY'S TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. Deputy Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the construction, maintenance, and control of the Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company (Limited) of a tramway from the property known as the Prospect Quarries to the Toongabbie Railway Station, and connecting with the Great Western Railway, and to carry passengers and goods thereon,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 12th September, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
 President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, read a first time.

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

11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Grenfell, Mr. Greene, 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 water supply at 'Wyalong Gold-field.'" And the motion for adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members, Mr. Greene moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and negatived.

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12. **WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL:**—Mr. Willis, pursuant to leave granted this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,' and the Acts amending the same, so as to extend the franchise to adult female persons resident in New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.

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

13. **CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Afleck,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Gurrard,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Storey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Young,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Whiddon.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. See,	Mr. Wood.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Hunter,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Wuddell,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Willis,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Reid then moved, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Gurrard,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Young,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Edden.
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Cook,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. Howarth,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. See,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Chanter,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1895, A.M.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Molesworth reported the Bill with amendments. Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

14. **LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Reid moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Compensation to the Crew of the Whaling Barque "Chance":—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Sydney-owned whaling barque "Chance," in or about the year 1870, rescue some seventy-eight American citizens from ice-bound ships in the Antarctic Ocean, and convey such persons to Honolulu?

(2.) Did the Government of the United States of America thereafter grant a sum of 10,000 dollars as compensation to the crew of the "Chance," and reward for saving said American citizens, &c.?

(3.) Has such sum of money, or any of it, been paid over to the crew of the "Chance" or any members thereof?

(4.) If not, what is the reason of the delay?

(5.) When will the money be paid over, and under what conditions?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 to 5.) I find that the United States Congress voted 16,000 dollars as compensation for the rescue of ninety-six American seamen from ice-bound vessels in the Arctic Ocean and the conveyance of the men to Honolulu. Of this amount there was paid to the Government of New South Wales a sum of £2,448 7s. 2d. to pay to the owners of the British barque "Chance," of the port of Sydney, New South Wales, to indemnify them and the officers and crew of the said barque for abandoning their whaling voyage in the Arctic Ocean in the month of September, 1871, and rescuing the seamen as above stated. The amount received was paid over in 1890 to the registered owners of the "Chance."

(2.) Railway Clothing:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that much of the last supply of railway clothing was of such inferior quality that it was returned to the contractor?

(2.) Was any portion of such returned clothing (if any) afterwards accepted by the Railway Department at a reduced price?

(3.) Was such clothing afterwards served out to employees in lieu of better, to which they were entitled?

(4.) Are contracts about to be let for a supply of clothing for railway and tramway employees?

(5.) Will he endeavour to get the Railway Commissioners to insert a clause in all future clothing contracts prohibiting any subletting of the same?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed a portion of the supplies was unsatisfactory, and the contractor was called upon to make good the defects, and, in addition, was made to suffer a reduction on the prices contracted for.

(3.) The clothing, after being strengthened, was found to be satisfactory, and was issued for use.

(4.) Yes, in a few months time.

(5.) The Commissioners have no knowledge of sub-letting, and do not consider it necessary to alter the existing contract conditions.

(3.)

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- (3.) Nepean Waterworks:—Mr. Hogue asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total cost, to the end of August, 1895, of the construction of the Nepean waterworks and repairs thereto?

Mr. Young answered,—£2,544,682 Os. 6d.

- (4.) Travelling Expenses of Civil Servants:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that objection has been taken to Notice of Motion No. 4, on the Business Paper of the 11th instant, in Mr. Affleck's name, going as a formal motion, will he state,—

- (1.) What was the total cost from the 1st January to the 30th June, 1895, as travelling expenses incurred by the officers of the Treasury Department?
- (2.) The same with regard to the Colonial Secretary's Department?
- (3.) The same with regard to the Public Works Department?
- (4.) The same with regard to the Public Lands Department?
- (5.) The same with regard to the Mines and Agricultural Department?
- (6.) The same with regard to the Education and Labour Department?
- (7.) The same with regard to the Justice Department?
- (8.) The same with regard to the Attorney-General's Department?
- (9.) The same with regard to the Post and Telegraph Department?

Mr. Reid answered,—Personally I think this is information for which it is perfectly legitimate to ask, and, unless the action of the House the other night in reference to the matter amounted to a refusal of the particulars, I will see whether I cannot lay them upon the Table.

- (5.) Dee Why Lagoon:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the Dee Why Lagoon (between Pittwater and Manly) and the adjoining land abutting on the ocean been claimed and fenced by private persons?
- (2.) Is this public property, and will he take steps to assert any Crown rights in respect to same?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that this land has been fenced, but the lands surrounding Dee Why Lagoon have been alienated, and the grants are described as being bounded by the lagoon.
- (2.) The lagoon itself is public property; and if specific complaints are made as to infringement of the Crown rights an inquiry will be instituted.

- (6.) Agreement between Railway Commissioners and Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table a copy of the agreement subsisting between the Railway Commissioners and Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons, tourist agents?
- (2.) If so, when?

Mr. Reid answered,—There will be no objection if moved for in the usual way.

- (7.) Release of Prisoners convicted for Riot at Walgett Quarter Sessions, 1894:—Mr. Meagher asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that three prisoners convicted for riot at the October sittings, 1894, of Walgett Quarter Sessions, have been released from custody?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a prisoner named Laracy is still serving a sentence in connection with the said offence, and that the evidence revealed Laracy was a student at a Sydney college, whose only means of paying for his education was his labour during the shearing season, and that he bore an excellent character?
- (3.) Will he also consider the cases of the remaining men under sentence?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Yes. Remissions equivalent to the ordinary good conduct remission upon sentences exceeding twelve months were granted to the three prisoners, whose sentences were ten, eleven, and twelve months respectively—in view of their good conduct while serving their sentences.
- (2.) Yes; but there is nothing in the papers in the Department to show that he was a student at any college.
- (3.) The remaining prisoners will, as their sentences exceed twelve months, be entitled to the ordinary remission for good conduct—similar to that granted the prisoners already discharged.

- (8.) Water supplied Free by the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage:—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Russell Jones, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The names of all the institutions, charitable and otherwise, that are supplied with water by the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage free of cost?

Mr. Young answered,—As the Answer to this Question is somewhat voluminous, I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the information sought by the Honorable Member.

- (9.) Loading Wool at Bourke Railway Station and Darling Harbour:—Mr. Millen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the men employed loading wool at the Bourke railway station are required to work ten hours per day for a wage of 6s., and that as they are employed intermittently they frequently earn only 25s. per week?
- (2.) Will he suggest to the Railway Commissioners the desirableness of making such arrangements as will permit of a wage being earned sufficient to maintain the men so employed?
- (3.) What is the wage paid for similar work at Darling Harbour?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the men referred to in these questions are temporary hands whose employment depends entirely upon the quantity of wool to be dealt with, and they are engaged as the requirements demand. They are paid at the rate of 6s. per day while at work, and temporary men employed at Darling Harbour are paid the same.

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2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*Election Petition—Stephen v. Dacey—Botany*):—Mr. Henry Clarke, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 27th August, 1895, the Petition of William Stephen, in reference to the return of John Rowland Dacey, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Botany.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 14th August, 1895, to whom was referred, on 27th August, 1895, a Petition from William Stephen against the return of John Rowland Dacey, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Botany, have determined and do hereby declare,—

“1. That John Rowland Dacey, Esquire, the sitting Member, has been duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of Botany.

“2. That the Petition of William Stephen is not frivolous nor vexatious.

“3. That the Committee make no award as to costs.

“No. 3 Committee Room,  
“Legislative Assembly,  
“13th September, 1895.”

“HENRY CLARKE,  
“Chairman.

Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Clarke, That the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

3. LAND TAX:—The following Petitions, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Watson—From the Council of the Borough of Young.

(2.) By Mr. Morton—From the Council of the Municipal District of Berry.

(3.) By Mr. Ferguson—From the Council of the Municipality of Silverton.

(4.) By Mr. Perry—From the Council of the Municipality of Murrurundi.

Petitions received.

4. EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE TO WOMEN:—Mr. Molesworth presented a Petition from certain residents of New South Wales, praying the House to pass a Bill to enable women to vote at the Election of Members to the Legislative Assembly.  
Petition received.

5. FARMERS AND SETTLERS ASSOCIATIONS:—Mr. Hayes presented a Petition from Gunning Francis Plunkett, President, and John Louis Tréflé, Secretary of the Farmers and Settlers Associations of the Colony, submitting certain resolutions dealing with the land and other laws of this Colony, agreed to by delegates assembled at Cootamundra, and praying the House to take such resolutions into favourable consideration.  
Petition received.

6. PAPER:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return showing names of all institutions supplied with water by the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage free of cost.

7. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

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

*Message No. 9.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Act.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 17th September, 1895.*

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

8. DARLING ISLAND RAILWAY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

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

*Message No. 10.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the construction and use of lines of railway to Darling Island, along and across certain roads and highways, and for purposes incidental thereto.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 14th September, 1895.*

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



17th September, 1895.

9. FRANCHISE EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Hogue moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893" by extending the franchise to certain persons disqualified from voting under the said Act.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Hogue then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893' by extending the franchise to certain persons disqualified from voting under the said Act,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. ACCUSED PERSONS EVIDENCE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act in relation to accused persons giving evidence on their own behalf.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Meagher then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act in relation to accused persons giving evidence on their own behalf,*"—which was read a first time.

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

11. LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the practice of the legal profession by amalgamation of the separate branches thereof, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Schey then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the practice of the legal profession by amalgamation of the separate branches thereof, and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

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

12. INEBRIATES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to inebriates, and for other purposes connected with the same.

Question put and passed.

13. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) What was the total cost from the 1st January to the 30th June, 1895, as travelling expenses incurred by the officers of the Treasury Department.

(2.) The same with regard to the Colonial Secretary's Department.

(3.) The same with regard to the Public Works Department.

(4.) The same with regard to the Public Lands Department.

(5.) The same with regard to the Mines and Agricultural Department.

(6.) The same with regard to the Education and Labour Department.

(7.) The same with regard to the Justice Department.

(8.) The same with regard to the Attorney-General's Department.

(9.) The same with regard to the Postal Department.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Macdonald.
Mr. Bull,	
Mr. Meagher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGowen.
Mr. Wheeler,	

Dr. Ross,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Mackay
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Reymond,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Gormly.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Hayes,
Mr. A. B. Piddington.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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14. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*):—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Huynes,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. A. B. Piddington,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Macdonald.
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Thomas,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Moore.

Noes, 24.

Dr. Ross,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Raymond,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Greene.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Perry.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a tax on land and a tax on income; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.*"

Question put and passed.

15. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Young, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Young then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 17th September, 1895.*

16. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 8th October:—

(1.) Law of Libel Amendment Bill; second reading.

(2.) Homes Protection Bill; second reading.

17. LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1895-6:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 11.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales, on account of Public Works and other Services, for the year 1895-6, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 17th September, 1895.*

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

18. LOAN ESTIMATE FOR REPAYMENT OF LOANS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 12.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales, on account of repayment of Loans, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 12th September, 1895.*

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

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19. **DISMISSAL OF CONSTABLE EASTERBROOK:**—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the charges made against, and the dismissal of, Constable Easterbrook.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Levien, Mr. Travers Jones, Mr. Russell Jones, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Barnes, and the Mover.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
20. **COLONIAL MARBLE AND BUILDING STONE:**—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all marble and other building stone, required for public works in New South Wales, should be procured from native deposits; and where possible from Crown lands by workmen employed directly by the Government.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
21. **SELECTIONS MADE BY MARTIN TULLY:**—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of certain selections in the county of King, parish of Winduella, Land District of Gunning, made originally by Martin Tully.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. F. Clarko, Mr. Ashton, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Millen, Mr. Rose, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Travers Jones, Mr. Chanter, and the Mover.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
22. **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Public Instruction Act of 1880," so as to render instruction in the Public Schools free.  
*Point of Order:*—Mr. Garrard requested Mr. Speaker's ruling as to the necessity for a preliminary Committee before the introduction of this Bill, it being a measure involving the loss of school fees, and therefore taxation to make good that loss.  
 Mr. Speaker stated that, in his opinion, the objection taken was not tenable.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
23. **OLD AGE PENSIONS:**—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, asylums for the aged and infirm should be superseded by a system of old age pensions.  
 (2.) That this House requests the Government to introduce during the present Session a Bill to give effect to the foregoing resolution.  
 Mr. Fegan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on  
 15th August, 1895.*

24. **CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Reid moved, That the report be now adopted.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
25. **SUPPLY:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1895, A.M.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, that the reception of the resolutions stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

26. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

Acto South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS (*Election Petition—Wall v. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick—Rylstone*):—Mr. Henry Clarke, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 10th September, 1895, the Petition of William Chandos Wall, in reference to the return of John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Rylstone.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 14th August, 1895, “ to whom was referred, on 10th September, 1895, a Petition from William Chandos Wall against “ the return of John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District “ of Rylstone, have determined and do hereby declare:—

- “ 1. That the election for the Electoral District of Rylstone is wholly void.  
“ 2. That the Petition of William Chandos Wall is not frivolous nor vexatious.  
“ 3. That the Committee make no award as to costs.

“ And the Committee desire to express the gravest censure for the negligent manner in “ which the election was conducted.

“ No. 3 Committee Room.

“ Legislative Assembly,

“ Sydney, 18th September, 1895.”

“ HENRY CLARKE,

“ Chairman.

Mr. Clarke moved, That the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

*Adjournment of the Committee*:—Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of. Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would delay the issue of the Writ for a new election until Tuesday next, to give the Government time to consider what course should be taken with regard to the Returning Officer.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Revenue and Expenditure of the Forest Department:—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The amount of revenue collected by the Forest Department from the year 1885 to 1894 inclusive?  
(2.) The amount of expenditure during the same term?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table in the shape of a return.

(2.) Government Metallurgical Works at Granville:—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the amount in total proposed to be spent in connection with the Government Metallurgical Works at Granville?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The total amount to be spent immediately is £6,000.

(3.) Military Reserve at Bradley's Head:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has any portion of the military reserve at Bradley's Head been revoked, to allow of mining operations being carried on there?  
(2.) If not, will he take steps to prevent any action of the kind being taken?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) No. It was given under the Mining Act as a usual mineral lease.  
(2.) No intention, so far as I am aware, to revoke any part of the reserve.

(4.)

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- (4.) Death-rate of Sheep in the Northern Districts :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has the Department received from Messrs. Pottie & Sons, sheep experts, an intimation from the Northern Districts that the sheep are not dying in that locality from starvation, but from preventable causes?
  - (2.) Will the Department ascertain the truth of it?
  - (3.) Will the Department also ascertain whether the present death-rate in sheep is chiefly confined to stations on which poisonous drugs have been used for years for the cure of parasitical diseases?
  - (4.) Will the Department ascertain whether any stations in the New England District are free from the present death-rate, and the reasons why?
  - (5.) Have the Department formulated any system of action calculated to alleviate the present death-rate among sheep?
  - (6.) What has been the percentage of loss of cattle, sheep, and lambs during the present drought?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) Yes; a communication to that effect was received from Mr. H. Pottie, and another from Messrs. Pottie and Sons.
  - (2.) They were asked, on the 9th instant, to state definitely what the treatment was, and a reply was received from Mr. H. Pottie, on the 13th instant, to the effect that he had not time to write, as he was leaving Sydney.
  - (3.) As some of the heaviest death-rates have occurred in the north-western part of the Colony where no poisonous drugs have been used, it is not considered necessary to make such an inquiry.
  - (4.) The Department will endeavour to ascertain whether any stations in New England are free from present death rate, and if so, why.
  - (5.) As starvation is the primary and principal cause of the heavy losses now occurring among our sheep, and the drought is general, nothing but rain can bring relief.
  - (6.) The percentage of losses of cattle, sheep, and lambs cannot be ascertained until the returns are collected at the end of the year.
- (5.) Artesian Bores :—Mr. Millen asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What depth of artesian boring has been put down for the Government from 1st August, 1894, to 1st August, 1895?
  - (2.) What was the contract price paid for same, exclusive of cost of casing?
  - (3.) What was the cost of casing?
  - (4.) What is the estimated quantity of boring for which tenders will be invited during the ensuing twelve months?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The information asked for will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a return.
- (6.) Work by the Government Astronomer :—Mr. Mackay asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he consider the advisability of requesting the Government Astronomer to continue his work on "The Climate of New South Wales," published in 1877, so as to bring the valuable information contained in it up to date?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—Yes.
- (7.) Reclaiming of White's Creek, Roselle Bay :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he in a position to state when the reclaiming of White's Creek, Roselle Bay, will be started?
- Mr. Young answered,—I am not, as a difficulty has arisen with regard to arriving at some equitable arrangement with the adjoining landowners, but I hope to have the matter decided shortly.
- (8.) Long Cove Canal :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to have a report furnished to him without delay of the cost, &c., of extending the present Long Cove canal to Battle Bridge, with the object of providing employment for many deserving unemployed living in the surrounding electorates?
- Mr. Young answered,—I will inquire into the matter.
- (9.) Ministers of the Crown occupying separate Railway Compartments :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) With reference to a return presented to Parliament relative to the issue of free passes, entitling the holders thereof to travel free by railway, is the practice still continuing of giving free passes to the wives, daughters, and female relatives of Members of Parliament and Ministers?
  - (2.) By what authority are Ministers entitled to occupy a separate railway compartment?
  - (3.) By what authority do the Railway Commissioners allow Ministers to occupy separate compartments in railway carriages, or give free passes to wives, daughters, &c., of Ministers, Members of Parliament, &c.?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Free passes are not allowed to the wives or families of Members of Parliament.
  - (2 and 3.) The Railway Commissioners authorise the use of a reserved compartment for the accommodation of Ministers of the Crown when travelling by railway.
- (10.) Applications for Re-appraisal under Land Act of 1895 :—Mr. Millen asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many applications for re-appraisal, under section 9 of the Land Act of 1895, have been received?
  - (2.) What is the total sum deposited with these applications?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—The information desired by the honorable gentleman will be furnished in the form of a return as soon as the same can be accurately compiled.

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- (11.) Refund of Legal Expenses incurred by George Dean:—*Mr. Watkins*, for *Mr. Davis*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will the Government refund the amount of legal expenses incurred by George Dean in his being represented at the Royal Commission which recently proved his innocence?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at.

- (12.) Drafting of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill drawn by the Parliamentary Draftsmen?  
(2.) If not, by whom was it drawn?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

- (1.) No.  
(2.) By *Mr. J. L. Campbell*, barrister-at-law, one of the most able and competent draftsmen in the Colony.

- (13.) Contractor for Work on Garden Island:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Bavister*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In regard to the unanswered portions of *Mr. Bavister's* Question No. 2 on Business Paper of Thursday last—Breach of Contract, Garden Island—what is the name of the firm, and what contracts in his Department have since been let to said firm?

*Mr. Young* answered,—The firm referred to is Messrs. Farley and M'Carthy. No other contracts have since been let to them.

- (14.) Charges against *Mr. Manton*, made by *Mr. J. B. Roth*:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has he received several letters from a *Mr. J. B. Roth*, making charges against *Mr. Manton*, the Officer-in-charge of forest-thinning operations in the Murray district?  
(2.) If so, what action has he taken in regard to the matter?  
(3.) What further action does he intend to take regarding it?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
(2.) The matter has been referred to the Crown Solicitor.  
(3.) That will depend upon the advising of the Crown Solicitor.

- (15.) Tug-boats at Newcastle:—*Mr. Wilks* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Messrs. A. and J. Brown frequently run some of their tug-boats 100 miles seaward from Newcastle without an engineer on board possessing the necessary qualification for sea-going steamers?  
(2.) Is it the opinion of the Marine Board that steamers used for the purposes of towage outside of harbour limits do not come within the provisions of the Navigation Act, 35 Vic. No. 7, requiring masters, mates, and engineers to hold the usual certificate necessary to other steamers?  
(3.) If so, will he, in the proposed amendment to our present Navigation Act, place steamers used for towing at sea upon the same footing as all trading steamers?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

- (1.) The Marine Board have reason to believe that Messrs. A. and J. Brown occasionally send their tug-boats beyond the recognised limit for harbour and river steamers without having an engineer with the proper certificate on board.  
(2 and 3.) No. Under the present Act a registered steam-tug is considered to be a coast-trade ship.

- (16.) Resumption of Benevolent Asylum Land for Railway Purposes:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Hogue*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the Government yet come to any determination in regard to resuming, for railway extension purposes, the valuable piece of land on which the Benevolent Asylum stands in Pitt-street and Devonshire-street?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—No.

3. LAND TAX:—The following Petitions, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867,—were presented by the Members named,—

- (1.) By *Mr. Watson*—From the Council of the Borough of Temora.  
(2.) By *Mr. Cook*—From the Council of the Borough of Lithgow.  
(3.) By *Mr. Robert Jones*—From the Council of the Borough of Mudgee.  
(4.) By *Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Garrard*—From the Council of the Municipality of Prospect and Sherwood.  
(5.) By *Mr. Lyne*—From the Council of the Municipal District of Canterbury.  
(6.) By *Mr. McCourt*—From the Council of the Municipality of Bowral.  
(7.) By *Mr. T. R. Smith*—From the Council of the Municipal District of Penrith.  
(8.) By *Mr. Haynes*—From the Council of the Municipal District of Wellington.  
Petitions received.

4. EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE TO WOMEN:—*Mr. McLean* presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales, representing that it is expedient that the electoral franchise should be extended to women, and praying the House to take measures to further the objects petitioners have in view.  
Petition received.

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## 5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Substitution of Amended Regulations Nos. 49 and 148 under the Crown Lands Acts.  
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 29th August, 1895, "Battery Reserve, Pullaming Station, "Mooki River."

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the case of Regina *versus* George Dean.

(2.) Blue Book for the year 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

## 6. GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 13.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads, and without making or maintaining fences along the said line; and for other purposes.

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

## 7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Reid moved, without Notice, That it is a case of urgent and pressing necessity that a Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the repayment of Loans should be passed through all its stages on this day, and that such Standing Orders be suspended as would 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 are come to by the said Committees respectively.  
Question put and passed.(2.) Mr. Reid moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the repayment of Loans 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 are come to by the said Committees respectively.  
Question put and passed.8. ROAD BETWEEN COOBOOL ISLAND AND SWAN HILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, and other documents relating to the application of residents for the opening of a road between Coobool Island and Swan Hill, on the River Murray.  
Question put and passed.9. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—(1.) Mr. Harris moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to light the streets, also public and private places of the City of Sydney, with the electric light, and also places outside the said city, and to exercise all powers necessary for such purposes, and for the generating and supply of electric power, and for the above purposes to raise by debentures the sum of £250,000.  
Question put and passed.(2.) Mr. Harris then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to light the streets, also public and private places of the City of Sydney, with the electric light, and also places outside the said city, and to exercise all powers necessary for such purposes, and for the generating and supply of electric power, and for the above purposes to raise by debentures the sum of £250,000,*—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 12th November.

10. REFERENDUM BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the reference of certain questions or Bills to the electors of New South Wales for their decision.  
Question put and passed.

## 11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned debate on the subject of "Old Age Pensions" postponed until Tuesday, 5th November.

12. POSTAGE ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—(1.) Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Postage Acts Amendment Act, 56 Victoria No. 31.  
Question put and passed.(2.) Mr. Cameron then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Postage Act: Amendment Act, 56 Victoria No. 31*"—which was read a first time.

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

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13. **DARLING ISLAND RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the construction and use of lines of railway to Darling Island, along and across certain roads and highways, and for purposes incidental thereto.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
14. **GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads, and without making or maintaining fences along the said line; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
15. **NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Act.  
Question put and passed.
16. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of certain resolutions from the Committee of Supply, the Chairman of Committees moved, That the resolutions be now received.  
Question put and passed.  
The resolutions were then read a first time, as follows:—

**ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF REPAYMENT OF LOANS  
PROPOSED TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN.**

**Repayment of Loans.**

(2.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £977,400, for Repayment of Loans: being to meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due in 1896, viz.:—£219,400 in January—Railways and Public Works, 29 Victoria No. 9; and £758,000 in July—Railways and Public Works, 29 Victoria No. 23.

**ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER SERVICES  
FOR THE YEAR 1895-6 PROPOSED TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN.**

**Permanent and Reproductive Works.**

**III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.**

(3.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £75,000 for Miscellaneous Services: being £70,000 to provide accommodation for the Infirm and Destitute at present located at Liverpool, Parramatta, and other institutions; and £5,000 for Newington Asylum—Permanent additions, &c.

**IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.**

**IV.—RAILWAYS.**

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £180,000 for Railways: being £80,000 for Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, and Buildings; for Rolling Stock and for other purposes, including Safety Appliances—further sum; and £100,000 towards Improvement of Grades and Curves between Wellington and Dubbo, Locksley and Brewongle, and other places.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £10,000 for Tramways being for Additions to Workshops and Buildings, and for other purposes.

**VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.**

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £100,000, to promote settlement under the Crown Lands Act of 1895—towards meeting the Cost of Clearing and otherwise Improving of Lands for Settlement Purposes, and Expenses incidental thereto.

**VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.**

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £317,325 for Railway Construction Branch: being £30,000 for Railway Trial Surveys—further sum; £50,000 for Construction of tramways generally; £43,000 for Berrigan to Jerilderie Railway; £130,200 for Parkes to Condobolin Railway; £25,000 for Land Resumptions for authorised Railways; £6,700 for further Extension of Railway into Cemetery at Rookwood; £5,425 for Land Claims on old Railway Lines; and £27,000 for Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway—further sum.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £303,600 for Harbours and Rivers Branch: being £4,000 for Rushcutter's Bay—Northern Extension of Reclamation, east side, and for Formation of Beach Road; £50,000 for Richmond River Improvements—further sum; £5,000 for Nambucca River Improvements; £5,000 for Bellinger River Improvements; £6,600 for Tweed River Improvements; £140,000 towards Harbour Works and Improved Shipping Facilities, Port of Newcastle; £76,000 for Reclamation and Dredging, including cost of resumption of land, &c., Cook's River; £12,000 for Trial Bay Harbour Improvements; and £5,000 towards Improving Entrance to Camden Haven.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £93,000 for Government Architect: being £3,000 for Supreme Court, Sydney—additions; £12,000 for Art Gallery—additions, &c.; £4,000 for Public Works and Chief Secretary's



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Secretary's Office—additions, &c.—further sum; £30,000 for Kenmore Hospital for Insane—further sum; £13,500 for Treasury Buildings—additions—further sum; £18,500 for Mines Department—erection of offices; £6,000 for Museum—additions, &c.; and £6,000 for erection of offices for Board of Health.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £3,520 for Roads and Bridges and Sewerage—Additional cost of Bridges erected jointly by the Governments of Victoria and New South Wales over the Murray River at Wahgunyah, Tintaldra, Jingellie, and Mulwala.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £35,500 for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board: being £34,500 for Duplicate Rising Main—Walka to Buttai; and £1,000 for Store Advance Account—to provide for purchase of Stores, the value thereof to be replaced as the cost of specific consumption is ascertained.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £65,000 for Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage: being £25,000 for Country Towns Water Supply generally; £25,000 for Country Towns Sewerage; £6,000 for Mosman's Bay Stormwater Channel; and £9,000 towards straightening Course of Styx and Throsby Creeks, to facilitate the Discharge of Flood-waters.

#### X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £10,000, for Department of Mines—Metallurgical Works and Appliances and expenditure incidental thereto.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £15,000, for Agricultural Branch—Agricultural College and Experimental Farms and Stations.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £105,000, for Water Conservation and Irrigation—Artesian Boring and Public Watering Places: being £100,000 for construction of Works in connection with Water Conservation, Distribution, Drainage, for Artesian Boring on Stock Routes and Crown Land, for the construction of Public Watering Places and Appliances, and expenditure incidental thereto; and £5,000 for Water Supplies for Mining Townships.

#### XI.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for Miscellaneous Services—Construction and Extension of Telegraph and Telephone Lines generally.

#### II.—Other Works.

*To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years, by means of an Annual Sinking Fund.*

#### VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £24,000, for Harbours and Rivers Branch: being £1,500 for New Lighter for Newcastle Harbour; £1,000 for Improvements to Entrance, Cape Hawke; £1,500 for Dock at the Richmond River; £12,000 towards conversion of Grab Dredges into Sand-Pump Dredges; £5,000 for Straightening Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, and erection of Shed, &c., thereon; and £3,000 for New Wharf at Manly Beach.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £41,700 for Government Architect: being £5,100 for Post Offices—erection—Five Dock, Petersham, Stockton, and Mount Victoria; £6,000 for Post Offices, minor towns—erection; £3,000 for Post Offices—Purchase of Sites; £2,000 for Court-houses—erection—Peak Hill and Bowral; £600 for Court-house, &c.—additions—Bellingen; £7,700 for Lockups—erection and sites—Dubbo, Burwood, Junee, Wee Waa, and Surry Hills; £3,000 for Police Stations—erection—Wyalong, Ford's Bridge, and Pallamallawa; £1,000 for Hospital for Insane, Callan Park—Further Accommodation; £3,500 for Hospital for Insane, Rydalmere—Additional Accommodation; £3,300 for Benevolent Asylum, Rookwood—Two (2) additional Pavilions; £3,000 for Coast Hospital, Little Bay—Accommodation for Infectious Diseases; £3,000 for Gaols—Additions, &c.—Young and Tamworth; and £500 for Justice Department Offices, Sydney—additions—further sum.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £96,555 for Roads and Bridges: being £45,200 for Bridges (3) Warrambrooks on Road Walgett towards Brewarrina, &c., Fall's Creek, Ellenborough River, Marra Creek near Butterbone, Gobarralong, Murrumbidgee River, Fish River at O'Connell, Bogan River at Monkey, Namoi River at Walgett, Giant's Creek, Murray River at Albury (Moiety), Turon River at Wallaby Rocks, Cuttaburra Creek (3), Road Bourke to Wanaaring, Molonglo River at Foxlow, Adelong Creek at Moore's Crossing, Colombo Creek, Nunnock Creek, Tantawangle River, Cooradigbee Creek, Tenterfield Creek Tenterfield, Narran River at Angledool or Yerambah, Page's River near Blandford Station, Marra Creek at Hermitage, Bogan River at Buddabadah; £2,220 for Windsor Bridge—Raising and Repairs—further sum; £2,000 for North Bourke Bridge—Approaches; £18,500 for Gundagai Bridge—Reconstruction, &c.; £2,500 for Denison Bridge, Bathurst—Protection of Macquarie River Bank at; £1,150 for Road—Fitzroy Falls, via Belmore Falls, to Robertson—Deviations; £2,610 for Road—Main Western—Wood-blocking portion between City Boundary and Glebe Road; £1,500 for Road through Grand Arch—Jenolan Caves; £5,000 for Enmore Road—Contributions towards cost of wood-blocking; £3,800 for New Steam Ferry Punt for George's River; £6,600 for Bridge at Morpeth—Hunter River; £1,225 for Bridge at Melville Ford—Hunter River; £1,750 for Bridge at Blaxland's Crossing, over Nepean River; £1,500 for Bridge—Nepean River—at Harvey's Crossing; and £1,000 for Road—Granville to Southern Road (Woodville Road). (20.)

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## X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £10,000 for Department of Mines—compensation for cancellation of sale or lease of land in terms of section 45, Lands Act of 1884, and section 2 of Mining Act of 1889.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £50,000 for Forest Branch, for thinning out and otherwise improving forest reserves.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolutions were then read a second time, and agreed to.

17. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Macdonald.
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Dacey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. A. B. Piddington,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Molesworth.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Wright,	Mr. Greene.
Mr. Hassall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Pycers,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Mackay,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Goodwin,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for the establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid.*"

Question put and passed.

18. LAND TAX BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 60.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Gillies,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Law,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Sleath.
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Bull,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. A. B. Piddington,	Mr. O'Reilly.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. See,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Price,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. McFarlane,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Pycers,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Perry.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Greene,
Mr. Morton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

19. INCOME TAX BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(5.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £977,400 be raised by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per centum per annum, for the Repayment of Loans.

(6.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £1,555,200 be raised by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services of the Colony, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

21. LOAN BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means No. 6, to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

22. REPAYMENT OF LOANS BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means No. 5, to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Repayment of Loans.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Repayment of Loans*,"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Repayment of Loans*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Repayment of Loans*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th September, 1895.*

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Survey between Glen Innes and Inverell:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the final survey of the railway line between Glen Innes and Inverell been completed?
- (2.) If so, what is the distance and estimated cost of the said line?
- (3.) In view of the fact that the Legislative Assembly has three times affirmed by large majorities that this line should be constructed, and authority to borrow the money has been given by Parliament, is it the intention of the Government to submit this line for Parliamentary approval with their other railway proposals?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) The field work is complete, and the plans are in progress. Completion has been delayed through other pressing work in hand.
- (2.) Distance, 52 miles 25 chains. The estimate is not yet complete, but will be furnished by the end of October.
- (3.) I can promise the Honorable Member that I will bring this matter before the Cabinet at an early date.

(2.) Stock Route between Manildra Station and Dilga:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Will he see that steps are taken to have the stock route between Manildra Station and Dilga, *via* Gumble, in the counties of Ashburnham and Gordon, thrown open and made available for the use of the travelling public?
- (2.) Is he aware that this road has been in existence as a stock route and public highway for upwards of forty years, but that the Gumble run-holders refuse to open the road or allow the public to make use of it?
- (3.) Will he instruct the district or stock inspectors to see that these stock routes are protected and kept open for the use of the public?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) There is no stock route, only a road from 1 to 1½ chain wide between Dilga and Manildra along Polling Yards, Grail and Cumble Creeks, upon which are situated four reserves. Three are within Burrawang Holding and the other on Brymedura.
- (2.) I am not aware of any obstructions on the road or to the reserves, but will make inquiry, and if they exist will have them removed.
- (3.) The Inspector has been so instructed.

(3.) Parliamentary *Hansard* Staff:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did the Principal Shorthand-writer connected with *Hansard* make representation not long since to the effect,—
  - (1.) That long sittings by this House imposed much hardship upon him and the members of his staff?
  - (2.) That they had to attend constantly to their duties, not only all through those sittings, but many hours afterwards, in each instance preparing the reports of Honorable Members' speeches for the Press?
  - (3.) That if long sittings occurred frequently it would be necessary that the staff should be increased very considerably?
- (2.) Has anything been done regarding these representations; and, if so, to what extent?

Mr. Reid answered,—The pressure which existed during the last Parliament does not now obtain. The staff is adequate to do the duty devolved upon it.

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- (4.) Gangers on the Railway Lines :—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Are the men working as gangers on the railway lines allowed certain holidays which are not granted to the fettlers ; if so, will he take such steps to have the same concessions granted to all working men alike ?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the privilege is an exceptional one, and to extend it generally would entail a very heavy annual expenditure, which the circumstances in no way warrant. Fettlers are paid for all public holidays, or allowed holidays in lieu, and are liberally treated in regard to free railway passes.

- (5.) Waterworks at Tamworth :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What will be the cost of the whole of the waterworks that are now being carried out at Tamworth ?
  - (2.) Is it the same scheme that was recommended and reported on by the Public Works Committee ?
  - (3.) If the scheme has been altered, by whom was it altered, and on whose authority ?
  - (4.) What was the estimated cost of the scheme as recommended by the Public Works Committee ?

Mr. Young answered,—No scheme of waterworks is now being carried out for Tamworth. Since the Public Works Committee reported on the subject a new source of supply has been discovered, and is now being investigated, by which the town of Tamworth will be served by a gravitation scheme. The necessary surveys and plans are not yet complete ; when they are, if the anticipations in connection therewith are realised, the matter will again be referred to the Public Works Committee. The estimated cost of the new scheme is £30,000 ; that of the scheme already reported on by the Committee, £22,500, but if the capitalised cost of pumping is added to the latter sum, which it is necessary to do in order to make a comparison between it and the gravitation scheme, the amount will stand at £36,500 as against £30,000.

- (6.) Compensation for Land, Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the fact that large sums of money were paid as compensation for land in connection with the Marrickville and Burwood railway, after it had been stated in Parliament that all the land required was to be given free of cost, will he in future take the necessary steps to have all such lands transferred direct to the Government before any public work is commenced ?

Mr. Young answered,—By reference to the Act authorising the construction of the railway referred to, it will be seen that it was stipulated that certain portions of the land required were to be given free, and this has been done. As a matter of fact, out of a total of 102 acres 3 roods 9 perches of land resumed from private persons, 34 acres 3 roods 21 perches were transferred without payment, in accordance with the provisions of the statute. I have taken care that in all cases where stipulations have been made for the land to be given free, that such land shall be transferred to the Crown before any contract is accepted, or work begun in connection therewith.

- (7.) Fires at the Kurrajong :—Mr. Morgan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the origin of the recent disastrous fires in the Kurrajong ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I daresay the Honorable Member knows as well as I do how difficult it is to trace the origin of bush-fires. I will, however, cause inquiries to be made in the case referred to.

- (8.) Promotions in the Survey Office :—Mr. Black asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some incompetent and not particularly steady men have been recently promoted to certain vacancies, caused by death, in the Survey Office ?
- (2.) Is it proposed to grant any compensation to those draughtsmen who are likely to be retrenched from the temporary staff of the Survey Office after a continuous service of from fifteen to twenty years ?
- (3.) If so, what will be the rate of compensation ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) No. Promotion is not granted to such men.
- (2 and 3.) The question will be considered when the necessity arises.

- (9.) Goods Rates to Glen Innes :—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a combination of consignees and storekeepers of Glen Innes and Inverell is being formed to obtain all goods *via* Grafton ?
- (2.) In view of the serious loss to the railway revenue thus threatened, will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view of reducing two-ton lots (third-class goods) to be brought under the six-ton rates ?
- (3.) Having regard to the enormous number of empty trucks leaving Glen Innes, will he recommend a reduction in forage and produce rates to Newcastle ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the Railway Commissioners are aware of the combination referred to.
- (2.) The Railway Commissioners regard the present rates as reasonable, and such as are necessary to obtain a fair return for services rendered.
- (3.) With regard to the empty trucks referred to, I am informed that they average one and a half per day. The rates for forage and produce now charged are the lowest in the Australian Colonies, and must be considered to be most reasonable, the rate in truck loads to Newcastle, 324 miles, being 13s. per ton, and to Sydney, 422 miles, 14s. per ton.

- (10.) Closing of Subway, foot of Forbes-street, Newtown :—Mr. McGowan, for Mr. Anderson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the subway that was in existence for the last forty years, passing from Newtown to Alexandria, at the foot of Forbes street, passing under the railway-line, has been closed against traffic, to the inconvenience of the public ?
- (2.) Is he aware that summonses have been issued against persons for passing over the railway from and to the same localities ?

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(3.) Will he take steps to prevent the prosecutions until such time as proper arrangements are made for the travelling public?

(4.) Will he suggest to the Railway Commissioners the desirableness of making such arrangements as will meet with the public convenience?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) I am informed that no right-of-way exists at the place in question, and, as there are so many lines of rails and frequent trains, it is necessary to stop the trespass in the interests of public safety. The actions for trespass were taken by the railway officers, as the trespass continued in spite of warnings.

(4.) I will refer the matter for the consideration of the Railway Commissioners.

(11.) Shea's Creek and Centennial Park Works:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. W. H. B. Piddington, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the total sum spent upon the Shea's Creek works up to 31st ultimo?

(2.) The amount spent thereon since the present Government took office?

(3.) The same information regarding the Centennial Park relief works to 31st idem?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1 and 2.) £203,576 15s. 10d., including work at Shea's Creek, Cook's River, and Muddy Creek. Of this sum £55,288 10s. 7d. has been spent since the present Government came into office.

(3.) This work was begun since the present Government came into office. The expenditure to the date referred to has been £15,867 17s. 7d.

(12.) Re-appraisal of Conditional Leases:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. W. H. B. Piddington, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the present necessitous position of conditional purchasers, will he, in introducing the Bill to extend the time of payment of instalments, also provide for a re-appraisal of conditional leases?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I do not intend to do this.

(13.) Union Bridge over Murray River at Albury:—*Mr. Ball* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware of the rotten and dangerous condition of the Union Bridge over the Murray River at Albury?

(2.) Will he urge on the Victorian Government the absolute necessity of having a new bridge erected without delay?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) I am aware the present structure is in a very unsatisfactory condition.

(2.) The Victorian Government has already been communicated with on the subject, but no decision, so far as I am aware, has been arrived at by them. I will, however, cause a further communication to be addressed to them in regard to the matter. By reference to the Loan Estimates it will be seen that I have already taken the necessary steps to provide funds for a moiety of the cost.

(14.) Water and Sewerage Contracts let to Messrs. Carter, Gummow, and Company:—*Mr. McCourt*, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are works being carried out for the Government by a firm of contractors named Carter, Gummow, and Company?

(2.) Do the works consist of sewerage, North Sydney, aqueducts at Balmain, storm-water canalling at Annandale?

(3.) If so, is it a fact that in the case of the North Sydney sewerage contract this firm has had extended work (not unavoidable extras) given to them without competitive tender to the extent of £20,000 or thereabouts?

(4.) Is it a fact that in the Balmain contract this firm tendered 28½ per cent. under schedule specification, and afterwards got a special privilege over and above some dozen other contractors who tendered with them, viz., an uncontested contract for £15,500 to carry out what is known as the Monier System, by which the cost was increased to the advantage of the contractors?

(5.) Is it a fact that in the Annandale contract the unemployed were used to drain off the water for these contractors, thus putting hundreds of pounds into their pockets by doing work that belonged to their contract?

(6.) Are Messrs. Gillan and Forrest the sureties for the proper fulfilment of the contract for the Balmain work or any other work?

(7.) What connection has a Mr. Hickson with this firm or with the works?

(8.) Is this Mr. Hickson a son of the present Engineer-in-Chief?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) It is a fact that this firm was given an extension of work without competition by my predecessor, on the 30th March, 1894, under the circumstances and conditions disclosed in the papers, copies of which I will presently lay upon the Table.

(4.) It is a fact that this firm tendered for the work referred to at 28½ per cent. under schedule, and the contract was given to them because they were the lowest tenderers. It is also a fact that they were allowed to construct the series of arches required in connection with the contract, under the system called the "Monier system," but, instead of the work costing more than the tendered price, it was actually, as the papers will show, some £257 less. Before agreeing to this, however, I submitted the question to the Departmental Board of Reference, and, acting on their advice, I approved of the portion of the work being carried out under the system named, having, in addition, satisfied myself, as the papers will also show, that the cost of carrying out the work by this system was about the same as that originally specified. I will presently lay upon the Table a copy of the report of the Board referred to, and other papers bearing on the subject.

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(5.) Between tenders being received and the contract commenced reclamation works had been proceeded with to such an extent as to close up the outlet and prevent the ground unwatering at low water; a drain was accordingly cut at a cost of about £70, in order to leave the ground in the same condition as when the tenders were sent in, the contractors at their own cost putting in flood-gates in order to keep their work dry at high-water, a responsibility for which the Department was not liable. I might add that the drain and flood-gates would have had to be made later on in connection with the continuation of the present work, not yet let, and by doing it at this stage the cost of the flood-gates was saved to the Department.

(6.) They are the sureties for the Balmain contract.

(7.) He is engineer to the contractors.

(8.) He is the son of the Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works, but the Balmain contract referred to is being carried out under the supervision of the President of the Water and Sewerage Board and Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage Construction, Mr. Darley. In the case of the other contract referred to, viz., the sewerage works at North Sydney, which was carried out under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works, I am informed that Mr. Hickson, jun., had no connection with the work, being at that time in South Australia.

(15.) Fees and Travelling Expenses to Crown Prosecutors:—Mr. Travers Jones asked the Minister of Justice,—What is the total amount of fees paid to Crown Prosecutors, exclusive of the Attorney-General, during the year 1894; also the total amount of travelling expenses?

Mr. Gould answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Attorney-General's Department:—Fees to Crown Prosecutors, £1,985 16s 1d.; travelling expenses, £336 3s. 6d. This reply relates only to Crown Prosecutors at the Circuit Courts. The Crown Prosecutors at Quarter Sessions are not paid fees, but annual fixed salaries, as shown on the Estimates. It is concluded, therefore, that it is only to the former that the Honorable Member refers.

(16.) Case of William Hadfield:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the months of March and April last past complaints were addressed to the Minister of Justice respecting the ill-treatment received by one William Hadfield at the hands of medical officers attached to Darlinghurst and other gaols?

(2.) Did the said Wm. Hadfield ask for an inquiry into the charges made by him, and did he "undertake on oath and by independent witnesses to substantiate every charge"?

(3.) Did he cause an inquiry to be held without the knowledge of Mr. Hadfield?

(4.) Did the officials implicated exonerate themselves without Mr. Hadfield being allowed an opportunity to prove his charges?

(5.) Has Mr. Hadfield been refused a sight of the *ex parte* statements of the accused officials?

(6.) Is he aware that Thomas Fiaschi, M.D., has given a written certificate which testifies to the neglect and maltreatment complained of, and substantially bears out all the charges made by Mr. Hadfield?

(7.) Will he lay all papers connected with the case upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Ex-prisoner George S. Hadfield did make such complaints.

(2.) Yes; and Hadfield asked to be allowed to give evidence at such inquiry on oath.

(3. and 4.) The Visiting Surgeons to the gaols concerned were called upon for detailed and specific reports upon the several charges made, and these were referred to the Medical Adviser to the Government for his opinion, with the result that the charges were found not to have been substantiated.

(5.) Hadfield requested that copies be furnished him of all reports as to the state of his health by medical men and others from his conviction to his release, but for obvious reasons this could not be acceded to.

(6.) I am not aware.

(7.) The papers are very voluminous, and the matter does not appear to be one to justify the preparation of a return, but there will be no objection to the Honorable Member seeing the papers having reference to the alleged ill-treatment of Hadfield at the hands of the medical officers referred to.

(17.) Application for Settlements under the Crown Lands Act of 1895:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) With reference to proposed settlement under the new Land Act, will he make inquiries with the view of ascertaining if professional land agents have the run of country offices, so much so that applicants for land are referred for information and assistance to these agents by the local Government officials?

(2.) Will he take immediate steps to put a stop to this practice wherever it may be found to exist, and to instruct Crown Lands Agents to render every possible assistance to intending settlers?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes, I will inquire; but I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will specify by letter any case in which this is being done.

(2.) The Crown Lands Agents have been instructed to afford intending applicants every possible information and assistance.

(18.) Powers of Local Land Boards:—Mr. Wright, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have the Local Land Boards power to reduce the price of special area selection below 30s. per acre in cases where the land is proved to be of less value than that sum?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The powers of the Land Boards are limited to making an appraisalment under the 6th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, subject to an appeal by the parties interested or the Minister to the Land Appeal Court. The legal aspect of the question has not yet been brought before the Courts.

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(19.) Compensation to the Crew of the Whaling Barque "Chance":—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary.—Referring to Mr. Schey's Question No. 1, on 17th inst., will he please say—

- (1.) To what person was the money paid, on what date, and who signed the receipt for same, and in what capacity?
- (2.) What steps must be taken by the crew of said vessel to obtain the shares respectively due to them?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) The money was paid to the registered owners (six in number) of the barque "Chance," *pro rata*, according to the shares they held in the vessel, as follows:—W. G. Laidley,  $\frac{1}{8}$ ths, £306 Os. 10d., per Bank of New South Wales, 22nd October, 1890; John Williams,  $\frac{1}{8}$ ths, £612 1s. 9d., per F. A. Wright, 8th October, 1890; Wm. Wolfen,  $\frac{1}{8}$ ths, £306 Os. 10d., per A. Hilder, 1st October, 1890; Samuel A. Joseph,  $\frac{1}{8}$ ths, £306 Os. 10d., per Chas. Breillat, 29th September, 1890; Thomas Brentnall, for J. G. Barron,  $\frac{1}{8}$ ths, £612 1s. 9d., per J. G. Barron, 29th September, 1890; Alfred C. Garrick,  $\frac{1}{8}$ ths, £306 Os. 10d., per H. C. Mitchell, 29th October, 1890.

(2.) Any share of the above amount due to the crew would no doubt be paid by the owners.

(20.) Colling's Writer used in Public Schools:—Mr. Howarth asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Why is the use of Colling's Writer made compulsory, and the use of the Federal Australian Copy-book not permitted in public schools?

Mr. Garrard answered,—The use of seven sets of copy-books is authorised by the Department, in which number both the books referred to are included. No series is made compulsory.

(21.) Lane Cove Road at Pymble:—Mr. Howarth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the actual cost to date of, and the estimated total cost for completing, the deviation of the Lane Cove Road at Pymble?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that a contract has been let for the widening of the bridge for £197 13s. 6d., and it is estimated that the cost of altering the roadway will be £185—a total of £382 13s. 6d. The work is now in hand.

(22.) Closing of Level Crossing at Pymble:—Mr. Howarth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he refuse to allow the gates at the level crossing at Pymble to be closed until the deviation meets the requirements of the district?
- (2.) Will he refuse to accept the dedication of the proposed new road at Pymble?
- (3.) What are the replies to the queries put to him by the deputation which waited on him in reference to this Pymble deviation on 3rd September?
- (4.) Has legal opinion been obtained, and what is that opinion, in reference to this question?

Mr. Young answered,—I have referred the questions involved, so far as my Department is concerned, to the Crown Solicitor, whose report I have not yet received, but I have asked that it be expedited. It is evident that, until I am in possession of this information, I cannot give definite replies to the questions asked by the Honorable Member.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Return respecting children over 8 years of age attending Public Schools at Cleveland-street, Bullanaming-street, &c.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Copies of minutes, &c., respecting contract 79A, North Shore sewerage, and tenders for contract 77, main northern sewer, Annandale and Leichhardt sections.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways] for quarter ended June, 1895.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, parish of Magdala, county of Cook, for the raising of curves and grades near Linden.
- (3.) Correspondence respecting the re-engagement of Mr. E. M. G. Eddy, as Chief Commissioner for Railways.  
Ordered to be printed.

## 3. REPAYMENT OF LOANS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Repayment of Loans*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 19th September, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

4. LAND TAX:—Mr. Griffith presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipal District of Waratah, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867.  
Petition received.



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5. **THE UNEMPLOYED**:—Mr. McGowen presented a Petition from E. D. Black, Chairman, and J. Wheeler, Secretary, of a meeting of unemployed workers and citizens of Sydney, representing that there are numbers of able-bodied men in the city and country out of employment and entirely destitute, and praying the House to pass such legislation as will immediately ameliorate their condition by causing works of a reproductive nature to be at once commenced.  
At the request of Mr. McGowen, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker. Petition received.
6. **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Griffith, pursuant to leave granted on 17th September, 1895, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Public Instruction Act of 1880,' so as to render instruction in the Public Schools free,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 8th October.
7. **PARRAMATTA LOAN AND ELECTRICAL WORK BILL (Formal Motion)**:—  
(1.) Mr. O'Reilly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to make provision for the repayment of £56,600, raised and expended by it for paving, draining, and otherwise improving the said Borough of Parramatta, and supplying the same with water; and also to enable the said Council to light the streets, and also public and private places of the Borough of Parramatta with the electric light or gas, and to exercise all powers necessary for such lighting purposes, and for the generating and supply of electric power and gas, and for the above purposes to raise by debentures the sum of £76,600.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. O'Reilly then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to make provision for the repayment of £56,600, raised and expended by it for paving, draining, and otherwise improving the said Borough of Parramatta, and supplying the same with water; and also to enable the said Council to light the streets, and also public and private places of the Borough of Parramatta with the electric light or gas, and to exercise all powers necessary for such lighting purposes, and for the generating and supply of electric power and gas, and for the above purposes to raise by debentures the sum of £76,600,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. **DESTRUCTION BY FIRE OF THE STEAMER "RODNEY" (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters and other documents relating to the claim made by Messrs. Permewan, Wright, & Co., against the Government for compensation for the destruction of their steamer "Rodney."  
Question put and passed.
9. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS ACT AMENDMENT AND MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the Mining Act of 1874, and for other purposes in connection therewith.  
Question put and passed.
10. **DARLING ISLAND RAILWAY BILL**:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the construction and use of lines of railway to Darling Island, along and across certain roads and highways; and for purposes incidental thereto.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction and use of lines of railway to Darling Island, along and across certain roads and highways; and for purposes incidental thereto.  
On motion of Mr. Young, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the construction and use of lines of railway to Darling Island, along and across certain roads and highways; and for purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. **GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads, and without making or maintaining fences along the said line; and for other purposes.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads, and without making or maintaining fences along the said line; and for other purposes.  
On motion of Mr. Garrard, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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## 12. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Act.

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

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

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

*Resolved*.—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Act.

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

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Act*,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Garrard, pursuant to leave granted this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads, and without making or maintaining fences along the said line; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

14. LAND TAX BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. A. B. Piddington,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Dick.
Mr. Black,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Ball,	

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Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. See,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Pyles,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Carroll.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Perry,
Mr. Kelly.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to impose a Tax in respect of Land, of Mortgages on Land, and of Leasehold, and other interests therein*."

Question put and passed.

15. INCOME TAX BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Reid then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to impose a Tax on Incomes*."

Question put and passed.

16. LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On

19th September, 1895.

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

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

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

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

17. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business, the Orders of the Day of General Business, Nos. 1 to 5, and Notice of Motion No. 1 of General Business postponed until Tuesday next.

18. **CASE OF MR. A. J. C. SINGLE**:—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of A. J. C. Single, late Roads Superintendent at Cowra, who retired from the service on account of loss of sight.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Sleath, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Perry, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Brunner moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fourteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Officer Commanding Public School Cadet Force:—Mr. Cameron asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Who is the officer commanding the Public School Cadet Force?
- (2.) What is his rank, and the dates of his commissions?
- (3.) What salary does he receive?
- (4.) What has been his previous military service?
- (5.) What are the special qualifications for the position he fills?
- (6.) Who is his next in command, his rank, previous service, duties, and salary?
- (7.) Was this officer formerly the Officer Commanding; why was he removed from the position, and upon whose recommendation was he so removed, and was any accusation of incapacity brought against him?
- (8.) Who is the next officer on the Staff, his rank, previous service (military and otherwise), his duties, and salary?
- (9.) Was this officer formerly Superintendent of Drill in the Department; who is the Superintendent now; why was the former Superintendent removed from the position; was he held to be incapable, or was the office abolished; if abolished, why was he not reappointed when the position was revived?
- (10.) Upon whose recommendation was the present Superintendent of Drill appointed?
- (11.) Had he previous experience; and, if so, of what character?
- (12.) Is the officer who made this recommendation the same as he who recommended the removal of the late Commanding Officer?
- (13.) Has not the present Commanding Officer received expensive training as a teacher in the Public Schools at the cost of the State?
- (14.) Is it not a fact that the Officer Commanding has on his Staff a Lieutenant-Colonel, a higher rank than he himself occupies?
- (15.) Will he say why this apparent military anachronism was not provided against when the late Commanding Officer was superseded?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) John Dettmann.
- (2.) Major, gazetted on 11th October, 1889.
- (3.) £515 per annum.
- (4.) Six years in the New South Wales Volunteer Infantry.
- (5.) A thorough knowledge of his duties.
- (6.) Alfred Paul, Lieutenant-Colonel; twenty years' commissioned service in the Partially-paid Force of the Colony; second officer in command of the Infantry in the New South Wales Soudan Contingent. His duties are drill instruction and generally assisting the Officer Commanding. Salary, £350 per annum.
- (7.) Yes; removed by the Minister, Mr. Suttor, for retrenchment purposes. No accusation of incapacity was brought against him.
- (8.) Wesley P. Mulholland, Captain, was in the Volunteer and Partially-paid Forces of the Colony from 1861 to 1889, with the exception of service in New Zealand in 1863-4. His duties are drill instruction and to assist in the duties of the Cadet Branch, as directed by the Officer Commanding. Salary, £335 per annum.
- (9.) No, but temporarily performed the duties for some time. The present Superintendent is Major Dettmann. The former Superintendent, Lieutenant-Colonel Strong, retired from the service.

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- (10.) He was made Superintendent of Drill in conjunction with his appointment as Officer Commanding the Cadet Force.
- (11.) Answered by No. (5).
- (12.) Appointed by the same Minister, Mr. Suttor, who removed the former Commanding Officer.
- (13.) Only the same as other First-class Teachers.
- (14 and 15.) The Cadet Force is not a military organisation. Lieutenant-Colonel Paul holds his rank from the military, and not from the Education Department.
- (2.) Proposed Road from Lower Portland to Leets Vale Post Office :—Mr. Morgan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has anything been done with regard to proposed road from Lower Portland to Leets Vale Post-office *via* the Hawkesbury River?
- (2.) Will he place on the Estimates a sum of money for this road?
- Mr. Young answered,—I have received a report on his subject, and will deal with it in the course of a day or two and acquaint the Honorable Member as to the decision I shall have arrived at thereon.
- (3.) Exchange of Land with Owner of Toganmain, Hay District :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Do the Government contemplate offering to exchange with the owner of Toganmain, Hay district, all their reserves there for a block of freehold on the west of the run, which block is without timber, with a lesser rainfall, further from Sydney, of a soil less suited for agriculture than the reserves offered in exchange?
- (2.) How many thousands of acres of Crown lands does the proposed exchange measure approximately?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) Negotiations have been initiated with the object of exchanging an area of about 38,000 acres, which would have the effect of consolidating the Crown lands on this large holding, but no formal application has yet been lodged.
- (2.) When an application has been made, the matter will be fully investigated by the Local Land Board, of which due notice will be published in the *Gazette* and a local newspaper.
- (4.) Questions and Answers :—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) In order to save time, will he take into consideration the advisability of substituting for the oral method of answering questions placed on the Business Paper the manner of printed reply current in America?
- (2.) If so, will he endeavour, when opportunity serves, to alter our system?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I think the suggestion of the Honorable Member worthy of consideration. But I should think the Standing Orders Committee the best body to consider such a suggestion.
- (5.) Land Tax Proposals,—Local Government Bill :—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of the Municipal Councils of the Colony have petitioned against the State Land Tax proposals of the Government?
- (2.) Will he, in considering any future Local Government Bill, consider the advisability of remedying the defect in their (council's) constitution by abolishing or modifying the provisions for accumulative voting?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) I believe a large number of the Municipal Councils have petitioned to that effect.
- (2.) Whether the matter referred to is a defect or not is open to much doubt.
- (6.) Military Sports at Newcastle :—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the military authorities contemplate holding sports at Newcastle on 9th November next?
- (2.) If so, will the Government be responsible if any loss occurs?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) Yes; a naval and military tournament.
- (2.) No.
- (7.) Mr. Stephen, late Member for Botany :—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he willing to lay upon the Table of the House any papers that may exist in connection with a complaint made against the late Member for Botany, Mr. Stephen, of travelling on the public tramways without payment?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed the Railway Commissioners have no papers in this case, but it is ascertained that one of the conductors reported that Mr. Stephen, after ceasing to be a Member, had travelled by tram without paying his fare. Mr. Stephen was written to by the Tram Manager in the matter, when Mr. Stephen called on him and stated that he might have unintentionally missed paying his fare, but would take care to see that the regulation in future would be observed.
- (8.) Properties in Pitt-street, between Market and Park Streets :—Mr. Henry Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the value of properties on the west side of Pitt-street, between Market and Park Streets, has been decreased by 30 per cent. through the failure of the police to prevent the congregation and continuous loitering of a large number of people on the footpaths?
- (2.) Is he aware that frequent representations have been made to the Inspector-General of Police about the very serious loss and inconvenience caused to owners and occupiers of property, and to the ordinary pedestrian traffic, by reason of the congregation of the aforesaid people and the conversion of this portion of Pitt-street into a place for discussing race-meetings and registering bets?
- (3.) If he is aware of the above facts, will he instruct the Inspector-General of Police to take such

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such steps as the circumstances of the case warrant; at all events to considerably modify the serious loss and inconvenience now occasioned to the owners of property and the business people in the neighbourhood?

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

- (1.) I am not aware of any exceptional depreciation in rentals in the locality referred to.
- (2.) Repeated representations have been made to the police on the subject.
- (3.) The by-law under which the police have to take action is inoperative to a large extent; but numerous prosecutions have been instituted by the police which, to some degree, has abated the nuisance, but the locality is the constant resort of betting people, with whom it is found almost impracticable to deal effectively without the introduction of a more stringent law.

- (9.) Post-office at Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—Is he aware that the verandah, &c., at the post-office at Molong is in a dangerous and dilapidated state; when are the necessary repairs likely to be carried out, and what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Cook answered,—I am aware that repairs are required at Molong, and an amount has been authorised for this work. The matter is now in the hands of the Works Department, and it is understood that tenders will be invited forthwith. The delay has been caused through want of funds. The verandah will be placed in a safe condition at once.

- (10.) Phillips, late Manager of defunct Austral Bank:—Mr. Meagher asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that all prisoners sentenced in connection with Bank and Building Society prosecutions have been released but one—Phillips, the manager of the defunct Austral Bank?
- (2.) What were the sentences imposed on each prisoner so released, and terms of imprisonment served at the time of such release?
- (3.) What sentence was imposed upon Phillips, and what term has he served?
- (4.) Will he consider the expediency of extending the same clemency to Phillips?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Without further particulars as to the prisoners alluded to it is impossible to answer the first part of this question. The prisoners who were released served periods ranging from three years to three years and seven months respectively.
- (3.) Four years. He has served two years ten and a half months.
- (4.) No; this is not a case for extending clemency. Apart from the serious character of the charge, Phillips' misconduct in gaol has been of so serious a character as to render it impossible to grant any concessions.

- (11.) Introduction of Roads Bill:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to introduce this Session a Roads Bill, to supersede the present slow and cumbersome methods of dealing with the opening of roads through private lands; if not, can he say when he will be able to do so?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Owing to the state of public business the passage of the Roads Bill is delayed for the present, but it is intended to introduce it during the next Session of Parliament.

- (12.) Use of Arsenic for Cure of Diseases in Sheep and Destruction of Rabbits:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has the attention of the Stock Department been directed to the fact that our English consumers of colonial mutton, rabbits, &c., have discovered that enormous quantities of arsenic have been used by stock-owners for the cure of diseases in sheep and the destruction of rabbits?
- (2.) Is the Department alive to the fact that this information may have a serious effect in destroying confidence in the English market of the consumption of our colonial mutton, rabbits, &c.?
- (3.) Is the Department prepared to suppress the excessive use of arsenic and all poisonous drugs in the cure of diseases in sheep, especially such as are likely to be exported for consumption in the shape of food?
- (4.) Can he furnish any information or approximate information in regard to the quantity of arsenic that is used annually for the cure of diseases amongst sheep in the Colony?
- (5.) Is it not also a fact that so-called sheep dips or arsenical drenches, and the use of injections of attenuated virus, are of late years seriously interfering with the quantity and quality of our wools and condition of our sheep?
- (6.) Is it true that the Government of Queensland have withdrawn from the market the virus manufactured by themselves, on account of the virus becoming a serious source of engendering all manner of cancers and other contagious diseases in stock?
- (7.) Will he see that steps are taken to have such grave and important matters submitted to some competent tribunal or Board of scientific experts for investigation and report?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) No; it is not known that such discovery has been made, but it is quite certain that the quantity of arsenic used on sheep could not affect the mutton.
- (2.) If the mutton were affected by it, which it is not, it might have the effect stated. The only rabbits exported are those that are trapped, not poisoned.
- (3.) As the drenching of sheep with a preparation in which arsenic is used does not have the effect alluded to, the Department does not see any reason for interfering so as to prevent owners from using it as a drench.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) The information obtained on this point is to the effect that neither the sheep nor the wool suffer from the arsenic drench when properly prepared and administered, and that the injection of virus is a success.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) It appears to me unnecessary for such an investigation to be made.

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2. **LAND TAX:**—The following Petitions, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867,—were presented by the Members named,—

- (1.) By Mr. Pyers—From the Council of the Municipality of Coraki.
  - (2.) By Mr. See—From the Council of the Borough of Grafton.
  - (3.) By Mr. T. R. Smith—From the Council of the Municipal District of St. Marys.
- Petitions received.

3. **CASE OF GEORGE DEAN:**—Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from George Dean, referring to his conviction and sentence for having administered poison to his wife with intent to kill, also to the appointment of a Royal Commission, its finding, his release, and the free pardon granted to him; and praying, with reference to a Question and Answer in the Legislative Council, that he may be furnished with such particulars as to the author of the statement alluded to in that Answer, and the evidence upon which it was made, as will enable him to clear his character from the undeserved stigma which such a statement by a Minister of the Crown has cast upon him.
- Petition received.

4. **REPAYMENT OF LOANS BILL:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker.—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 14**Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Repayment of Loans,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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5. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Schedule to the Estimates for 1895–6, showing the total remuneration received by all public officers who hold more than one office, or who received any fees, special allowance, quarters, fuel, or light, in addition to their fixed annual salaries, during the half year ended 30th June, 1895.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Gunnadilly and Weston, counties of Buckland and Pottinger respectively, for a bridge over Mooki River, at Wohallow.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, for the Sydney Water Supply.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Moonbia, county of Gipps, for the construction of a weir at Island Creek, and a way of access thereto.

(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Ollallulla, county of Murray, for an approach to bridge over Jerrabatgulla Creek, at Oranmere.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 29th August, 1895,—“Newcastle Hospital.”

(2.) Correspondence respecting charges against Department of Charitable Institutions.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Amended Regulation under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.

6. **HOLT'S WINGELLO ESTATE BILL:**—Mr. Bavister, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 12th September, 1895, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bavister then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

7. **HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 15.**Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the procuring and laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in and the control and management of the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto.

*Government House,**Sydney, 24th September, 1895.*

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

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8. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS ACT AMENDMENT AND MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Sydney Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

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

*Message No. 16.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend and extend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the Mining Act, 1874, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 23rd September, 1895.*

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

9. **EIGHT HOURS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
- (1.) *Case of Urgency*:—Mr. Schey moved, without Notice, That it is a case of urgent necessity that the Debate upon the Eight Hours Bill (Order of the Day No. 1 upon the Business Paper No. 16) be continued without interruption by Government Business at 8 o'clock.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Suspension of Sessional Order*:—Mr. Schey then moved, without Notice, That the Sessional Order adopted on the 15th August, 1895, providing that Government Business only shall be taken after 8 o'clock p.m. on Tuesdays, be suspended for this day only, to allow of the consideration and determination of the Eight Hours Bill.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes 16.  
Mr. F. Clarke,  
Mr. Mackay,  
Dr. Ross,  
Mr. Lyne,  
Mr. Meagher,  
Mr. Chapman,  
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Nelson,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Ewing,  
Mr. Perry.

*Tellers,*  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Schey.

Noes 63.  
Mr. Reid,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Gould,  
Dr. Graham,  
Mr. Brunker,  
Mr. Sydney Smith,  
Mr. McElhone,  
Mr. McLaughlin,  
Mr. Garrard,  
Mr. Robert Jones,  
Mr. Carruthers,  
Mr. Whiddon,  
Mr. Cameron,  
Mr. McCourt,  
Mr. T. R. Smith,  
Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Hurley,  
Mr. A. B. Piddington,  
Mr. O'Reilly,  
Mr. Ball,  
Mr. Russell Jones,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Hughes,  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Cotton,  
Mr. Rigg,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Bavister,  
Mr. Phillips,  
Mr. Dacey,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Harrison,  
Mr. McLean,  
Mr. James Thomson,  
Mr. Lonsdale,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Newman,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Storey,  
Mr. Howarth,  
Mr. Morgan,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. Greene,  
Mr. Wilks,  
Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. Hawthorne,  
Mr. Smailes,  
Mr. Ashton,  
Mr. Knox,  
Mr. Millen,  
Mr. Collins,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Griffith.

*Tellers,*  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Moore.

And so it passed in the negative.  
Mr. Schey then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Edden moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 22nd October.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

10. **LOAN BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, *passed.*  
Mr. Reid then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th September, 1895.*



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11. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a Tax on Land and a Tax on Income; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments, and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th September, 1895.

12. LAND TAX BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose a Tax in respect of Land, of Mortgages on Land, and of Leasehold, and other interests therein,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th September, 1895.

13. INCOME TAX BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose a Tax on Incomes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th September, 1895.

14. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th September, 1895.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Ailcock,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. A. B. Piddington,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Rigg,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Howarth,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Macdonald,	Tellers,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Wilks.

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Mr. Mackay,	Tellers,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Raymond,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. McLaughlin,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Goodwin,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the Mining Act of 1874, and for other purposes in connection therewith, postponed until To-morrow.

16. DARLING ISLAND RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

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

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

17. GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Goruly,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Gillics,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Caan,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Lync,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. James Thomson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Phillips,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Newman.

Noes, 8.

Mr. McElhone,  
Mr. McLaughlin,  
Mr. Morgan,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Griffith,  
Mr. Watkins.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Lonsdale,  
Mr. Bull.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1895, A.M.

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

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 19.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Gaol at Glen Innes:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What was the cost of the Glen Innes Gaol?
- (2.) When was the work completed?
- (3.) What amount has since been spent on maintenance and cost of repairs?
- (4.) What use is made of the gaol?
- (5.) As it is alleged there is no gaol in the northern districts where a proper system of classification of prisoners can be carried out, will he consider the advisability of using the Glen Innes Gaol for juveniles only, and thereby prevent their contamination by other and older prisoners?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) £12,344 15s. 9d.
- (2.) In 1886.
- (3.) £183 2s. 1d.
- (4.) None.

(5.) The accommodation provided in the gaol at Glen Innes is not adequate to provide for a proper system of classification of prisoners, and in fact is much inferior, both in point of accommodation and fitness for this purpose, to either of the other gaols in the northern district, and it does not therefore appear that the gaol could with any advantage be brought into the present penal system, nor would it be suitable for use as a reformatory.

- (2.) Establishment of Circuit Court in Glen Innes:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Judges of the Supreme Court have stated that, in their opinion, a Circuit Court should be held in Glen Innes?
- (2.) Is he aware that all the accommodation for the establishment of such Court exists, and that prisoners for trial have now to be sent from Inverell and Tenterfield to Armidale, distances of 105 miles in one case and 120 in the other, entailing very great expense on the public funds, and great loss of time and money on the part of witnesses who have to attend the Court?
- (3.) Will he consider the advisability of establishing a Circuit Court in Glen Innes?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) The Chief Justice reported in 1889 that he considered Glen Innes the better situation for the Northern Circuit Court of the Colony than Armidale, but if it were determined to keep Armidale as a Circuit Town he could not advise that Glen Innes be appointed a Circuit Town.

(2.) It does not appear that the present Court-house at Glen Innes would be regarded as providing sufficient accommodation if it were determined to establish a Circuit Court in that town, but in regard to the attendance of witnesses and others at Armidale, and the consequent expense, Glen Innes is in no worse position than other towns in the Colony. The expense entailed on the public funds in sending the few prisoners committed from Tenterfield and Inverell to Armidale, instead of stopping at Glen Innes, is small as compared with the other expense which would necessarily be incurred in connection with the holding of Circuit Courts at Glen Innes.

(3.) Should it be determined to discontinue Armidale as one of the Circuit Towns, the propriety of establishing a Circuit Court at Glen Innes will be considered; but I deem it only right to say that, as the accommodation provided by the Armidale Court for Circuit Courts is superior to that provided by the Court-house at Glen Innes, and that as the gaol at Armidale, which is fully adequate to the requirements of the district, is much superior to that at Glen Innes, providing as it does fully double the accommodation of the latter gaol, and having better provision for the separation and classification of prisoners, the proposed change would, if approved, probably involve a considerable expenditure of public money.

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(3.) Establishment of State Export Department:—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Wright*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the immense increase in the exportation of dairy and other produce from Victoria, brought about by the establishment of a State Export Department and a bonus system?
- (2.) Is he aware that the total amount granted annually in Victoria, as a bonus to foster rural industries, is a less amount than is paid annually in New South Wales for the maintenance of the unemployed?
- (3.) Is he aware that the bonus system in Victoria has resulted in a very large increase in their exportation of butter, cheese, fruit, poultry, game, and an increase in the acreage under fruit, vines, &c.?
- (4.) If he is familiar with the above facts, will he take, at an early date, some action to promote such industrial enterprise in New South Wales?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—The question of assisting the export trade of the Colony is now under the consideration of the Government.

(4.) The Permanent Artillery:—*Mr. Hogue* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the Order made by this House on 21st August last for the production of papers in connection with a recent competitive examination for a vacancy in the Permanent Artillery, in which the candidates were Lieutenants Murray and Mair,—is it a fact that Major-General Hutton has refused to allow the papers to be produced; if not, when will the papers be laid upon the Table of the House, as ordered?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—No, but the Major-General pointed out that it was objectionable and contrary to Imperial practice to publish documents of this kind, as they were regarded as confidential. The papers will probably be laid upon the Table next week.

(5.) Officers of the Curator of Intestate Estates Branch:—*Mr. Chapman* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many officers are employed in the Curator of Intestate Estates branch?
- (2.) Are those employed in responsible positions in this branch required to give a guarantee; if so, how much?
- (3.) Has any complaint been lodged against the results of certain sales under this department; if so, when, and in what cases?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—

- (1.) Six.
- (2.) Yes; the Curator gives security for £2,000, the First and Second Clerks £500 each, the Third and Fourth Clerks £250 each.
- (3.) In the absence of specific information as to the cases referred to, no definite reply can be given to this question, but any charge, if made, will be inquired into.

(6.) Advertising under the Electoral Act of 1893:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the approximate cost of advertising under the Electoral Act the names as appearing in the Sydney dailies during the past and this week?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government in the amending Electoral Act to propose any amendment in this direction, so as to lessen the enormous cost?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government, in the proposed amending Bill, to provide that no travelling expenses be allowed presiding officers and poll-clerks over the amount of fees prescribed for the office?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—

- (1.) From the 21st to the 25th instant, £348.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) I do not see very well how this can be regulated by an Act of Parliament, but the matter shall have my attention.

(7.) Exemption of Clubs from Liquor License:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are there clubs in the city which are allowed to supply their members with alcoholic drinks without their paying a license fee under the Licensed Publicans Act?
- (2.) If so, why are they allowed to do so?
- (3.) Are all clubs on the same footing?
- (4.) Is it true that a club known as the "Democratic Club" has been fined for supplying liquors to members?
- (5.) Why is this club treated differently to other clubs?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes, as provided by section 22 of the Licensing Act.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4 and 5.) No. The fine was inflicted for selling liquor to a person who was not a member.

(8.) Crown Prosecutors:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many permanent Crown Prosecutors are there?
- (2.) What Courts do they attend, and what is the average attendance in days annually?
- (3.) Are they employed by the Crown during the time the Judges are on circuit?
- (4.) What are the salaries attached to the office?
- (5.) Would it be impossible for them to do the duties at the Courts the Judges attend on circuit?
- (6.) What are the salaries allowed them?
- (7.) How many temporary Crown Prosecutors are appointed during the year; what is the salary and travelling allowances of each?

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Mr. Gould answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Attorney-General's Department:—

- (1.) There are seven permanent Crown Prosecutors at Courts of Quarter Sessions.
- (2.) This information can only be furnished in the shape of a return, and there is not time to prepare it at such short notice.
- (3.) The permanent Crown Prosecutors are employed during the whole of the year in perusing and marking depositions for trial and in advising on evidence.
- (4.) The Metropolitan Crown Prosecutor receives a salary of £740 per annum; the country Crown Prosecutors receive £515 each.
- (5.) Not impossible, but undesirable.
- (6.) Answered by reply to No. 4.
- (7.) Crown Prosecutors have to be appointed for fifteen different Circuit Courts twice every year. They generally receive a fee varying from £40 to £60, according to the work to be performed, and travelling expenses at the rate of £1 1s. a day.

(9.) Lease to Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that the lease to the Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company expired in March last?
- (2.) Under what conditions and terms with the State are the said company now running the railway?
- (3.) Do the Government intend making any offer to the company for the purchase of their property?
- (4.) If so, will the Government enter into negotiations with the company for the purchase, and then connect the railway with the existing State railway at Jerilderie?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) The leases in question do not expire until 31st December, 1895.
- (2.) The right is reserved to terminate the lease at any time during its currency by giving not less than six months notice in writing to that effect. Should the land be required by the Government for any public purpose during the currency of the lease, the right is reserved to retain any erection upon the land without compensation beyond the cost price, less a sum for deterioration.
- (3 and 4.) No, as at present advised.

(10.) Reciprocity between Victoria and New South Wales with Customs Duties:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Referring to the resolutions from a public meeting at Moama, presented to him by Mr. J. M. Chanter, urging that, in view of the Customs duties being repealed, and the gain to Victoria being very great, he should negotiate with the Victorian Government, with the view of inducing that Government to reciprocate by removing their duties upon live stock and cereals, has he forwarded any communication to the Victorian Government on the subject?
- (2.) If so, has he received any reply, and will he state its nature?
- (3.) If no communication has been sent, will he undertake to forward one at an early date?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have not yet made any communication of the kind referred to, and do not know whether I could suggest a change of the present protective policy of Victoria. I think experience is gradually depriving that policy of all its fictitious charms.

(11.) Distribution of Work to the Unemployed for Thinning Forests:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) In view of the Loan Bill shortly becoming law, which makes provision for the expenditure of £25,000 for thinning and otherwise improving forests, also for the expenditure of £100,000 for clearing and otherwise improving Crown lands, will he undertake to issue the necessary instructions to his officers that preference shall be given to those persons applying for such work within the Electoral District of Deniliquin who are and have been *bonâ fide* residents and electors of the said Electoral District?
- (2.) Will he apply the same principle to other Electoral Districts, in order that large bodies of men, who are already unemployed in the country districts, many of whom have wives and families to maintain, shall receive employment in preference to those applying who do not reside within the said Electoral Districts?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) (a) The expenditure of £100,000 will be carried out under the control of the Minister for Lands; (b) it is intended to apportion the forest-thinning work amongst the unemployed in Sydney and various country districts.
- (2.) Answered by the above.

(12.) Pupil-teachers in Public Schools:—Dr. Graham asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a notice has been issued to the pupil-teachers in the public schools to the effect that pupil-teachers who receive more than four years' training as such shall not be allowed to compete for a training-school scholarship, or to enter the training college?
- (2.) If so, does he not consider that this arrangement might prove inimicable to the best interests of the service by debarring many teachers from obtaining the benefits of systematic training?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the teachers at present attending the training college, but who did not obtain an entrance scholarship, will not be allowed to sit for examinations when their term of training is finished?
- (4.) Will he promise to reconsider the existing conditions for admission to the training college, with a view to enable as many teachers as possible to obtain the advantages of systematic training?

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- Mr. Garrard answered,—
- (1) Yes.
  - (2.) As the examination for admission to the Training Schools is competitive, it would be unfair to place pupil-teachers, who have failed at examinations, and thus obtained extra tuition and additional time for preparation, on the same footing as those who prove themselves efficient and pass the necessary annual examinations.
  - (3.) They will be examined, like all other ex-pupil-teachers who failed to obtain scholarships by competitive examination, at the expiration of three years from the date of completing their term of service as pupil-teachers.
  - (4.) The conditions were very carefully considered before the regulations were adopted, and no circumstance has arisen to render any change desirable. The number now trained is more than sufficient to meet all the requirements of the Service.
- (13.) Bridge over Little River, Baldery, near Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any tender yet been accepted for the erection of a bridge over the Little River, Baldery, near Molong ; if so, when is the work likely to be completed, and the name of the contractor ?
- Mr. Young answered,—Yes ; that of Mr. Richard Biggs (£268), the contract to be completed by 16th December next.
- (14.) Insurance Tickets Issued against Accident on Railway Lines :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What arrangement, if any, have the Railway Commissioners made, and with what insurance company, with regard to issuing insurance tickets against accident on our railway lines ?
  - (2.) What percentage or terms, if any, do the insurance companies allow the Railway Commissioners for the issuing of such tickets, and the number of such tickets issued annually ?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that an agreement has been in operation since 1886 with the United Australian Mutual Guarantee Company for the issue of insurance tickets, the Railway Commissioners acting as agents only.
  - (2.) Twenty-five per cent. on the amount of the collections. The issue for the twelve months ending 30th June last was 2,797 tickets.
- (15.) Loss of weight in transit of Hides, Skins, Tallow, &c. :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Railway Commissioners see that some steps are taken to have all hides, skins, tallow, &c., sent to Darling Harbour weighed at their destination, in order to prevent the heavy loss that consignees have now to sustain in consequence of the loss of weight in the transit of such goods when it reaches the hands of agents, and which in many cases is something very considerable ?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that it would be highly inconvenient to reweigh hides, skins, tallow, &c., at Darling Harbour. Such traffic is carefully weighed at the despatching stations, and the Commissioners are not aware of losses in weight during transit such as are here referred to.
- (16.) Chaplains or Visiting Surgeons visiting Gaols :—Mr. McCourt asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has any alteration been made in the status or freedom of action of chaplains or visiting surgeons to gaols generally ?
  - (2.) If not, what is intended by the amended regulation, as follows :—“They will be required to conform to the disciplinary rules of the gaol, as indicated in other portions of these regulations ?”
- Mr. Gould answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2.) The intention of the words which have been inserted in the regulations is simply to express in clear terms, so as to prevent any misunderstanding, what has always been required of the visiting surgeons and chaplains of the gaols, in view of their duties and responsibilities, which bring them in close contact with the other officials and the prisoners in the gaols. With regard to chaplains the old regulations referring to their duties contained the following words :—“They will strictly observe the course indicated to them in other portions of these regulations.” This has now been altered to the words quoted by the Honorable Member in his second Question.
- (17.) Government Guarantee of Deposits in the Savings Bank :—Mr. Hughes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is the Government guarantee of the deposits in the Savings Bank, New South Wales, given by Sir George Dibbs during the run on that institution in 1893, still in force ?
  - (2.) If so, does not such guarantee practically pledge the tax-paying powers of the public to make good any possible losses arising from depreciation of assets, or inability to realise same ?
  - (3.) Would not the present time of financial quietude be opportune for the removal of the Government guarantee ?
  - (4.) If not, what does the Government consider an opportune time ?
- Mr. Reid answered,—There is no such guarantee in existence at the present time. I feel bound to add, however, that the statutory relations between the Government and the Bank are such as to constitute a guarantee of its solvency. I hope to see the two Savings Banks consolidated into one very soon.
- (18.) Punt Communication with Lower Ash Island :—Mr. Griffith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that for some weeks past the farmers of Lower Ash Island have been cut off from all communication with the mainland on account of their punt having been laid up through the old gear having become unworkable, and that most of these farmers being dairymen, loss of communication means loss of their livelihood ?
  - (2.) What is the reason that the new gear, promised nearly three months ago, has not been provided ?
- Mr. Young answered,—The gearing required has now been fixed. (19.)

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- (19.) The Registrar-General's Office:—*Mr. Ohanter*, for *Mr. Price*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has a letter, signed by the leading firms of solicitors, been received by him some time ago, drawing his attention to the dangerous and congested state of the Registrar-General's Office?
  - (2.) If so, has he taken any, and what, steps to remedy the same?
  - (3.) Is he aware that the room-space is now filled to such an extent as to make it positively unhealthy for those who are employed, and also those who have business to transact there?
  - (4.) If he has not done so, will he cause such steps to be taken as the importance of the case demands?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2, 3, and 4.) I have been informed of the congested state of the Registrar-General's Office, and the matter of providing additional accommodation will be considered.
- (20.) Gold-field Reserves:—*Mr. Robert Jones* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he inform his colleague, the Minister for Lands, that the curtailment and alienation of portions of the commonage on gold-field reserves is detrimental to the mining interest, that many miners having to depend on combining other pursuits with mining on some of the old gold-fields, and that such curtailment is a hindrance to their doing so?
- Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—I have already had this matter under my consideration, and have urged that the mining common should not be interfered with, pointing out the advantage it is to a mining population to have a reserve of this character.
- (21.) Amendment of the Land Laws:—*Mr. Robert Jones* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, in any alteration or amendment of the land laws, make it easier for persons of small means to take up 10-acre residential leases on reserves and in the neighbourhood of towns and villages?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—The matter will be considered.
2. PAPER:—*Mr. Garrard* laid upon the Table,—Report of the Sydney Grammar School for the year 1894. Ordered to be printed.
3. LAND TAX:—The following Petitions, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867,—were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By *Mr. Cann*—From the Council of the Municipal District of Broken Hill.
  - (2.) By *Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Morton*—From the Council of the Municipal District of Central Shoalhaven.
- Petitions received.
4. DARLING ISLAND RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of *Mr. Young*, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Young* then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorise the construction and use of lines of railway to Darling Island, along and across certain roads and highways, and for purposes incidental thereto.*”
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the construction and use of lines of railway to Darling Island, along and across certain roads and highways, and for purposes incidental thereto.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
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5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Moore* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence, for the remainder of the present Session, be granted to *George Alexander Cruickshank*, Esquire, Member for the Electorate of Inverell, on account of absence from the Colony on important private business.
- Question put and passed.
6. CASE OF CONSTABLE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, OF GOULBURN (*Formal Motion*):—*Dr. Graham* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers dealing with the case of Constable Alexander McKenzie, of Goulburn, who has been called on to resign his position in the Service.
- Question put and passed.
7. AGREEMENT BETWEEN RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS AND MESSRS THOMAS COOK AND SONS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Schey* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the agreement subsisting between the Railway Commissioners and Messrs. Thomas Cook & Sons, tourist agents.
- Question put and passed.
8. CODLIN MOTH BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) *Mr. Affleck* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the destruction of the Codlin Moth.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Mr. Affleck* then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to make better provision for the destruction of the Codlin Moth.*”—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd December.

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9. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill, postponed until To-morrow.
10. **HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL** :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the procuring and laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in, and the control and management of, the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
11. **SELECTORS' RELIEF BILL** :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to further promote settlement on lands conditionally purchased from the Crown by providing for the reduction of the annual payments in respect thereof, and for the reduction of the rate of interest now payable upon certain conditional purchases; to make further provision for the conversion of conditional purchases and conditional leases into homestead selections; and to effect such amendments in such statutes as may be necessary for the aforesaid purposes.  
Question put and passed.
12. **GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Young, *passed*.  
Mr. Young then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads, and without making or maintaining fences along the said line; and for other purposes.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads, and without making or maintaining fences along the said line; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
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13. **PAPER** :—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Schedules A to E, Public Works Department, 1895-6 Estimates.  
Ordered to be printed.
14. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS ACT AMENDMENT AND MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the Mining Act of 1874, and for other purposes in connection therewith.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the Mining Act of 1874, and for other purposes in connection therewith.  
On motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
15. **NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
16. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
17. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at six minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.



New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Forest-clearing at Narrandera:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has he instituted any further inquiry into the earnings, &c., of the men employed in forest-clearing operations at Narrandera?
- (2.) If so, what information has he acquired concerning the matter?
- (3.) What action (if any) has he taken as a result of such inquiry?
- (4.) What further action does he intend to take regarding same?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I have had a full inquiry with regard to the representations made to me by the Honorable Member, and by several other Honorable Members. I first directed Mr. Campbell, the head of the Department of Agriculture, to visit the field, and he supported Mr. Condell, the forester, by saying that the men could earn 7s. a day at the schedule rates. I afterwards directed Mr. Woods to proceed to the place; he also made an inquiry, the effect of which was to substantiate the statements made by Mr. Condell and Mr. Campbell, namely, that men who work on the most approved methods could earn 7s. per day of eight hours. In view of the reports which I have received I cannot see my way to increase the rate of pay.

(2.) Centennial Park:—Mr. Travers Jones, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What has been the total cost to date of the work done in levelling the Centennial Park?
- (2.) What proportion of the money spent has been paid for actual labour, supervision, and engineering, specifying the amount in each case?
- (3.) What is the cost per yard for the removal of sand and for the removal of rock?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) To 20th instant, £16,101 12s.
- (2.) Labour, £14,406 8s. 4½d.; supervision, £667 12s. 8d.; materials, &c., £1,002 10s. 11½d. The engineering was carried out by the Works Department at a cost of £25.
- (3.) Directions have been given for this information to be prepared.

(3.) Forest-thinning near Ganmain:—Mr. Watkins, for Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there are several gangs of men employed thinning the forests near Ganmain?
- (2.) If so, who is the lessee of this forest reserve?
- (3.) On whose recommendation has this work been undertaken?
- (4.) How much per acre is paid?
- (5.) How many overseers are employed, and what is their pay per day?
- (6.) Are there any local men employed; if so, how many?
- (7.) Were there any unemployed sent from Sydney; if so, how many, and by whom recommended?
- (8.) What course will be followed with this land after the thinning, &c., is carried out?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Up to date three gangs are employed near Ganmain on forest reserves.
- (2.) This land leased by Lands Department.
- (3.) Forester Condell's.
- (4.) One gang at the rate of 4s. per acre; two gangs at rates of 4s. 6d. per acre.
- (5.) Three overseers at rate of 8s. per diem.
- (6.) Not on this particular land, but thirty local men are employed on similar work in other parts of the district.

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- (7.) On this particular work one gang of twelve men selected from applications in the Forest Department were sent from Sydney, one gang from Goulburn, and the balance were from the village settlement at Pitt Town.
- (8.) The Lands Department will be requested to dedicate it permanently in the interests of forest conservation. I desire to add, in reference to this matter, that if it were proposed to sell the land the expenditure upon the thinning of the forests would not be justified. The expenditure is only justifiable because the Government believe on the reports submitted to them that the timber will be improved to such an extent as will reimburse them for the outlay. In my opinion the Government would not be justified, in view of the expenditure which has been incurred, in selling this land.
- (4.) Crown Prosecutors :—Mr. Travers Jones asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) What is the total amount of salaries paid to Crown Prosecutors at Quarter Sessions during the year 1894?
  - (2.) Are the Crown Prosecutors allowed free railway passes and travelling expenses; if so, what amount has been paid for 1894?
- Mr. Gould answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Attorney-General's Department :—
- (1.) £3,749 10s. 3d.
  - (2.) Crown Prosecutors are allowed free railway passes and travelling expenses. The total amount paid in 1894 was £1,120.
- (5.) Expenses of late General Election, Molong Electorate :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The names of the various officers and poll clerks who officiated at the various polling-places in the Electorate of Molong during the last election?
  - (2.) The distance each had to travel, the amount paid to each for travelling expenses, and at what rate per mile?
  - (3.) The amount paid to the Returning Officer, and the number of days he was so employed during the election?
  - (4.) The amount paid to his assistant, and the number of days employed?
  - (5.) What was the cost of printing ballot-papers and advertising the election in the local paper?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—The information asked for is being obtained, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.
- (6.) Phillips, late Manager of Defunct Austral Bank :—Mr. Fegan asked the Minister of Justice,—Adverting to his reply to the Question of the Honorable Member for Phillip Division on Tuesday, 24th September, relative to the case of prisoner Phillips, will he say whether he has had the case under his consideration since the conviction of Phillips?
- Mr. Gould answered,—This case has been fully considered upon several occasions, separately and in conjunction with the cases of other prisoners convicted of similar offences. Petitions for remission were dealt with on 21/12/93 by my predecessor, Mr. Slattery, and on 29/10/94 and 27/11/94 by me; on 29th May last by the Cabinet; and again by me on two subsequent occasions. I can only repeat that to recommend the exercise of clemency in this case, in view of the reasons previously indicated, would be subversive of prison discipline.
- (7.) Fisheries Bill :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce, during the present Session, the Fisheries Bill submitted to him by the Commission appointed by the Government to inquire into the question of the fisheries of the Colony?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—Until the members of the Commission have finished their labours it will be impossible for me to give the honorable gentleman a definite reply.
- (8.) Government Advertisements in the *Molong Express* :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The amount of money paid out of the public funds for Government advertisements which have appeared in the *Molong Express* during the years 1890 to 1895 inclusive?
  - (2.) The number of such advertisements, and the rate per inch charged for the same?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—I should be glad if the Honorable Member would move for a return containing this information.
- (9.) Searchers in Registrar-General's Office :—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. Cameron, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that there are no assistant searchers in the Registrar-General's Department, and that in consequence thereof applications to bring land under the provisions of the Real Property Act are being delayed?
  - (2.) Is he aware that applications of that nature, lodged more than one month ago, have not yet been dealt with, and have not reached the Examiners of Titles?
  - (3.) Will he take steps to have these defects immediately remedied?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—In consequence of the increased work an assistant searcher was appointed for three months from the 2nd instant. The applications were acknowledged and forwarded to the Examiner of Titles.
- (10.) Fees paid to Commissioners of Affidavits :—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. Cameron, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he take steps to prevent persons in the Justice Department who are commissioners for affidavits from charging a fee for taking affidavits, or, if not, will he cause such fees to be paid into the Consolidated Revenue?
- Mr. Gould answered,—The whole question is now under the consideration of the Cabinet.

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- (11.) Lectures on Midwifery at the Woman's Hospital and Dispensary, Hay-street, and the University:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—The number of females attending lectures or course of instruction on midwifery and obstetrical nursing in the Woman's Hospital and Dispensary, 205 Hay-street, and the University—number of lectures and fees for attending the same, and costs of certificate or diploma?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Woman's Hospital and Dispensary being entirely a private institution, and receiving no aid from the Government, I am unable to afford any information concerning it; but, with regard to the University, I am informed that there are no women at present attending lectures on midwifery and gynaecology. The number of lectures given there is seventy-five, and the fees for attending the same amount to £6 6s. No certificates or diplomas are given, as the study is included in the full medical course.

- (12.) Alleged escape of Prisoner from Water Police Court:—Mr. Ashton asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Did the police recently arrest a man in Sydney on a charge of fraud, such fraud consisting of the appropriation of sums of money deposited with him by employees as bonds for good conduct?

(2.) What was the gentleman's name?

(3.) Did he, as he represented, hold an appointment as Valuer under the New South Wales Government?

(4.) Did the gentleman escape from custody at the Water Police Court, whither he had been taken for the investigation of his case?

(5.) Has he since been heard of?

(6.) In whose charge was he supposed to be when he escaped?

(7.) Is it a fact that the matter was for a time successfully "hushed up" by subordinate police officials?

Mr. Gould answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A. T. Young.

(3.) I am not aware of any such representation.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Not yet re-arrested.

(6.) Detective Hoskisson's.

(7.) No. The officer is being charged before the Bench in accordance with law for having negligently permitted the escape of the prisoner.

- (13.) Grant to the Albury Hospital:—Mr. Perry, for Mr. F. Clarke, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a special grant of £500 has been made to the Albury Hospital?

(2.) Has this amount been authorised to be paid out of the Treasurer's Advance Account?

(3.) Has the amount been voted by Parliament?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will lay a return upon the Table giving the information.

- (14.) The New Hebrides:—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any information reached the Government as to the intentions of France in regard to the New Hebrides?

(2.) Is he aware whether there is any foundation for recent published rumours to the effect the French authorities contemplated extending their influence and enlarging their sphere of operations in the islands in question?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I cannot say.

- (15.) Enforcement of the Navigation Act of 1871:—Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he instruct the Marine Board to see that the provisions of the present Navigation Act, 34 Victoria No. 7, with regard to all steamships plying beyond harbour and river limits, are enforced, namely, that the vessels should be manned with properly certificated masters and engineers?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Marine Board say they do all they can to carry out the provisions of the Navigation Act. It is impossible, however, to enforce the strict letter of the law in the case of harbour and river steamers which sometimes go beyond their recognised limits.

2. LAND TAX:—The following Petitions, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Pyers—From the Council of the Municipality of Coraki.

(2.) By Mr. Frank Farnell—From the Council of the Municipality of Dundas.

(3.) By Mr. Perry, for Mr. Ewing—From the Council of the Borough of Shellharbour.

(4.) By Mr. Perry, for Mr. Ewing—From the Council of the Borough of Lane Cove.

Petitions received.

3. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Neild, presented a Petition from the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited), of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend sections one and thirty of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act of 1890, and to extend the time for the completion of the works mentioned in sections one and thirty of such Act.

And Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph* and *Illawarra Mercury* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

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## 4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 10th September, 1895,—“Case of the “late John Copp.”  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Vine Diseases Act of 1893.  
Ordered to be printed.

5. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better regulation of the Public Service, and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.6. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Reid, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Act.*”  
Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Act,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1895.*

7. CAPERTEE TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Capertee Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. W. H. B. Piddington, Mr. Watson, Mr. Collins, Mr. Morgan, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Hurley, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.

8. CROWN PROSECUTORS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The total amount of fees paid annually to barristers acting as Crown Prosecutors in the country districts since the year 1886, inclusive.

(2.) The same figures in respect of the Metropolitan district.  
Question put and passed.

## 9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

## 10. SELECTORS' RELIEF BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 17.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th Section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to further promote settlement on lands conditionally purchased from the Crown by providing for the reduction of the annual payments in respect thereof, and for the reduction of the rate of interest now payable upon certain conditional purchases; to make further provision for the conversion of conditional purchases and conditional leases into homestead selections; and to effect such amendments in such statutes as may be necessary for the aforesaid purposes.

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*Sydney, 25th September, 1895.*

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

## 11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Canterbury, Mr. Parkes, 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 favouritism and special concessions granted to certain contractors under the Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

12. AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the appropriation and application of Public Moneys to public purposes; to amend the Audit Act; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.

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13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Molesworth* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
14. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, 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 procuring and laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in, and the control and management of, the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Molesworth* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Molesworth*, That the report be *now* received.  
*Mr. Molesworth* 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 procuring and laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in, and the control and management of, the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto.  
On motion of Mr. Young, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill intituled “*A Bill to sanction the procuring and laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in, and the control and management of, the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto*,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
15. SELECTORS' RELIEF BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to further promote settlement on lands conditionally purchased from the Crown by providing for the reduction of the annual payments in respect thereof, and for the reduction of the rate of interest now payable upon certain conditional purchases; to make further provision for the conversion of conditional purchases and conditional leases into homestead selections; and to effect such amendments in such statutes as may be necessary for the aforesaid purposes.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Molesworth* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1895.

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

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

- (1.) Public Service Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 18.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the better Regulation of the Public Service; and for other purposes.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 30th September, 1895.*

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

- (2.) Audit Act Amendment Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 19.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the appropriation and application of Public Moneys to Public Purposes; to amend the Audit Act; and for other purposes.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 30th September, 1895.*

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Subletting of Government Contracts:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that contracts for clothing for Government employees are frequently sublet, by which a great deal of deplorable sweating, particularly of working women, is made possible?

(2.) Will he make such stipulations in letting contracts for the supply of clothing, &c., for (a) the Military Department, (b) the Police Department, (c) the Charitable Institutions, (d) the Hospitals for the Insane, and any other branches of his Department requiring clothing of any kind, that no subletting of any kind will be possible?

(3.) On what dates are tenders to be called for supplies for above-named branches?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am not aware, and as far as the Military Department is concerned the contracts have been let for the next two years, and there is nothing therein regarding subletting.

(3.) Some have already been called, and contracts taken; as to the remainder, tenders are invited for the 4th instant.

- (2.) Forest-thinning in the Narrandera District:—Mr. Ashton asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is the rate paid for forest-thinning in the Narrandera district 4s. 6d. per acre?

(2.) Is he aware that similar work is done in the same district by private contract at rates ranging from 1s. 9d. to 2s. 6d. per acre?

(3.) Is it true that some men employed forest-thinning under the Government have earned and are earning as much as 12s. to 14s. per day?

(4.) Is an increase in the stock-carrying capacity of the land an effect of forest-thinning?

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- (5.) Is forest-thinning in some cases being carried on on lands under pastoral lease?  
 (6.) Where an increased carrying capacity results in the case of lands under pastoral lease in the Central Division, is the whole of the advantage appropriated by the pastoral lessee without increase of rental until the termination of his lease?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes; in regard to some blocks.  
 (2.) It has been represented that work in some respects similar, but with a different object, has been done under private contract at the prices named; but for the work being done by the Government the price per acre has been fixed by Mr. Forester Condell, an officer of very large experience, so that good men may earn 7s. per diem. Some of the men have complained that they cannot earn so much, but I have refused to increase the rate, as I am assured the rate fixed is sufficient to enable good men to make 7s. per diem.  
 (3.) No.  
 (4.) Yes.  
 (5.) Operations which have a similar effect on the grass are being carried on under pastoral lease.  
 (6.) Yes, but the thinning is being done to improve the timber, not the grass. The reports of the officers show that this work should, in the public interest, be done at once.

- (8.) Main Road at Pymble:—Mr. Howarth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was the land required for deviating the main road at Pymble, on the construction of the railway, resumed?  
 (2.) If so, at what cost?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) £90.

- (4.) Main Road at Pymble:—Mr. Howarth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Under what conditions has the land been acquired for the present deviation of the main road at Pymble?

Mr. Young answered,—I am not aware, as the matter was dealt with by the Railway Commissioners.

- (5.) Molong Recreation Ground:—Mr. Cotton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What amount has been granted from the public funds for the purpose of maintaining the Molong recreation ground from the years 1890 to 1895, inclusive?  
 (2.) In what manner have the funds so granted been expended?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) In 1890, nil; 1891, £50; 1892, £100; 1893, £40; 1894, £30; 1895, £25. Total, £245.  
 (2.) I am not aware, but if moved for in the usual manner a return will be prepared giving the information required by the Honorable Member.

- (6.) Revenue derived from Railways between Redfern and Granville:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the amount of revenue received from suburban passenger traffic from 1884 to 1895, between and inclusive of Redfern and Granville stations?  
 (2.) What is the amount of revenue received for goods traffic for the same period from the same suburban stations?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that to prepare the information in the form desired would involve considerable expense. I may add that some information is being compiled which will probably meet the Honorable Member's wishes, and later on, when completed, there would be no objection to lay it upon the Table.

- (7.) Medical Bill:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce the Medical Bill during the present Session; if so, when?

Mr. Reid answered,—Perhaps.

- (8.) Separation of Queensland from New South Wales:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) When was the Colony of Queensland separated from New South Wales?  
 (2.) Was there an adjustment of accounts as between the two colonies, and a sum found to be due to this Colony by the Queensland Government?  
 (3.) What was the amount, and how and when was it paid?

Mr. Reid answered,—I find that, on the 11th ultimo, replies to similar questions by Mr. Schey were given by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.

- (9.) Money paid to Owners of Whaling Barque "Chance":—Mr. Davis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did the American Government pay to the New South Wales Government the sum of £2,448 7s. 2d. to pay to the owners of the "Chance" to indemnify them and the officers and crew of that vessel for abandoning their whaling voyage for the purpose of rescuing ninety-six American seaman?  
 (2.) If so, is he aware that four of the crew are in Sydney at present, and have not received any indemnity, nor has any other member of the crew, to their knowledge, received any compensation?  
 (3.) Did the American Government allot the amount of compensation to be received by each member of the crew; if so, will he state the amount?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) No.  
 (3.) No allotment was made by the American Government.

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- (10.) Bridge over Murray River at Moama:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the woodwork in connection with the bridge over the River Murray at Moama is currently reported to be in a very unsafe and dangerous state in consequence of the inroads of white ants?
  - (2.) Is he aware that the decking of this bridge is very much worn, and requires renewing without delay?
  - (3.) Will he cause an inspection to be made by a competent officer with the least possible delay, and, if the reports concerning it are found to be correct, then take speedy action to effect such repairs as may be requisite to ensure the bridge to safely sustain the heavy traffic passing over it daily?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The deck is considerably worn, and is at present being patched by the Victorian Government; but it cannot be stated if it requires entire renewal until the report referred to in Answer No. 3 is to hand.

(3.) Instructions have been given to have an inspection made by a competent officer, and, should his report indicate that extensive repairs are necessary, the Victorian Government, who at present carry out the repairs to the structure (New South Wales paying a moiety of the cost), will be communicated with on the subject. Owing to the high state of the river it will be impossible to examine the substructure at present.

- (11.) Forfeited Conditional Purchases Reserved from Sale or Lease:—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the proclamation, dated 26th March, 1895, issued in connection with the Reserves Declaratory Act, reserving certain forfeited conditionally purchased lands "from sale and lease," been withdrawn?

(2.) Are forfeited conditionally-purchased lands, situated within the external boundaries of leasehold areas affected by said reservation, treated now as forming part of the leaseholds in which they are situated?

(3.) What steps, if any, have been taken to conserve to the State the valuable improvements effected on these lands, and forfeited to the State with the forfeiture of the conditional purchase applications?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The proclamation of the 29th March, 1895, was cancelled by the notice of the 25th May last, in order that the lands might be dealt with under the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts.

(2.) Forfeited conditional purchases affected by such reservation are now treated as forming part of the leaseholds in which they are situated in accordance with law.

(3.) Each case is considered on its merits, and as the land with the improvement reverts to the leasehold area the interests of the Crown are conserved by charging a separate rental for the use of the land and the improvements thereon.

- (12.) Railway Officials at Newcastle and Darling Harbour:—Mr. Ball, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In view of the commencement of the wool season, and the consequent increase of traffic, do the Railway Commissioners intend to increase the number of officials at Newcastle and Darling Harbour?

(2.) If the staff is not to be increased, will they be paid a reasonable amount for overtime?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have to point out to the Honorable Member that the matters referred to come within the province of the Railway Commissioners, who will act as the circumstances of the fluctuations of traffic require.

3. BOROUGH OF REDFERN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. McGowen presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Redfern, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Redfern to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purpose aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down or erect electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to enable Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Redfern to participate in the benefits of such supply; and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, and one hundred and ninetieth, and other sections of the Municipalities Act of 1867, so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to authorise the said Council of the Borough of Redfern to sell or lease the whole of the electric lighting plant, including lands and buildings; and to amend the law in other respects.

And Mr. McGowen having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Suburban Times*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

4. EIGHT HOURS LABOUR:—Mr. Watkins presented a Petition from Joseph Storer, Mayor of Wallsend, and Adam Cook, Mayor of Plattsburg, on behalf of the residents of Wallsend and Plattsburg, representing that for the general welfare of the community the hours of daily labour should be such that workmen may have reasonable time at their disposal for recreation, mental culture, and the performance of social and civil duties, and praying the House to declare by law the proper duration of a day's labour to be eight hours.

Petition received.



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5. **LAND TAX**:—Mr. T. R. Smith presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Liverpool, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867.  
Petition received.
6. **REFERENDUM BILL**:—Mr. Schey, pursuant to leave granted on the 18th September, 1895, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the reference of certain questions or Bills to the Electors of New South Wales for their decision*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd October.
7. **MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Sydney Smith, pursuant to leave granted on the 25th September, 1895, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the Mining Act, 1874, and for other purposes in connection therewith*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
8. **ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—  
(1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend sections 1 and 30 of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act of 1890, and to extend the time for the completion of the works mentioned in sections 1 and 30 of such Act.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Neild having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend sections one and thirty of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act of 1890, and to extend the time for the completion of the works mentioned in sections one and thirty of such Act*,"—read a first time.
9. **CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the abolition of capital punishment.  
Question put and passed.
10. **DISMISSAL OF JAMES FREDERICK COOK FROM THE TRAMWAY SERVICE**:—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the dismissal of James Frederick Cook from the tramway service.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Lee, Mr. Collins, Mr. Hayes, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Newman, and the Mover.  
Mr. Reid moved, That the Debate on this subject be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
11. **ACCIDENT AT THE SOUTH BROKEN HILL MINE**:—Mr. Thomas moved, pursuant to Notice,—That, in the opinion of this House, a special inquiry should be made into the particulars of the accident that occurred at the South Broken Hill Mine on 19th July, with a view of ascertaining,—  
(1.) If the men were killed by the concussion of air or by an escape of gas.  
(2.) For the purpose of considering the advisability of amending the Mining Regulations, so as to provide for imperative instructions being given to the Mining Inspector that, in all cases where stopping operations are being carried on beyond certain dimensions, at least two communications with such stopes must be made with the other portions of the mine.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

12. **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL**:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better regulation of the Public Service, and for other purposes.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the better regulation of the Public Service, and for other purposes.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to provide for the better regulation of the Public Service, and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 9th October.
13. **AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the appropriation and application of Public Moneys to public purposes; to amend the Audit Act; and for other purposes.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the appropriation and application of Public Moneys to public purposes; to amend the Audit Act; and for other purposes.

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

14. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young 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. Young, 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. Young, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
15. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
16. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Rates for Carriage of Wool:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that preferential rates for the carriage of greasy wool from the stations on the North and North-western lines to Darling Harbour have been decided upon?
- (2.) Have the same concessions been granted to Maitland, Morpeth, and Newcastle?
- (3.) Is he aware that the port of Newcastle as a wool-shipping port will be injured if the same concessions be not granted, and that the northern towns must suffer in consequence?
- (4.) Will he take steps to protect the shipping trade of Newcastle from unfair competition with Sydney through railway rates giving the preference to the metropolis?
- (5.) Will he cause a reduction in the wool rates from Narrabri to Newcastle corresponding with the concessions granted from that station to Darling Harbour, Sydney?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I am informed that recently the rates for greasy wool from the North-western Line to Sydney have been adjusted, the maximum rate applying on the Northern Line being extended to the North-western Branch. The rate was not intended to affect wool for direct shipment abroad from Newcastle, but simply to facilitate the carriage of wool consigned to Sydney. If the usual practice as regards rates were adopted, it would be to the disadvantage of Newcastle. I may add that the Commissioners have already agreed to make reductions next wool season for wool sent direct to Newcastle for export outside Australasia.

- (2.) Transfer of Hotel License:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Price, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that a Licensing Magistrate has granted a transfer of a hotel license without the consent of the holder of such license, the holder of such license being of sound mind; if so, is this the usual practice?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—In the absence of more specific information, this Question cannot be answered. If the Honorable Member will, however, write and give me the requisite information with reference to the case he alludes to, I will cause inquiries to be made into the matter.

- (3.) Defence Forces:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Who was in command of the New South Wales Defence Forces during Major-General Hutton's absence at Broken Hill and other places?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The Major-General, who, while within the Colony, retains command wherever he may be.

- (4.) Special Leases of portion of Foreshores of Port Hunter at Newcastle:—*Mr. Watson*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have any applications been recently received from the Australian Agricultural Company for special leases of portions of the foreshores of Port Hunter at Newcastle?
- (2.) If so, what action is being taken in relation to such applications?
- (3.) Will he postpone dealing with such applications, or granting any such leases, until sufficient opportunity has been afforded to properly conserve the public interest?

*Mr. Carruthers* answered,—

- (1.) Applications have been lodged with the Chairman of the Local Land Board at Maitland by the Company, in order to legalise their occupation of certain wharfs erected by them.
- (2.) The applications will be dealt with by the Land Board.

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(3.) There is no reason why the inquiry by the Board should be postponed, but the leases will not be granted without full consideration of the public interest. In any case, the applications cannot, under the procedure required by law, be finally disposed of for several months, during which period any objections made on behalf of the public to granting the leases will be duly considered.

(5.) Carriage of Empty Casks, &c., on the Railway:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Price*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that enormous shipments of empty casks have been received in New South Wales from Europe during the past year?

(2.) Is it a fact that large quantities of such empty casks have been sent to the interior by rail as "empty returns" at nominal rates, although such casks were originally shipped from Queensland and other ports, thereby defrauding the revenue?

(3.) If so, will he cause inquiries to be made, with a view to prosecuting the merchants guilty of the fraud?

(4.) Is he aware that it is the practice to whiten and otherwise disguise new casks, and consign them to various firms in the interior as "empty returns," thereby defrauding the revenue?

(5.) If so, will he cause inquiries to be made, with a view of recovering the losses and prosecuting the persons guilty of the practice?

(6.) Is he aware that some thousands of "shooks" of empty casks recently received from Europe are at present lying at various bond wharfs in Sydney, pending the removal of the duty?

(7.) Will he make inquiries as to contemplated destination of the empty casks, and ascertain if it is intended to consign them to the stations in the interior as "empty returns," thereby causing a considerable loss of revenue to the railways?

(8.) Will he cause inquiries to be instituted as to whether a system of frauds has been practiced upon the railway authorities in the matter of "empty returns," both casks and other packages, for some years past; (a) if so, the extent of such frauds; (b) and the names of the persons guilty of the practices alluded to?

(9.) Will he cause the regulations *re* "empty returns" to be reconsidered?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I am informed that this matter is already engaging the attention of the Railway Commissioners, and is under strict inquiry.

(6.) Inquest held by *Mr. Kenna*, Coroner at Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has any complaint been made to the Department of Justice by one *Alderman Harris* against *Mr. Kenna*, Coroner for Molong, respecting holding an inquest on a fire and destruction of property that lately occurred in the district of Molong, and in which he at the time was acting as agent for an insurance company?

(2.) What steps, if any, has he taken in the matter, and will he call upon the Coroner either to resign from the office as Coroner or else his position as insurance agent?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—

(1.) *Mr. G. C. Harris* complained that the Coroner at Molong conducted inquests upon fires in which he was interested as agent for a fire insurance company.

(2.) *Mr. Kenna* has been informed that the office of Coroner would appear to be incompatible with that of a fire insurance agent, and that he should not hold inquiries in connection with any fires in respect of which any insurance company for which he may be agent is interested.

(7.) Divorce Case, *M'Intosh v. M'Intosh*:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that one *Margaret Matilda M'Intosh* obtained a decree in divorce from her husband, *Sydney James M'Intosh*, on the ground of desertion, her solicitor being *Herbert M'Intosh*?

(2.) Is it a fact that the said solicitor was at the time legal adviser to the trustees of the settlement and will of the late *Robert M'Intosh*, of Marshbank, Botany, and now keeps the accounts of said trust?

(3.) Is it a fact that the said *Sydney James M'Intosh* is a beneficiary under the said settlement and will of the said *Robert M'Intosh*, that he was committed to *Darlinghurst Gaol* for refusing to pay alimony, and that he was released on the petition of his brother therefrom unconditionally; if so, will he lay a copy of said petition, minutes, reports, and papers touching upon the case upon the Table of this House?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—This is a matter in which private interests are alone involved, and is not one in which I can furnish the Honorable Member with the information sought.

(8.) Principal Messenger's Wife, Colonial Secretary's Department:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does the head messenger's wife in his Department receive any allowance or salary; if so, how much per year?

(2.) Is it a fact that the head messenger or his family provides luncheons for the officials in the Colonial Secretary's Department and to the officials of the Works Department, &c.; if so, does the Government provide cutlery, crockery, &c.?

*Mr. Brunner* answered,—

(1.) Yes; £70 per annum as housekeeper.

(2.) No.

(9.) Postmaster at North Sydney:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is the postmaster at North Sydney allowed a horse, forage, &c., to do the work of the post office?

(2.) If so, is he aware that the postmaster (*Mr. Read*) uses this with a buggy entirely for his own private use, and will not allow the telegraph messengers to use the horse for public services, for which it is provided, and will he put a stop to *Mr. Read* using the horse, &c., for his own private affairs?

(3.) Are other postmasters allowed to use the Government horses for their own private use?

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Mr. Cook answered,—

- (1.) The postmaster is allowed 4s. per diem, with which he is required to maintain two horses (and provide equipment) for the use of this Department.
- (2.) The postmaster states that these horses, one of which belongs to himself, and the other to the Government, are always available for public service, and he denies that they are used "with a buggy entirely for his own private use," although he admits he occasionally uses for private purposes the horse which is his own property when not required for official purposes.
- (3.) Postmasters are not allowed to use Government horses for their own private purposes.

(10.) Salaries paid to Messrs. Holliman and Fitzgerald:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is there a person named Holliman employed in his Department; if so, what salary is voted for him?
- (2.) Is his salary put down on the Estimates at £400 a year, and has he also been paid an additional £100 a year, making his salary £500 a year; if so, from what Vote was the £100 taken to pay him?
- (3.) Was Holliman allowed six months leave of absence to go to England or elsewhere; if so, was it understood that he was to receive no pay whilst away?
- (4.) Is it a fact that Holliman has been allowed full pay for the time he was absent; if so, has the money been paid to him, and is the sum on any of the Estimates to be voted?
- (5.) Is it not a fact that a resolution carried in Parliament to the effect that when any officer receives leave of absence that he is only to be paid half pay during his leave of absence; if so, will he cause Holliman to refund half of his full pay during the time he was on leave of absence?
- (6.) Is a person named Fitzgerald, supposed to assist Mr. Grimshaw, allowed £2 per week to keep a horse; if so, is he aware that he does not keep a horse, but is driven about by a contractor or his boy, and will he compel him to refund the £2 a week?
- (7.) Is he aware that Mr. Grimshaw and Mr. Scarr are aware that Fitzgerald does not keep a horse, for which he receives £2 a week as keep, &c., and what is the name of contractor or boy who drives Mr. Fitzgerald about?
- (8.) What position does Fitzgerald occupy in the Service, what salary is he paid, and how long has he been in the Colony?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the salary voted for him is £380 per annum.
- (2.) He has not been paid a salary of £400 a year, but at the rate of £380, as voted. As Secretary to the Board of Reference he receives a fee of £1 1s. per sitting; the Board usually sits after office hours. During the twelve months preceding his leave of absence he received £49 7s. as fees for this service, which was paid from the Contingent Vote of the Department.
- (3.) He was allowed five months leave of absence on full pay. He was not, however, paid fees on account of the Board of Reference during his absence, the work being performed by another officer, who was paid at the same rate as Mr. Holliman, viz., £1 1s. per sitting.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Leave of absence is governed by statutory provision, as was explained on a somewhat similar Question being asked by the Honorable Member for Ashfield on the 2nd May last. The Answer then given was to the following effect:—"This officer has been eleven years and two months in the Service, which entitles him to favourable consideration for three months' leave of absence on full pay; and by the 39th section of the Civil Service Act of 1885, it is enacted that if any officer shall not take his annual leave of three weeks he shall be entitled to it in any subsequent year in addition to the leave for such year, such accumulated leave not to exceed two months. Mr. Holliman not having taken his annual leave regularly, became entitled to the accumulated leave of two months, and in accordance with precedent this was added to that granted under section 40 of the Act. Mr. Holliman is an exceptionally good officer, and deserves the concession granted."
- (6.) No; probably Mr. Fitznead is referred to. He is allowed £100 per annum for equipment, and does keep a horse and trap, but denies that he is driven about by a contractor or a contractor's boy.
- (7.) No.
- (8.) Mr. Fitznead is a probationary Resident Engineer, receiving a salary of £150 per annum. He has been ten years in the Colony.

(11.) School of Arts Theatre:—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. Hughes, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that for several weeks past the School of Arts Theatre has been used for the purposes of an entertainment?
- (2.) Is the School of Arts in receipt of any subsidy or money from the Government?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that his predecessor determined that, if the School of Arts persisted in competing with the private owners of halls and theatres, it must relinquish any claim to Government assistance?
- (4.) If so, will he give effect to that decision, and hand the money so saved to the Trustees of the Free Public Library for the improvement and use of the Free Public Reading-room and Lending Branch?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) No; Mr. Suttor took exception to the hall being leased for certain objectionable entertainments, which were discontinued.
- (4.) No; money voted for Schools of Arts can only be expended on these institutions. The Free Public Library has a separate vote.

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(12.) Drawback received on Casks of Liquor by Tooth & Co.:—*Mr. McGowen*, for *Mr. Hughes*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did Messrs. Tooth & Co. (Limited), brewers, apply for and receive drawback on eighty or more casks of liquor on any one occasion during the year 1893?

(2.) What was the number of casks and their contents, and when was such drawback received and the amount?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) A refund of duty was recommended on the 26th April, 1893, and paid.

(2.) Eighty-four hogsheads of sour beer. The amount refunded was £53 11s.

(13.) Marine Board—Hulk "Gem":—*Mr. McGowen*, for *Mr. Hughes*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,— Will he make inquiries into the extraordinary laxity of the Marine Board in permitting the hulk "Gem" to proceed to sea in an unseaworthy condition, thus causing the loss of two valuable lives?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—Before replying to this Question I would point out that it does not seem to me to be drawn in accordance with Parliamentary rule. There is an allegation in it that the vessel referred to was unseaworthy, and that in consequence two lives were lost. I understand the Parliamentary rule to be that Questions should not contain expressions of opinion, and this Question in its present form appears to me to contain a serious imputation upon the Marine Board, who have given me the following report:—The "Gem" was not considered unseaworthy. She was, moreover, in charge of an efficient steam tug, and therefore came under the conditions provided under the 1st sub-section of the 2nd clause of the "Navigation Law Amendment Act of 1881."

(14.) Flemington Rifle Range:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Bavister*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the alterations to Flemington Rifle Range complete; if not, in what state towards completion are they?

(2.) When will it be open for use, and what, other than official inspection, is causing the great delay in this matter?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Military authorities that plans have been prepared and tenders will be called for when the money submitted on the Estimates is voted.

(2.) In about twelve weeks time after the money is available.

(15.) Wantabadgery Bushrangers:—*Mr. Price* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the papers in connection with the trial of the Wantabadgery bushrangers?

(2.) Also the statements left by Messrs. Scott, Rogan, and Johns in reference to the innocence of Graham Bennett?

(3.) Also all papers relating to the pardon of Bennett?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—If the Honorable Member desires the production of the papers referred to in this and the following Questions, it will be necessary that he should obtain an Order of the House in the usual way.

2. LAND TAX:—*Mr. Dugald Thomson* presented a Petition from the Council of the Borough of Mosman, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867.  
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

*Mr. Reid* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting special grant to the Albury District Hospital.

(2.) Report of the Chief Commissioner of New South Wales Government Railways *re* International Railway Congress held in London, 1895.

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Carruthers* laid upon the Table,—Substituted Regulations Nos. 152 and 153 under the Crown Lands Acts.

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Gould* laid upon the Table,—Rules of the Supreme Court in Equity Jurisdiction.

Ordered to be printed.

4. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of *Mr. Young*, read a third time, and *passed*.

*Mr. Young* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the procuring and laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in and the control and management of the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto.*"

Question put and *passed*.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the procuring and laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in and the control and management of the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
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5. BOROUGH OF REDFERN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. McGowen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Redfern to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down or erect electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to enable Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Redfern to participate in the benefits of such supply; and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, and one hundred and ninetieth, and other sections of the Municipalities Act of 1867, so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to authorise the said Council of the Borough of Redfern to sell or lease the whole of the electric lighting plant, including lands and buildings; and to amend the law in other respects.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. McGowen having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Redfern to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down or erect electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to enable Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Redfern to participate in the benefits of such supply; and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, and one hundred and ninetieth, and other sections of the Municipalities Act of 1867, so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to authorise the said Council of the Borough of Redfern to sell or lease the whole of the electric lighting plant, including lands and buildings; and to amend the law in other respects,*"—read a first time.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

8. AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Reid, pursuant to leave granted on the 1st October, 1895, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the appropriation and application of Public Moneys to Public Purposes; to amend the Audit Act; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at two minutes after Ten o'clock p.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1895.

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

SELECTIONS MADE BY MARTIN TULLY:—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from the Honorable the Secretary for Lands, Mr. Carruthers, a letter stating his desire to retire from the Select Committee on "Selections made by Martin Tully," the firm of Carruthers and Hawkins having at one time acted as solicitors for Mr. Tully.

Mr. Reid (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Carruthers be discharged from attendance upon this Committee.

Question put and passed.

2. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney—Phillip Division.

Whereupon Mr. Reid moved, That the Seat of Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Sydney—Phillip Division, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Richard Denis Meagher.

Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Wollongong Harbour Trust:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Archibald Campbell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the Government arrived at a decision regarding the requests recently made to him by a deputation from the people of Wollongong, asking—

(1.) That the Wollongong Harbour Trust be dissolved?

(2.) That the required harbour works at Wollongong be carried out by Government?

(2.) If it has been decided to comply with those requests, when will the decision be carried out?

(3.) If it has not been so decided, will he please state the reason why?

Mr. Reid answered,—This matter will be submitted for the decision of the Cabinet in a few days.

(2.) Trustees of the National Art Gallery:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What are the names of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery?

(2.) How many meetings have been held during the past twelve months?

(3.) What is the attendance of each member during the above period, giving names of such members?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) E. Du Faur, Esq. (President); J. R. Fairfax, Esq.; Hon. E. Combes, C.M.G., M.L.C.; Hon. Sir P. A. Jennings, K.C.M.G., LL.D., M.L.C.; J. Mullens, Esq.; Hon. W. J. Trickett, M.L.C.; B. R. Wise, Esq.; J. R. Ashton, Esq.; His Honor Sir J. G. L. Innes, Kt.; and the Minister of Public Instruction for the time being.

(2.) Twenty-six.

(3.) Mr. Du Faur, 26; Mr. Fairfax, 10; Mr. Combes, 9; Sir P. A. Jennings, none; Mr. Mullens, 18; Mr. Trickett, 8; Mr. Wise, 4; Mr. Ashton, 21; Sir J. G. L. Innes, 4; Minister of Public Instruction, none.

(3.)



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- (3.) Foundering of the Hulk "Gem":—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the circumstances connected with the foundering of the hulk "Gem"?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that on that date it was deemed inadvisable for steamers to leave the harbour of Newcastle?
  - (3.) If so, will he cause an inquiry to be made into the methods of the Harbour Master?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that reports of the occurrence were published in the daily papers, and an inquiry is being held by the Marine Board into the circumstances connected therewith.
  - (2 and 3.) No; no less than twelve other vessels sailed the same day.
- (4.) Prickly-pear on land near Scone and Aberdeen:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) If he is aware that large tracts of Government land near Scone and Aberdeen are overrun with prickly-pear?
  - (2.) Taking into consideration the interests of the neighbouring settlers, will he consider the advisability of having this land cleared?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The administration of the law relating to prickly pear overgrowth is vested in the Mines Department, and I have therefore no authority in the matter, but I have referred this Question to my honorable colleague, the Minister for Mines and Agriculture, who states that "Every effort is being made as far as can be under the Act, but without special funds it is impossible to deal with the matter effectually."
- (5.) Telegraph Messengers:—*Mr. Thomas*, for Mr. Law, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that there are over sixty telegraph messengers who have been in the Government employ from three to seven years who are in receipt of £52 per annum.
  - (2.) If so, will he see that the men and boys who have served over five years in this Department receive increased remuneration?
- Mr. Cook* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) £52 per annum is the maximum salary payable under the regulations to telegraph messengers, and is considered sufficient for the duties they perform, but advantage is taken of the opportunity of promoting those who are eligible to higher positions as vacancies occur.
- (6.) Site for new Court-house at Redfern:—*Mr. Watson*, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has a site been purchased for a new Court-house at Redfern?
  - (2.) Has the money been voted to erect the said Court-house?
  - (3.) Have plans been drawn by the Government Architect and approved of by the officers?
  - (4.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the work?
- Mr. Gould* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) After paying for the site £4,000 is available out of the Loan Vote for 1891 towards the cost of construction.
  - (3.) Plans have been prepared and tenders received.
  - (4.) The matter is now receiving attention.
4. DISMISSAL OF CONSTABLE EASTERBROOK:—*Mr. Fegan* presented a Petition from Nathaniel Easterbrook, of Singleton, praying that he may be represented by Counsel or Attorney, or in person, before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon his dismissal from the Police Force, with the right to call witnesses and adduce evidence, and to examine and cross-examine such witnesses as may give evidence before the said Committee.
- Petition received.
- Mr. Fegan (by consent)* moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.
- Question put and passed.
5. CUSTOMS DUTIES:—*Mr. McLaughlin* presented a Petition from a Public Meeting of the Electors and Residents of Kinchela, representing that the Customs Duties on sugar, timber, grain, farm and dairy produce, and articles which can be profitably manufactured by the people of this Colony, have been of great benefit to the community; protesting against any abolition of the said Customs Duties until the federation of the Australian Colonies; and praying the House to retain and continue the said Customs Duties at present so greatly needed to carry on the government of the country, and by so doing prevent the imposition of new, unreasonable, unnecessary, and ruinous taxation at a time of unprecedented depression, and further prevent thousands of their fellow colonists from being reduced to a state of destitution and ruin, and so become a burden on the State by means of the destruction of the aforesaid industries from which they now derive their means of subsistence.
- Petition received.
6. LAND TAX:—The following Petitions, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867,—were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Knox—From the Council of the Borough of Vaucluse.
  - (2.) By Mr. T. R. Smith—From the Council of the Municipal District of Cabramatta and Canley Vale.
- Petitions received.

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7. PAPERS:—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Evidence taken before the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the conduct and management of the Licensed House for Insane at Cook's River, known as "Bayview House."  
 (2.) Return to an Order, made on 21st August, 1895,—“The Permanent Artillery.”  
 (3.) Return to an Order, made on 3rd September, 1895,—“Naval Brigade.”  
 Ordered to be printed.
8. BRIDGE AT KOORAWATHA, NEAR YOUNG (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the cancellation of the contract for a bridge at Koorawatha, near Young.  
 Question put and passed.
9. BOROUGH OF REDFERN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Watson, for Mr. McGowen, moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That the Borough of Redfern Electric Lighting Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Caun, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Perry, and the Mover.  
 Question put and passed.
10. NATIVE FLORA PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—  
 And the Question being again proposed,—  
 The House resumed the said Debate.  
 Question put, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Dr. Ross,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Leo,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Storey,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,	Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Hassall.
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Edden,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Barnes.	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Cook,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. F. Clarke.
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. A. B. Piddington.	Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Mahony,		Mr. Hogue,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—  
 (1.) Excise Duty on Colonial Tobacco; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. H. H. Brown,—“That, in the opinion of this House, the excise duty on colonial tobacco of 1s. 3d. per lb. is most injurious to the cultivation and manufacture of colonial-grown leaf, and should be “abolished”;—until Tuesday, 22nd October.  
 (2.) Law of Libel Amendment Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.  
 (3.) Homes Protection Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

12. AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid 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. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.  
 On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
13. MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Moore moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Report by Father Curran on Triassic Discovery at Coonamble :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Mines,—In reference to a report from Mr. Pittman, Government Geologist, regarding the Triassic discovery at Moree artesian bore, is he aware that between one and two years ago, when examining the artesian discovery at Coonamble, Father Curran reported this formation as containing artesian water; will he lay such report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Inquiry has been made at the Public Works Department, and search has been made through the papers relating to the Coonamble bore transferred from the Public Works Department to this, and no trace can be found of any written report on the subject made by the Rev. J. M. Curran.

- (2.) Land open for Lease in the County of Cowley :—Mr. Wright, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he has advertised 200,000 acres of land, in or near the county of Cowley, for lease at £1 per 1,000 acres, on condition that the lessees ring the trees and keep down scrub upon 1 acre in every 3 for five years?

(2.) Is he aware that the land in question is in many parts covered with broom, messmate, manna, gum, and other trees, and that experienced settlers are of opinion that it will cost at least £1 per acre to do the ringing and clearing referred to?

(3.) Will he have the statement inquired into, and take into consideration the desirableness of leasing the land on more favourable conditions?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) A sale of leases of 12 blocks of inferior Crown lands, containing an aggregate area of about 144,000 acres in the county of Cowley, has been advertised to be held in Queanbeyan on the 5th proximo, one of the conditions being that within five years from the commencement of the lease one-fifth of the total area be effectively ringbarked, excluding, however, peppermint or messmate timber.

(2.) The surveyor reports the land to be very inferior and precipitous in parts, and as such is offered for lease under the 37th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, but he does not state that the land is covered by broom, messmate, manna gum, and other trees.

(3.) If the land is not leased at the present upset rent of less than one farthing per acre per annum a further report will be obtained from the District Surveyor as to a possible reduction in the rent and as to the necessity for a modification of the conditions of lease.

- (3.) Report upon the Federal Defence Scheme :—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What has become of the Commandant's Report upon the Federal Defence Scheme, adopted at a conference held in Sydney, presided over by Major-General Tulloch, C.B., and the report of Captain Reynolds, R.E., and why have they not been presented to Parliament?

(2.) Why has not the Government taken concerted action with the other colonies to give effect to the said reports?

(3.) When will the said Federal Defence Scheme Report be presented to Parliament?

(4.) Is he aware that since the Commandants' Conference events have occurred in China and Japanese waters and in the Pacific which endanger the safety of Australia and the Sydney Naval base?

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- (5.) Have any orders been given to secure two 30-knot torpedo-boat catchers for the use of the Naval Brigade, or other proper boats to improve the battle discipline of that brigade ?
- (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to arm the force with magazine rifles.
- (7.) Have any orders been given for the latest type of machine and quick-firing guns, smokeless powder, and projectiles, to suit the ordnance now in use in colonial defence ?
- (8.) If not, will such orders be given, and when ?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—In the absence of the Major-General I am unable to give the honorable gentleman an official reply to his Question, but I may state to him, in regard to the defence scheme referred to, that communications of that character generally pass from the Major-General to the Governor and from the Governor to the Secretary of State. As a rule reports of this nature are treated as confidential.
- (4.) Council Reform Bill :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware as to how the Legislative Council have dealt with the Council Reform Bill ?
- (2.) Have the Government decided what they will now do in the matter ; if so, will he give this House the particulars of the same ?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) This important Question will be considered by the Cabinet before the recess, with a view to such further action as may be deemed expedient in the public interest.
- (5.) Issue of Electors' Rights :—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of people are prevented by the nature of their occupations from making personal application for their electoral rights during the day time ?
- (2.) Will he cause the Electoral Registrars to issue rights at least two nights in every week ?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—Yes, and arrangements are now being made in order that the public convenience may be met by the attendance of city and suburban Registrars at their offices on Monday and Friday evenings between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m., in lieu of the earlier attendance on the days named.
- (6.) Shea's Creek Works :—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to place a sand-pump at work in Shea's Creek at an early date ?
- Mr. Young answered,—The matter is still under consideration.
- (7.) Students attending Technical Classes :—Mr. Lee, for Mr. Wilks, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What was the total number of individual students attending technical classes, not being classes in connection with the public schools, held in the following places :—(a) The Technical College, Ultimo ; (b) the suburbs of Sydney ; (c) the country towns—during the year 1892 ?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—(a) The Technical College, Ultimo, 3,858 ; (b) the suburbs of Sydney, 1,193 ; (c) the country towns, 3,709.
- (8.) Proposed Public Works :—Mr. Wright, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Are there any proposed public works now awaiting the jurisdiction of the Public Works Committee ?
- (2.) If yes, when does he intend to make appointments of a Public Works Committee ?
- (3.) If no, has he considered the advisability of appointing a non-political committee ?
- Mr. Reid answered,—My honorable friend should address these Questions to the head of the Public Works Department.
- (9.) Distribution of Vote for Forest-thinning :—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to spend any portion of the money, voted for forest-thinning, in the northern portion of the Colony ?
- (2.) If such is his intention, will he state what districts he contemplates dealing with ?
- (3.) Is he aware that the whole farming population of the tableland of New England is suffering very severe distress through the recent drought, and that temporary employment in forest-thinning would be a very great relief to them ?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) No decision has yet been arrived at, but inquiries have been made on the subject.
- (2.) Yes ; as soon as a decision has been come to.
- (3.) Yes.
- (10.) Application for Mining Lease by David Crozier :—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that an application for a lease, under the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, was made by David Crozier and others on the 11th February, 1895, and that objections to its issue were duly lodged by Richard Baxter, the proper notices given and deposit paid, and that the Minister directed an inquiry to be held before the Warden under section 22 of the said Act ; that such inquiry was held before Warden T. A. Smith at Rockley, on the 6th March, 1895, at which the applicants and objector, accompanied by their respective solicitors, were present ; and that the report of the Warden, together with a written statement of the legal arguments relied on by each side, was forwarded to the Minister and received by him before the end of March, 1895 ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the objector has, since the receipt by the Minister of the said report and statements, made constant application through his solicitor to the Minister and Under Secretary and the Crown Solicitor to have the matter dealt with ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that no decision has yet been given by the Minister, or recommendation made to the Governor in respect to this application, and the objection thereto ?

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(4.) Is it a fact that the matter was referred by the Minister to the Crown Law Officers, and that a letter was written by the Crown Solicitor to the said Richard Baxter's solicitor as long ago as 7th June last, stating that he was then in communication with Sir Julian Salomons on the subject?

(5.) Is it a fact that the report of the Warden was in favour of the refusal of Crozier's application?

(6.) Is it a fact that the provision of the Bill now before this House for amending the Mining on Private Lands Act, providing that conditional leases shall not be comprised in the term "private lands," will directly affect this application and the objections thereto, the decision upon which has been so long delayed?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; and the matter was dealt with by the Crown Solicitor in June and July last.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes; and the case was submitted for the opinion of Sir Julian Salomons, who gave his opinion on the 8th July last, and a copy of the same was furnished to the Minister by the Crown Solicitor on the 9th July last.

(5.) No; but I may say that it is my intention to use every provision of the law at my command to protect prospector Crozier. He made the discovery, and endeavours are being made by a number of interested parties to oust him from the land. I think it is the duty of the Government, whenever it can see its way to do so, to protect the prospector, and I intend to take that course.

(6.) The provisions of the Bill may have some bearing on the case.

(11.) Contracts of Messrs. Carter, Gummow, & Co.:—*Mr. McCourt*, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that four inspectors, viz., Messrs. Harris, Waggie, Reid, and another, were removed from the works of Messrs. Carter, Gummow, & Co.?

(2.) Is it a fact that they were removed on account of complaints by these contractors?

(3.) If not, why were they removed?

(4.) Is it a fact that Messrs. Carter, Gummow, & Co., in tendering for sewerage works, eastern branch, Stanmore, tendered on schedule for £29,111, and by lumped contract for £28,000, the lumped contract being for the Monier system?

(5.) If so much cheaper than the Government plan in this case, why is the system dearer in the case of the Balmain contract?

(6.) Is it a fact that prior to tendering for any of their works Messrs. Carter, Gummow, & Co. had an interview with the Minister for Works?

(7.) Did they at such interview obtain a promise that if they were the lowest tenderers they might substitute the Monier system for the Government proposal?

(8.) Did Mr. Bagge, C.E., late of the Department, report condemning the Monier system as likely to collapse, or as defective in other respects?

(9.) Are Messrs. Gillan and Forrest securities for £18,000 for the contracts of Carter, Gummow, Gillan, Forrest, & Co.?

(10.) What knowledge has the Department of their ability to pay the £18,000 should the Monier system become defective or collapse?

(11.) Have partners of a firm of contractors been accepted by the Department for the due fulfilment of their contract ever before?

(12.) Is it the usual practice to allow contractors to substitute their own plans and specifications for the plans and specifications prepared by the Department?

(13.) Why was it allowed in the case of Carter, Gummow, & Co.?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) Inspectors are frequently moved from one work to another, as the exigencies of the Department require. Reid was the only inspector removed from Carter & Co.'s works. He was placed on another contract because of friction with Messrs. Carter & Co.'s manager and foreman, both of whom, by the Engineer-in-Chief's instructions, were removed from the works. I will presently lay upon the Table a copy of the only paper which, as far as I am aware, is in existence on the subject.

(4 and 5.) No; one tender only was received from Carter & Co., amounting at schedule rates to £45,207 8s. 11d. The work was not tendered for on the Monier system.

(6 and 7.) I have no recollection of any such interview, but, if any such did take place, there was a third party present, and no promise such as that referred to was at any time made. When the application was made to be allowed to substitute the Monier system for that proposed by the Department, the papers already laid upon the Table show that application to have been dealt with on its merits, and without reference to any promise, real or implied.

(8.) Mr. Bagge reported on several occasions on the Monier system, but, as it is better that the reports should speak for themselves, I will presently lay copies of two of the reports upon the Table; there is a third one which is at present not in the office, but I hope to obtain a copy to-morrow, when I will lay that upon the Table also.

(9.) It should be premised that the contract provided for a cash security only in the sum of £775; this was given, and a bank deposit receipt in favor of the Department is held in the office safe, but these gentlemen are sureties for J. Carter, F. M. Gummow, and G. D. Snodgrass, trading as Carter, Gummow, & Co., in the sum of £6,000 each for the stability of that portion of contract No. 77, now being carried out under the Monier system, in addition to the joint and several bond of the contractors in the sum of £12,000, the Department having the right to retain the cash deposit of £775, and an equal sum as retention money until the maintenance period has elapsed. I will presently lay upon the Table copies of the bond and other papers in connection with this contract, from which it will be seen that more than usual precautions were taken to secure the due execution of this contract, and to protect the Government against any possible risk.

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(10.) It will be seen from the papers which I will presently lay upon the Table that Messrs. Gillan and Forrest made statutory declarations, dated 27th May, 1895, and 1st June, 1895, respectively, that they were respectively possessed of property to the value of £6,000 and more.

(11.) It is almost impossible to answer this Question definitely, but from inquiry I am led to believe that cases may have occurred in which members of a firm, not parties to the particular contract affected, have been accepted as sureties; care, however, was taken, as was done in the particular case referred to in the Honorable Member's Question, to ascertain that such sureties had adequate means to meet their liabilities.

(12.) No.

(13.) The practice was not allowed, but in the case of Contract No. 77 the firm referred to submitted a plan with their alternative tender, showing the portion affected by the Monier system. The necessary supplementary specification was prepared by the Department, the original specification and plans still forming part of the contract, as will be seen by the papers I will presently lay upon the Table.

(12.) Refund of Duty recommended to Messrs. Tooth & Co.:—*Mr. Watkins*, for *Mr. Hughes*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Who applied for the refund of duty, amounting to £53 11s., recommended to Messrs. Tooth & Co. on 26th April, 1893; to whom was the application made, and on what date?

(2.) On whose recommendation was the refund allowed, and on what grounds?

(3.) Was it in accordance with the Beer Duties Act of 1887?

(4.) Did an excise officer examine the beer presented for drawback; and, if so, what is his name?

(5.) Does the Act provide for a declaration; if so, who made it, and in whose presence?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) Messrs. Tooth & Co., Limited, applied to the Collector of Customs on or about 25th April, 1893.

(2.) Collector of Customs, the beer being spoiled.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes; *Mr. J. C. R. Brown*.

(5.) The Act does not provide for a declaration.

2. ELECTION PETITION (*Braidwood*):—*Mr. Brunker*, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor from *Adolph Caesar Shadler*, of Sydney, alleging that at the General Election held in the present year Petitioner, together with *Austin Chapman*, were candidates for the Electoral District of *Braidwood*; that on 25th July last past the Returning Officer for the said Electoral District declared the said *Austin Chapman* to be duly elected; that on 17th July last the said *Austin Chapman*, at *Welcome Reefs*, in the said Electoral District, did directly or indirectly give and provide certain expenses incurred for meat, drink, entertainment, and provision to and for divers persons within the said Electoral District, in order to ensure and forward his said Election, and for the purpose of corruptly influencing such persons and other persons to give their votes at such election for him, and to refrain from giving them to any other candidate, contrary to the Act in such case made and provided; that on the same date the said *Austin Chapman* was, at *Welcome Reefs* aforesaid, accessory to the giving and providing of certain expenses incurred as set out in the last paragraph of this Petition for the purposes aforesaid; that on the same date the said *Austin Chapman*, at *Welcome Reefs* aforesaid, allowed one *Meyer Levinsohn* to pay on his behalf certain expenses incurred for meat, drink, entertainment, and provision as aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid, and for which offence the said *Austin Chapman* was, on the 12th September last, on the information of Petitioner, fined in the sum of £1 by *G. H. Smithers*, Esquire, Stipendiary Magistrate, at the Water Police Court, Sydney; and for the foregoing reasons Petitioner complains that the said *Austin Chapman* has been unduly elected, and that the said *Austin Chapman* was, by reason of the matters complained of, disqualified for election; and praying that on the grounds appearing in this Petition it may be declared that the said *Austin Chapman* was disqualified from becoming a Member of the said Legislative Assembly, and was therefore not duly elected as such Member, and that Petitioner was duly elected as a Member of the said Legislative Assembly.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Brunker*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

The Committee having, pursuant to leave granted by the House, adjourned *sine die*, *Mr. Speaker* appointed the next meeting to take place on Tuesday next at 11 o'clock in Committee Room No. 1.

3. PAPERS:—

*Mr. Young* laid upon the Table,—

Particulars respecting the contract of Messrs. *Carter, Gummow, and Company*, for Contract No. 77, Western Suburbs Sewerage (Northern Main Sewer).

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Carruthers* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th Section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

4. AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of *Mr. Young*, read a third time, and, on motion of *Mr. Brunker*, passed.

*Mr. Brunker* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the appropriation and application of Public Moneys to Public Purposes; to amend the Audit Act; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the appropriation and application of Public Monies to Public Purposes; to amend the Audit Act; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th October, 1895.*

5. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Mr. Bull, Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. Davis, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Travers Jones, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Parkes, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
6. ATTORNEYS' COSTS ACT OF 1847 AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Attorneys' Costs Act."
- Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the day postponed :—
- (1.) Native Flora Protection Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday, 17th December.
  - (2.) Law of Libel Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 3rd December.
  - (3.) Homes Protection Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 3rd December.
  - (4.) Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.
  - (5.) Franchise Extension Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 17th December.
8. LOAN BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
- MR. SPEAKER,—
- The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th October, 1895.*
- JOHN LACKEY,  
President.
9. NO-LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL (No. 2) :—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 repeal an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate No-liability Mining Companies, and to provide in lieu thereof for the incorporation, regulation, and winding-up of No-liability Mining Companies'*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
- Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th October, 1895.*
- JOHN LACKEY,  
President.
- Bill, on motion of Mr. Knox, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Murrumbidgee, Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The action of the Government with regard to the continued locking up of Reserves."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
11. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Lyne moved, That the Debate on this Bill be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
12. MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Seymour, City Inspector of Nuisances and Inspector of Fish:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is Mr. Seymour the City Inspector of Nuisances and Inspector of Fish under the Board of Health, &amp;c., and is he paid £50 a year?

(2.) If so, will he, in view of the evidence given in a case at the District Court, and also the evidence given before the Royal Commission on Fisheries now sitting, by policemen and others, as to the daily sale of rotten fish now and for years past by Seymour and others, cause Inspector Seymour to be removed from his office, and payment of salary stopped at once?

(3.) Will he get a copy of evidence given by policemen and others before Mr. Frank Farnell *re* sale of rotten fish by Seymour and other Corporation officials, and give instructions to the Inspector-General of Police to at once prosecute Seymour and other Corporation officials under the same Act of Parliament as butchers are prosecuted for selling bad meat?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Mr. Seymour is not an officer under the Board of Health. He is an Assistant Inspector of Fisheries under the Fisheries Department, and receives salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

(2 and 3.) Mr. Seymour is not an officer under the control of the Treasurer. I will, however, refer the matter for consideration of the Honorable the Chief Secretary.

(2.) Mr. Maxted, Inspector of Charitable Institutions:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What salaries, &amp;c., are paid to Mr. Maxted, Inspector of Charities, and his wife?

(2.) Is it not a fact they are paid over £1,200 a year, including value of quarters?

(3.) When working out the Government retrenchment scheme, will the above salary, with others of a similar nature, be cut down?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) Mr. Maxted, as Director of Government Asylums, Chief Boarding-out Officer under the State Children's Relief Act, and Chief Officer under the Children's Protection Act, receives £780 a year, including allowances; Mrs. Maxted, as Matron of the State Children's Relief Department, £140 a year, including allowances. If she were not the Director's wife her salary and allowances would be £270 a year, as in the case of other Matrons of the Department.

(2.) No. I may state that the quarters, a portion of the institution, are indispensable to Mr. Maxted, as all official books, papers, reports, &amp;c., relating to all branches, must be dealt with there every evening, and the performance of this duty occupies over four hours nightly.

(3.) The Civil Service Commissioners will deal with all salaries on the merits of officials, and with one regard to the duties and responsibilities of the offices they hold.

(3.) Railway from Molong to Forbes:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In what year was the tender accepted for the railway from Molong to Forbes?

(2.) Was the proposal to make it by that route brought before the Public Works Committee; and, if so, the nature of their report?

(3.) Was it proposed to take the railway to Forbes by any other route; if so, which route, and was proposed route brought before the Public Works Committee; if so, the nature of their report on it?

(4.) Is he aware that the railway from Molong to Forbes runs through an ironbark scrub and barren country for most of the way, whilst the land on the other route is fertile?

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Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) The tender for the first section of this railway was accepted on the 12th October, 1891, and the tender for the second section on the 12th December, 1891.

(2, 3, and 4.) The whole matter was dealt with exhaustively by the Public Works Committee, and I cannot do better than refer the Honorable Member to the report of that body, which is dated the 21st May, 1890, and was duly laid before Parliament in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act.

(4.) Re-appraisements of Special Areas :—Mr. Hayes asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have arrangements been completed for the re-appraisal of special areas?

(2.) If so, will he request the Land Boards to commence the inquiries as soon as possible, so that the appraisements may be finished by 31st December, which will give the special area holders the benefit of the reduction in price for next year's payments?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Chairmen of the Local Land Boards have been instructed not to delay the necessary action in dealing with applications for re-appraisal within special areas under the 36th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.

(5.) Evidence of Mr. H. C. L. Anderson before Civil Service Commission :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will the papers respecting the evidence given by Mr. H. C. L. Anderson before the Civil Service Commission, on the 11th March last, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—These papers have been forwarded to the Department of Public Instruction, but I have asked my honorable colleague to expedite the dealing with them, so that they may be laid upon the Table of the House without delay.

(6.) Sewerage Contract 95-917 :—Mr. O'Reilly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the complaint of the men employed upon sewerage contract 95-917 as to alleged subletting and sweating yet come under his notice?

(2.) In the event of their charges being proved, will he take steps to cancel the said contract, and see that the men are paid such balance of their wages as may still be due to them?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am inquiring into the matter, and as soon as all the facts are before me which I require to enable me to come to a decision thereon I will do so, and acquaint the Honorable Member with the terms thereof.

(7.) Church and Schools Lands :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Are any funds at present available, and which have been derived from Church and School Lands; if so, how much?

(2.) Is it a fact that this fund, derived from Church and School Lands, is being expended in finding work and employment for the unemployed, and the amount that has been so expended for this purpose?

(3.) Are any of the funds being expended in finding employment in country districts, the number of persons so employed, in what districts, and the amount so expended?

(4.) Are any of the funds obtained from Church and School Lands situated in Sydney or suburbs; if so, the amount of the same; or, if the funds are obtainable from Church and School Lands in country districts, what is the name of each district, and the amount obtained from each district respectively?

Mr. Garrard answered,—If the Honorable Member particularly desires this information he should move for it in the usual way, as it could not be obtained at so short a notice, and its preparation would involve expense.

(8.) Report by Father Curran on Triassic Discovery at Coonamble :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of his reply to Mr. Lyne's Question No. 1, of 9th October instant, in reference to the report made by Father Curran on the Triassic discovery at Coonamble, will he have a communication sent to Father Curran to ascertain whether any report on this discovery was made by him?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Yes; the Rev. J. M. Curran will be asked if he furnished any report in writing.

(9.) High-level Bridge to connect North Shore :—Mr. Howarth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to ask Parliament, at an early date, to authorise the construction of a high-level bridge to North Shore?

Mr. Young answered,—I have no present intention of doing so.

(10.) Amending Brands Bill :—Mr. Howarth asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the amending Brands Bill be introduced?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I shall be in a position to give the Honorable Member a definite answer as to this matter next week.

(11.) Pymble Crossing :—Mr. Howarth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What action does he intend to take in regard to the closing of the Pymble Crossing, and has he obtained any legal opinion as to the power to close that crossing?

Mr. Young answered,—I have obtained a legal opinion on the subject so far as it relates to my Department. I intend to have further communications with the Railway Commissioners in the matter, and am therefore not in a position at present to give a decided answer as to what action, if any, I intend to take.

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2. LAND TAX:—Mr. Hassall presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Moree, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House, in dealing with the measure for the imposition of a Land Tax, will, in the first instance, either pass a measure of Local Self-government, and thereby put all the people of the country on the same municipal level, or that it will make a fair and equitable exemption from such Land Tax in respect of all those lands that are already under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867.  
Petition received.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Botany Free Public Library.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Neild (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the "Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Bill" be authorised to make visits of inspection to, and hold inquiries at, the site of the works authorised by the "Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act of 1890," and that the Committee have power to sit during any adjournment of this House to enable them to make the said visits of inspection.  
Question put and passed.
5. CASE OF MR. A. J. C. SINGLE:—Mr. Wright, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 19th September, 1895, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. CONTRACTS OF MESSRS. CARTER, GUMMOW, AND COMPANY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with the contracts of Messrs. Carter, Gummow, & Co., at Marrickville, Balmain, North Sydney, Johnston's Creek, and Stanmore, including the specification, schedule, &c., for original contracts, and for substituted ones, and all vouchers paid and details of same, and such other matter included in the transactions from commencement to the present date.  
Question put and passed.
7. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
8. MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1895, A.M.

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

9. LOAN BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, was delivered by Mr. Brunker, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

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

*Message No. 20.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 10th October, 1895.*

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Resumed areas within the Deniliquin Land District.—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What are the names and respective areas of all resumed areas within the Deniliquin Land District?

(2.) What quantity of land in each case is locked up by means of reserves, and will he take early steps to have any such reserves not absolutely wanted for public purposes revoked, and thrown open to settlement, to meet the existing urgent demand for land in this district?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member will be furnished in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way. I may add that the District Surveyor already holds instructions to report on any unnecessary reserves.

- (2.) Exchange of lands on Deniliquin Run:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he received the report of the Local Land Board, in reference to a proposal by the owner of Deniliquin Run, for an exchange of lands in the parish of Dahwilley, on the said run?

(2.) Is he aware that the land proposed to be surrendered to the Crown has been for some time past inundated by water from the Edwards River?

(3.) If not so aware, will he make inquiries before endorsing the Land Board's recommendation?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The evidence taken by the Land Board discloses that both the lands offered and those applied for in exchange are subject to floods.

- (3.) Foundering of the hulk "Gem":—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) With reference to his reply to Mr. Black's Question No. 3, of 8th October, concerning the foundering of the hulk "Gem," is it not a fact that a notice warning mariners of the approach of a south-east gale was posted at the Newcastle Post-office at least one hour before the "Gem" was permitted to leave?

(2.) If that be so, at what hour was the notice posted?

(3.) Referring again to his reply of the 8th instant, at what hours of the day on which the "Gem" sailed did the twelve steamers mentioned in that reply leave Newcastle?

(4.) Who is responsible for the sailing of the hulk "Gem" under such unfavourable circumstances?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—

(1 and 2.) No special warning of the approach of a south-east gale was posted at Newcastle on the day referred to.

(3.) S.S. "Katoomba," 0.40 a.m.; s.s. "Oonah," 9.40 a.m.; schooner "Lord of the Isles," 10.45 a.m.; ship "Craigerne," 0.10 p.m.; s.s. "Elingamite," 0.20 p.m.; hulk "Gem," in tow of tug "Stormcock," 0.45 p.m.; s.s. "Port Chalmers," 2.45 p.m.; s.s. "Bezwada," 3 p.m.; s.s. "Lubra," 6.15 p.m.; s.s. "Tamar," 6.50 p.m.; s.s. "Basby," 11.40 p.m.; s.s. "Namoi," 11.50 p.m.

(4.) The responsibility rests with the masters of the "Gem" and "Stormcock."

- (4.) Free carriage of Newspapers:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Black, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has he taken into consideration the enormous disadvantage at which the country press is placed by the free carriage of newspapers?

(2.) Will he, in order to restore the balance, consider the advisability of granting the free use of the telegraph wires for press purposes to country newspapers?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—

(1.) The matter has been frequently brought under my notice.

(2.) No; I do not see my way to do this.

(5.)

15th October, 1895.

- (5.) Public Works Committee :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Are there any proposed public works now awaiting the jurisdiction of the Public Works Committee?
  - (2.) If yes, when does he intend to make appointments of a Public Works Committee?
  - (3.) If no, has he considered the advisability of appointing a non-political committee?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) It is intended before the close of this Session to submit certain Public Works proposals to Parliament, with a view to their being referred to the Public Works Committee.
  - (2 and 3.) The necessary notices will be given as soon as business will admit.
2. CIVIL SERVANTS HOLDING MORE THAN ONE OFFICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The names of all persons who hold more than one office under the Crown or in the Civil Service, the nature of such office, the pay or salary attached to such office, and the total amount of salaries received in each case, with the names of the officers holding such offices.
  - (2.) The name of any civil servant holding any office outside the Civil Service, the nature of such office, and the pay attached to such office.
- Question put and passed.
3. APPLICATION OF MR. J. F. CONNELLY TO MINE IN THE PARISH OF CURRAJONG:—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the application of Mr. J. F. Connelly to mine in the parish of Currajong.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Lee, Mr. Fegan, Mr. F. Clarke, Mr. Bavister, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Return to Order—"Application of Mr. J. F. Connelly to mine in the parish of Currajong," laid upon the Table of this House during the Session 1887-8; "The Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee upon the application of Mr. J. F. Connelly to mine in the parish of Currajong," Session 1893; and "The Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, and Report of the Select Committee upon, the application of Mr. J. F. Connelly to mine in the parish of Currajong," Session 1894—be referred to such Committee.
- Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
4. PAPER:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Further particulars respecting the contract of Messrs. Carter, Gummow, and Company, for Contract No. 77, Western Suburbs Sewerage (Northern Main Sewer). (*To accompany the papers on this subject already laid upon the Table.*)  
Ordered to be printed.
5. EXEMPTIONS UNDER LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The approximate value of the land (without improvements) that will be exempted from taxation by the Land and Income Tax Bill if carried into law—the value to be arrived at to be on the same basis as that by which the Treasurer reckons to get his £400,000 revenue.
  - (2.) The amount of revenue which will be lost by these exemptions at the rate of 1d. on the unimproved value.
- Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Rose,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. See,	Mr. Greene.
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Moore,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Morgan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. W. H. B. Piddington.
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Howarth,	
Mr. A. B. Piddington,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Whiddon,	
Mr. James Thomson,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Dugald Thomson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE WORKS:—Mr. Dick moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all charges for the cost of construction of the works known as the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Works; also all charges debited by the Government to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board; also the working of the Act and into the working of the clerical and mechanical staff employed by the Board; and to make such recommendations as the case may warrant.

(2.)

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- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Levien, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Edden, Mr. Carroll, and the Mover.
- (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, of the Select Committee of Scasion 1894-5, be referred to such Committee.
- Debate ensued.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

7. **MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
8. **SUPPLY:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Holidays in the Police Force:—Mr. Harvey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Are the members of the Police Force of the Colony allowed off duty any number of Sundays in the year?
- (2.) If not, is it not practicable that each officer can be allowed off one Sunday in each month?
- (3.) Could not this apply more particularly to the Police of the Metropolitan District?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that the members of the force are paid for seven days in the week, as the duty required to be performed on Sundays is, as a rule, more exacting than on week-days, and numerous complaints are made of the want of police on that day. This applies especially to the Metropolitan District, but the rule is to allow the police in Sydney a day off in the month, which would occasionally give them a Sunday.

- (2.) Alleged Illicit Still on Premises at corner of Kent and Erskine Streets:—Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the information given to the Inspector of Distilleries that induced him to enter the premises of Mrs. and Miss Hardwicke, situate at the corner of Kent and Erskine Streets, Sydney, on the morning of the 3rd instant?
- (2.) Did the Inspector, before entering the said premises, take any, and what, steps to ascertain whether the information given was correct?
- (3.) Did the Inspector receive information from the same person to the same effect nine months ago?
- (4.) Did the Inspector at that time take any steps to ascertain whether the information given was correct or not; and why were steps not taken at that time to see if the information was correct or not?
- (5.) Has the Inspector been applied to by the attorney for Mrs. and Miss Hardwicke to give him the name of the informant, and has he done so; and, if not, why not?
- (6.) Did the Inspector find any traces of an illicit still on the premises, or any circumstances which justified the information given to him by such informant?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) That an illicit still was set up in the cellar of the house and worked at night.
- (2.) Yes, by watching the premises.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) Answered by No. 3.
- (5.) Yes; application declined. It would be a breach of faith, and contrary to the Treasurer's published announcement.
- (6.) No, none whatever.

- (3.) Water Frontages at White's Creek:—Mr. Law asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that claims are being made for water frontages at White's Creek?
- (2.) If so, will he furnish the names and owners claiming such compensation?
- (3.) If there are no claims for compensation, will he see that this nuisance is obviated by immediately filling in the same, in accordance with his promise made on the 26th ultimo?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1 and 2.) No claims have been received, no land having been yet resumed.
- (3.) Before the reclamation of the area is undertaken it will be necessary to resume certain areas adjoining, and a valuation of these is now being made.

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(4.) Re-appraisal of Values on Special Area Selections :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have Local Land Boards, when hearing applications for re-appraisal of values on special area selections, power to recommend the reduction to any price below the minimum of 30s. per acre?

(2.) If not, will he at once introduce a Bill making the necessary provision to give the Local Land Boards that power?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This is a legal point which will be dealt with in manner provided by law whenever it arises. Until it is otherwise decided, I shall administer the law according to the intention of Parliament which sought to empower Boards to re-appraise special areas at their real values.

(5.) Prayer for Rain for the Western Districts :—Mr. Sleath asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Executive have decided to set apart a special day for humiliation and prayer for rain for the western districts only?

(2.) If so, on what date?

Mr. Brunner answered,—I am not aware that the Government has taken any action in this respect. I do not think they have proclaimed a day of humiliation and prayer such as his Question refers to; but I can give the Honorable Member my assurance that if it becomes necessary to issue such a proclamation it will be issued, and the Honorable Member will have an opportunity to attend.

(6.) Salary and Allowances to Mr. Maxted :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to his reply to Mr. McElhone's Questions of the 10th October, in reference to amount of salaries paid to Mr. Maxted, being £780 a year including allowances, is it not a fact that Mr. Maxted receives as per the Estimates and Schedule to the Estimates £856 per year, and his wife £170, or a total of £1,026 per year, with allowances for him and his wife?

Mr. Brunner answered,—No; the dual allowances referred to are not drawn by Mr. Maxted and his wife as they appear in the Schedule, but are necessarily stated there for the purposes of super-annuation, and in the event of another officer than Mr. Maxted's wife holding the post of matron. The total salaries actually drawn by Mr. Maxted and his wife are £920 a year.

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

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 21.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of October or following month of the Financial year 1895-6.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 16th October, 1895.*

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

3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 22.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and to repeal the Act 53 Victoria, No. 1.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 16th October, 1895.*

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

4. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 23.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to enable New South Wales to take part in the framing, acceptance, and enactment of a Federal Constitution for Australasia.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 16th October, 1895.*

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

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Further particulars respecting the contract of Messrs. Carter, Gummow, and Company, for Contract No. 77, Western Suburbs Sewerage (Northern Main Sewer). [*To be substituted for the papers on this subject, laid upon the Table on 15th October, 1895, and to accompany those laid upon the Table on 9th October, 1895.*]

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of September, 1895.

Ordered to be printed.



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6. ROADS AND BRIDGES AND SEWERAGE BRANCH, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—  
Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
(1.) The names, positions appointed to, when entering Service, and length of service, of the recently-retrenched resident engineers from the Roads and Bridges and Sewerage Branch of the Works Department.  
(2.) The like information about the officers retained in the Service in above branches.  
Question put and passed.
7. JOINT STOCK COMPANIES' ARRANGEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend section 3 of the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act, 1891,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 16th October, 1895.*  
Bill, on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
8. CO-OPERATIVE COLLIERY TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the maintenance and use of a tramway which has been constructed from the Co-operative Mine, situate on the Wentworth Estate, in the parish of Hexham, county of Northumberland, in the Colony of New South Wales, to the screens above the Co-operative Railway-line, and which said tramway crosses various streets and ways in the Borough of Plattsburg; and to enable William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to divert the course of Kenrick-street, between Wentworth-street and Fletcher-street, and giving him compulsory powers to acquire lands forming the site of the said tramway,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 16th October, 1895.*  
Bill, on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Gold Leases:—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the number of gold leases in existence in New South Wales?
- (2.) What is the number of gold leases in existence in New South Wales with the rent paid up?
- (3.) What is the number of gold leases in existence in New South Wales in arrears of rent?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) 928.
- (2.) 746.
- (3.) 182; of these 123 are in course of cancellation; the others are only just due, or, in a few cases, time has been allowed for payment.

- (2.) Alleged Poisoning by Brown at Canally Station:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Sleath, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact, as reported, that Brown, who was tried and acquitted at Deniliquin for poisoning at Canally Station, has confessed to the crime?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed that there is no truth in the statement that Brown confessed to the crime. A report was circulated in Deniliquin the night of the trial by a discharged prisoner, who was drunk at the time, that Brown told him he had put poison in a flour tin, but next morning, when sober, he denied the statement, and positively stated Brown had never spoken to him in gaol. The gaol officials state that the discharged prisoner could not have had any conversation with Brown when in gaol.

- (3.) Discovery of ex-Member's Railway Pass in Pawn Shop:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In regard to an Answer recently given as to the return of railway passes by ex-Members,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that one of those passes was discovered in a pawn shop in an adjoining colony?
- (2.) Was the person to whom that pass was issued a member of the learned and legal profession; and, if so, has his name been struck off the roll, or steps taken for that purpose?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The person referred to is a solicitor. I am not aware that his name has been struck off the rolls, or that proceedings have been instituted against him for that purpose.

- (4.) Mr. E. H. Wilshire, Crown Law Offices:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Does Mr. E. H. Wilshire occupy the position of Chief Criminal Clerk and Prosecuting Officer in the Office of the Crown Solicitor?
- (2.) As such, has he to deal in any way with the criminal charges now pending against George Dean and others?
- (3.) Is he at present engaged as one of the secretaries, or in some other position, connected with a fund for the relief of Mrs. Dean and her child?
- (4.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, with the view to the removal of Mr. Wilshire from any position that may appear prejudicial to the proper and impartial administration of his office?

Mr. Gould answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Attorney-General's Department:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) No inquiries are necessary, nor does the Attorney-General consider that there is anything prejudicial to the proper administration of Mr. Wilshire's office or duties, and the Attorney-General's consent was obtained before Mr. Wilshire undertook a work in every way creditable to him.

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- (5.) **Bradley's Head Leases**:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In accordance with a promise given to the House, has he yet placed the matter of the Bradley's Head leases before the Cabinet, or has any final decision been arrived at in the matter by the Government?  
Mr. Reid answered,—Not yet.
- (6.) **Referee in Fight between Placke and Barker**:—Mr. A. B. Piddington asked the Minister of Justice,—  
(1.) Is it a fact that Colonel Macdonald acted as referee in a recent fight between one Placke, who was nearly killed, and one Barker, who has been arrested for inflicting grievous bodily harm?  
(2.) Is Colonel Macdonald liable to prosecution for this action?  
(3.) If so, why has he not been prosecuted?  
Mr. Bruncker answered,—  
(1.) Inspector Bremner, who was present, reports that Colonel Macdonald acted as referee on the occasion.  
(2 and 3.) It cannot be decided whether or not action would be justifiable against the parties who took part in the affair, other than the principals, until the charge against Barker has been heard.
- (7.) **Clubs supplying Liquor without a License**:—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many clubs in the city and suburbs are retailing liquors and not paying a license?  
Mr. Bruncker answered,—As far as can be ascertained by the Inspector-General of Police within the limited time available, there are 42 such clubs in the Metropolitan District.
- (8.) **Captain Murray, Newington Asylum**:—Mr. Smailes asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) What is the position held by Captain Murray at Newington Asylum?  
(2.) Does such position carry with it power to discharge employees and put others in their places?  
Mr. Bruncker answered,—  
(1.) Superintendent.  
(2.) No, only when he has instructions to do so.
- (9.) **Fisheries Bill**:—Mr. Wheeler asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce a Fisheries Bill this Session?  
Mr. Bruncker answered,—It is questionable whether it will be possible for the Government to introduce a Fisheries Bill this Session. Very much must depend upon the progress of public business.
2. **CAPERTEE TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. Frank Farnell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 26th September, 1895; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.  
Question put and passed.
3. **BOROUGH OF REDFERN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL**:—Mr. McGowen, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 8th October, 1895; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. McGowen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.  
Question put and passed.
4. **PAPERS**:—  
Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Lands for the year 1894.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Rockley, county of Georgiana, for deviation of the road from Rockley to Caloola and Tuena.  
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Bugong, county of Camden, for a bridge over Kangaroo River.  
(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Wambanumba, county of Montecagle, for an approach to bridge over Marengo Creek, at Bendick Morell.  
(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Moree, county of Courallie, for a bridge over Broadwater Creek, at Moree.
5. **SELECTIONS MADE BY MARTIN TULLY**:—Mr. Affleck, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 17th September, 1895; together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. **THE JOHNSON PERJURY CASE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Watson, for Mr. Sleath, moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the Johnson perjury case.  
Question put and passed.

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7. SALARIES PAID OUT OF LOAN VOTES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The amount of all salaries paid to officers, for the years 1893 and 1894, out of Loan Votes, such salaries not appearing on the Estimates.  
 (2.) The names of all officers whose salaries are paid out of Loan Votes, and the salaries paid to each of them.  
 Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill postponed until Thursday next.
9. PATENTS LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—  
 MR. SPEAKER,—  
 The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the law relating to Patents for Inventions and Improvements in Arts or Manufactures*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 17th October, 1895.*  
 JOHN LACKEY,  
 President.  
 Bill, on motion of Mr. Garrard, read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—  
 Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Deniliquin, Mr. Chanter, 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 immediate necessity for the Minister in charge taking such immediate action as may be necessary to withdraw all stock routes, water reserves, and camping places for stock, from pastoral and other lease, and having them so regulated by the Stock and Pasture Boards, or placed under special trusts, as will ensure the conservation of both grass and water for the use of travelling stock only. And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
 Mr. Chanter moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
*Point of Order*:—Mr. Garrard drew Mr. Speaker's attention to the Debate which took place on the 9th instant, when Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick moved the adjournment of the House to discuss "The action of the Government with regard to the continued locking up of reserves,"—and requested Mr. Speaker to rule whether the subject now submitted for discussion was not substantially the same.  
 Mr. Speaker sustained Mr. Garrard's objection, and stated that the matter discussed on the 9th instant embraced that now submitted.
11. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1895-6" 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. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable New South Wales to take part in the framing, acceptance, and enactment of a Federal Constitution for Australasia.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
13. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—  
 (1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from William Patrick Crick, Esquire, resigning his seat as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.  
 (2.) Mr. Speaker then, pursuant to the requirement of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing John Moore Chanter, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—  
*"By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly*  
*of New South Wales.*  
 "PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, I do hereby appoint—  
 "John Moore Chanter, Esquire,  
 "being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in room of William Patrick Crick, Esquire, resigned.  
 "Given under my Hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney,  
 "this seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 "and ninety-five.

"J. P. ABBOTT,  
 "Speaker."

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14. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
15. ELECTORATE OF SYDNEY—PHILLIP DIVISION:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 8th instant, declaring the seat of Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Meagher, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Henry Copeland, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney—Phillip Division.
16. MEMBER SWORN:—Henry Copeland, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney—Phillip Division.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1895, A.M.

17. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received. The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
(22.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £863,408, being £563,408 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of October, or following month, of the financial year 1895-6; and £300,000 for Roads and Bridges. On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
18. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received. The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
(7.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1895-6, the sum of £863,408 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales. On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
19. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—  
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 7), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1895-6.  
(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1895-6*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.  
(3.) Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment. On motion of Mr. Reid, 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. Reid, *passed*. Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1895-6*." Question put and passed. Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1895-6*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th October, 1895, a.m.

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1895.

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

ELECTORATE OF RYLSTONE:—Mr. Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 24th September last for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Rylstone in room of John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire, whose election had been declared by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to have been wholly void, had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Officer of the Curator of Intestate Estates Branch:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Chapman*, asked the Minister of Justice,—With reference to *Mr. Chapman's* Question No. 5, asked on 25th September, is it a fact that one officer in the Curator's Branch, in a responsible position, gives no guarantee, and has not been required to pass the Civil Service examination?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—The only officer who is at present under no guarantee is a temporary junior clerk, who does not perform any responsible duties, and, as a temporary officer, is not required to pass the Civil Service examination.

(2.) Taxation Proposals of the Government:—*Mr. Morton*, for *Mr. McMillan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Since the introduction of measures dealing with direct taxation, have the Government produced, for the guidance of Members, the necessary calculations and statistics, from official sources, dealing with the relative amounts to be derived from this taxation, in view of the specified exemptions being increased, reduced, or abandoned?

(2.) If not, will he instruct the Government Statistician to have these prepared, so that an intelligible view of the situation may be obtained?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The whole subject is at present matter of conjecture.

(3.) Coal supplied to the Railway Commissioners:—*Mr. Edden* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The names of the coal companies supplying the Railway Commissioners with coal?

(2.) The amount paid per ton to each company for the same?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

I am informed that the following coal companies supply the Railway Commissioners with coal at the rates specified:—Mount Pleasant Coal Company, at 6s. 6d. per ton; Metropolitan Coal Company, at 5s. 2d., 5s. 4d. and 5s. 10d. per ton; Cullen Bullen Coal Company, at 4s. 3d. per ton; Lithgow Coal Association, at 4s. 9d. and 5s. per ton; East Greta Coal Company, at 5s. 6d. per ton; New Anvil Creek Coal Company, at 5s. 4d. per ton; Curlewis Coal Company, at 8s. per ton; Gunnedah Coal Company, at 7s. 9d. per ton; Wallsend Coal Company, at 6s. 6d. per ton; Denton Park Coal Company, at 5s. 4d. per ton.

(4.) Webster's International Dictionary:—*Mr. Hawthorne* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that most of the schools in the United Kingdom and the United States of America are being supplied with the new edition of Webster's International Dictionary?

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(2.) Is he also aware that the great educational value of this work has been testified to by the Lieutenant-Governor Sir Frederick Darley, the Premier, the Chief Secretary, and the leader of the Opposition?

(3.) Will he give instructions for an enlarged copy of this dictionary to be placed in every high school, first, second, third, and fourth class public schools in this Colony, for the use of teachers and scholars?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes; so I have been informed.

(3.) No; the expense is not warranted.

(5.) The Railway Act:—Mr. Howarth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he introduce a Bill to amend the "Railway Act" in such a manner as to define and limit the powers of the Commissioners in regard to the closing and deviations of main roads?

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

3. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Neild, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 9th October, 1895; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Neild then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

4. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL:—Mr. Haynes, pursuant to leave granted on the 1st October, 1895, presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to provide for the abolition of capital punishment*,"—which was read a first time.

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

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) *Further* Return to an Order, made on the 4th September, 1894,—"*Senior-sergeant Vaughan*."

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 19th September, 1895,—"*Destruction by fire of the steamer "Rodney."*"

(3.) Return to an Order, made on 25th September, 1895,—"*Case of Constable Alexander McKenzie, of Goulburn.*"

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) By-law of the Municipal District of Port Macquarie, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(5.) By-law of the Municipal District of Dungog, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane on separate treatment of prisoners.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

Return to an Order, made on 10th October, 1895,—"*Contracts of Messrs. Carter, Gummow, and "Company."*"

Mr. Young then moved, That the papers be printed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Law,
Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Wright,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. A. B. Piddington,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Storey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Cann.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Lyne,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Morgun,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Ashton.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Chapman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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6. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Midwifery Nurses Bill postponed until Tuesday, 19th November.
7. **RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Storey 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. Storey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
8. **MEMBER SWORN**:—John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Rylstone.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

9. **PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Bruncker moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and to repeal the Act 58 Victoria No. 1.  
Question put and passed.
10. **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
Mr. Carruthers moved, "That" the report be now adopted.  
Mr. Reid moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of sub-section (iv) of clause 12, subsection (viii) of clause 19, subsections (i) and (ii) of clause 36, and clauses 54, 61, 63, and 70, instead thereof.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted.  
Mr. A. B. Piddington moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by inserting the words "clause 6."  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. A. B. Piddington,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. James Thomson,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Wheeler,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Wood.	

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Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Raymond,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Bull,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Chapman.	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Newman,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Storey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Molcsworth.
Mr. Bavister,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Price moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by inserting the words "subsection (v) of clause 12, and clause 62."

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Dacey,  
Mr. Dick,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Chanter,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Gormly.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Price,  
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 47.

Mr. See,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Afleck,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. W. H. B. Piddington.
Mr. Howarth,	
Mr. Reid,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Harvey.
Mr. Wilks,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Watson moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by inserting the words " clause 20."  
Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided

Ayes 12.

Mr. James Thomson,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Hughes,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Cann.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Dacey,  
Mr. Fegan.

Noes 42.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. See,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. A. B. Piddington,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Wilks,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Neild.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—  
put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of subsection (iv) of clause 12, subsection (viii) of clause 19, subsections (x) and (ii) of clause 36, and clauses 54, 61, 63, and 70,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup> with further amendments.

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

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

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 30.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Land Resumed at Woolloomooloo Bay :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Upon whose recommendation was the resumption of Woolloomooloo Bay determined upon?
- (2.) Under what Act is the Government empowered to resume public ways or streets?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the surveys of necessary areas were made by a private surveyor?
- (4.) If so, who, and what was he paid?
- (5.) Were the plans of the different properties figured and described?
- (6.) By whom were the field assistants engaged?
- (7.) Upon what authority was the surveyor appointed?
- (8.) Why was the work not carried out by the Government staff?
- (9.) Is it a fact that Victoria-street North was gazetted and duly aligned in September, 1849?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

- (1.) The papers disclose that the resumption was made at the instance of the Treasury.
- (2.) Under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act of 1880, and the Public Works Act of 1888.
- (3.) The papers show that the survey was made by Messrs. Atchison and Schleicher, in accordance with instructions given by the then Colonial Treasurer, the Honorable *Mr. McMillan*.
- (4.) The papers in my possession do not disclose. No payment was made by this Department.
- (5.) The properties resumed were described as one block.
- (6.) I am unable to ascertain, but it is presumed by Messrs. Atchison and Schleicher.
- (7.) According to a letter addressed to the Honorable *W. McMillan*, Colonial Treasurer, which is among the papers, dated the 4th November, 1889, and signed by Atchison and Schleicher, it appears that the instructions were given by *Mr. McMillan*.
- (9.) Victoria-street North was gazetted in error, the proclamation was illegal, and was never acted upon.

- (2.) Use of White Spirit in Prisons :—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that several innkeepers have been prosecuted for having white spirit mixed with their liquors?
- (2.) Why were they prosecuted for having white spirit mixed with their liquors?
- (3.) Is he aware that the Colonial Sugar Company's white spirit is sold at half the price of the imported white spirit?
- (4.) Is he aware that the chemists, in using white spirits with their drugs, prefer to pay the double price for the imported article, as it is purer and better for use or consumption?
- (5.) Is it a fact that *Dr. Thompson* has recommended the use of the inferior white spirits to prisoners in gaol, in preference to wine, brandy, whisky, rum, or gin, when spirits are authorised to be given to sick prisoners?
- (6.) Does he intend to allow this spirit to be served to prisoners, and at the same time prosecute innkeepers for mixing it with their liquors?
- (7.) Has the Government issued instructions to the various gaolers that *Dr. Thompson's* recommendations should be carried out?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—

- (1.) Several licensed publicans were lately prosecuted for selling liquors made from crude, immature, silent or neutral spirit (probably illicit), together with essences and colouring matter to represent brandy, whisky, or rum, and for this reason, and that they contained an excess of fusel oil injurious to health, were unfit for human consumption.

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- (2.) No one was prosecuted for merely having white spirit mixed with liquor. All spirit when first distilled is white and colourless.
- (3.) The prices vary according to the market, but I am informed that the difference in the prices is not nearly so great as that indicated.
- (4.) I am not aware, but the Medical Adviser to the Government informs me that the Colonial Sugar Company's white spirit might be used for making any tincture in the British Pharmacopœia.
- (5.) Dr. Thompson recommended the use of a pure and unflavoured alcohol of good quality (to be reported upon by the Government Analyst annually before purchase), and to be used generally in conjunction with drugs which would disguise its true character. The Medical Adviser states that good white spirit contains less impurities than the so-called whisky, brandy, gin, and spirits of trade.
- (6 and 7.) Instructions have been issued with the view of carrying out Dr. Thompson's suggestion.
- (3.) Garrangula Gold-field:—Mr. Barnes asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Will he state the cause of delay in the resumption of a portion of the Garrangula Gold-field, as promised some time since?
- (2.) If the delay is caused through the Crown Solicitor's Department, will he hurry that Department on, with a view to the resumption taking place at an early date?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) No action can be taken till the discovery of alluvial gold has been reported in terms of the "Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894."
- (2.) The delay is not caused by the Crown Solicitor's Department.
- (4.) Supply of Chinese-made Furniture to the Government:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to a paragraph in last week's *Bulletin*, page 16, as follows:—  
"How about the Reid-Chinese regime? Looking in the window of a Sydney Chinese cabinet-maker's the writer lately saw a Chinaman affixing addresses to furniture for a New South Wales Government Charitable Institution. Have the suppliers a direct contract with the State, or is some Government contractor getting a cheap line, by subletting to the Chinese firm?"
- (2.) Is the foregoing statement true?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—I may say that, without questioning the source from which the Honorable Member's information is said to have been obtained, it is possible that the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan is quite as liable to fall into the errors of human nature as is the editor of the *Bulletin*; but if the Honorable Member will furnish me with some further particulars, and will verify his statements, I will make inquiries.
- (5.) Mr. Wilshire acting as Secretary to the Butler Fund:—Mr. Pyers asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he any objection to Mr. Wilshire acting as secretary to a fund to recompense Mrs. Butler for the injustice she has experienced in consequence of her recent trial?
- Mr. Gould answered,—Mr. Wilshire is not an officer of my Department, but of that of the Attorney-General. In the event of his desiring to act as secretary in connection with such a fund as that indicated it will be time enough to arrive at a decision thereupon.
- (6.) Civil Servants engaged in Professional Work out of Department:—Mr. Harvey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is there a Mr. Stonier an officer of the Treasurer's Department in receipt of £210 per annum?
- (2.) Is this gentleman a professional music-teacher?
- (3.) Does he approve of officers engaging in professional work outside the Department?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No. He holds the position of organist at St. Andrew's Church, Summer Hill, at a nominal salary. He has one music pupil, from whom he will probably receive some small payment.
- (3.) No. A circular bearing upon this subject has lately been issued by the Government.
- (7.) Civil Servants engaged in Professional Work out of Department:—Mr. Harvey asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is he aware that any of the officers in his Department are lessees of rooms in any of the large music warehouses for the purpose of teaching music?
- (2.) What is the salary paid to Mr. W. Aspray by the Department?
- (3.) Does he approve of officers of his Department engaging in professional work outside the Department?
- Mr. Cook answered,—
- (1.) No.
- (2.) £190 per annum.
- (3.) No.
- (8.) Civil Servants engaged in Professional Work out of Department:—Mr. Harvey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Does Mr. A. G. A. Flower receive £200 per annum from the Department, and at the same time carry out the position of choir-master, teacher, and organist in a city church, for which he receives another large salary?
- (2.) Does he approve of officers in his Department engaging in professional work outside the Department?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Flower does receive £200 per annum from the Department, and explains that he holds the position of organist and choir-master of the Bourke-street Congregational Church (which position he held prior to entering the service), and for which he receives a nominal salary of £80 per annum.
- (2.) No; a circular on this subject has lately been issued by the Government.

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- (9.) Civil Servants engaged in Professional Work out of Department:—Mr. Harvey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it correct that a number of gentlemen employed in the Registrar-General's Department are professional music-teachers?
  - (2.) Is Mr. H. J. Noble in receipt of £380 per annum, and whilst receiving this salary does he compete for positions, such as organist or music-teacher to church choirs, with professionals outside the Department, and who earn their living by teaching?
  - (3.) Does he approve of officers of his Department engaging in professional work outside the Department?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Registrar-General:—
- (1.) No.
  - (2 and 3.) Mr. Noble is in receipt of £380 per annum. He has held, but some time resigned, the position of church organist, and has not taught pupils for fees.
- (10.) Civil Servants engaged in Professional Work out of Department:—Mr. Harvey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a gentleman in the Registrar-General's Department, who is in receipt of a large salary, competes with professional music-teachers outside, and who live by the profession?
  - (2.) What salary does Mr. W. H. Young receive, and what is his position?
  - (3.) Does he approve of officers of his Department engaging in professional work outside the Department?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed by the Registrar-General that Mr. W. H. Young receives £231 10s. per annum; he holds the position of Assistant Clerk of Records and Correspondence; he has one pupil for the quarter ending 31st December next, an arrangement entered into before receipt of circular of the 30th September last.
- (11.) Report by Crown Law Officers on Ventilation of Coal Mines:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has he received a report from the Crown Law Officers concerning the ventilation of coal-mines?
  - (2.) If so, what is the nature of the report?
  - (3.) What steps does he intend to take in connection with this matter?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) That the air required by the Act to be supplied should be carried to the face of the working place.
  - (3.) It is proposed to call upon the owners to comply with the Act in this respect if they are not doing so.
- (12.) Forest Reserves in Parishes of Ganmain, Matong, &c., county of Bourke:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that an inquiry was held before the Local Land Board, Wagga Wagga, on 18th instant, in respect to the proposed revocation of forest reserves Nos. 1,421 and 1,251, parishes of Ganmain, Matong, Kockibitoo, Hooke, and Elliott, county of Bourke?
  - (2.) Did the District Surveyor and others give evidence in favour of having the reserves referred to revoked, and the land made available for settlement, and was the inquiry postponed?
  - (3.) Is the timber on parts of the reserves indicated now being thinned out by men employed by the Government, and is dead wood being heaped up and burned?
  - (4.) If the land is made available for settlement, what will be the value to settlers of the thinning-out and burning timber on the land taken up?
  - (5.) In view of the inquiry not being concluded, if men are employed on the reserves will action be at once taken to have the work cease?
  - (6.) Will inquiry be made with a view of ascertaining if public funds are being expended for a useful and beneficial purpose in having timber on forest reserves in the Murrumbidgee District thinned out, and if any benefit is derived from collecting and burning dead timber on such reserves?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) (a) It is believed so. (b) Yes.
  - (3.) Yes.
  - (4.) This work is done in the interests of forestry, not settlement.
  - (5.) It is hardly thought that the Department of Lands will cancel the reserves when they are of such importance in the interests of forestry.
  - (6.) (a) Inquiry has been made, and there is no doubt that the expenditure is for a useful and beneficial purpose. (b) Much benefit is derived by minimizing the risk of fires which annually destroy or check the growth of timbers, and either prevents or delays its maturity.
- (13.) Alleged Illicit Still on premises at corner of Kent and Erskine Streets:—Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Treasurer.—
- (1.) Referring to Question asked by Mr. Wilks, No. 2, on 16th October, how long before entering the premises of Mrs. Hardwicke did the inspector have the suspected premises watched?
  - (2.) Were there sufficient circumstances of a suspicious character noticed by the persons appointed to watch the premises to justify the suspicion that illicit distillation was being effected?
  - (3.) If so, what were those circumstances?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) The informer and the police watched the premises; the inspector acted upon the information.
  - (2.) The police considered the information sufficient to justify suspicion.
  - (3.) The informer pointed out the room in which the still would be found, stated that material for working a still had been delivered to the house, and that the workings were carried on during the night.

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- (14.) Gates on Main Road from Goolagong to Eugoura:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
 (1.) Has anything yet been done in the way of having the gates (six) removed from the main road from Goolagong to Eugoura, in accordance with petition sent in from residents in that locality complaining of the obstruction the gates are to the settlers and travelling public?  
 (2.) If so, what steps, if any, have been taken in the matter, and when are the gates likely to be removed?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) According to the last report the entrances to the reserve, which is under lease to Messrs. J. and T. Lec, are provided with gates bearing an intimation that the land enclosed is a travelling stock reserve, except one which was temporarily obstructed, but which the Inspector called upon the lessee to open.  
 (2.) The Honorable Member was informed to this effect on the 5th June last, and no intimation has been received since of any obstruction to the traffic, but further inquiry will be made.

- (15.) Retiring Allowance to Messrs. Wilshire and Manton:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Were Messrs. O. Wilshire and John A. Manton employed as Assistant Inspectors of Fisheries in the Murray District at a salary of £75 per annum each?  
 (2.) In consequence of their retirement are they not entitled to a retiring allowance based upon one month's pay for each year of service?  
 (3.) Has this money been paid to them, as shown in the report of the Fisheries Commission?  
 (4.) If not, what is the reason, and when will the amounts be paid?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2, 3, and 4.) A retiring allowance has been assigned to these officers, but it cannot be drawn until they retire from the Service.

- (16.) Recent Subscribers to the Superannuation Fund:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact, according to an opinion given by the late Crown Solicitor, that persons who have recently subscribed to the Superannuation Fund are only allowed to date their time for pensions from date of joining, not from date of entering the Service?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have received the following information from the Civil Service Board:—Yes. The Crown Solicitor, in an opinion given on 25th October, 1893, stated—"Although the meaning of the Act is not at all clear, I think it must be taken that these wages-men are to be entitled to participate as 'officers' only from the date of their first contribution to the Fund; and therefore the period of service in respect of which the contributor is awarded allowance or gratuity should be calculated from the date of application under Section 57." I may state that the Public Service Bill applies the same rule to all other officers.

- (17.) South Head Cemetery Trust:—Mr. W. H. B. Piddington asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an examination of the books in connection with the South Head Cemetery Trust has recently been made by an inspector from the Treasury, and very serious discrepancies found in the Secretary's accounts?  
 (2.) If so, what is the amount of such discrepancy?  
 (3.) Are any steps being taken to recover the amount of such discrepancy?  
 (4.) Is this secretary still to be allowed to remain a member of the above trust?

Mr. Gould answered,—The whole question of the administration of the business of this cemetery is under consideration, and, as inquiries which are now being made by me have not yet been completed, I am unable to furnish any information upon the subject at present.

- (18.) Coloured Labour:—Mr. Millen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he any objection to inform the House whether it is intended to deal this Session with legislation for the restriction of coloured labour?

Mr. Reid answered,—It is not, but I hope to deal with this very important matter as one of the chief measures of next Session.

- (19.) The Rabbit Pest:—Mr. Sleath asked the Secretary for Lands,—Does he during the present Session intend to introduce legislation to cope with the rabbit pest?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—A Bill to deal with the rabbit pest has been drafted, and will be introduced so soon as the state of public business will allow.

- (20.) Cruelty to Camels:—Mr. Sleath asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the cruelty perpetrated on camels by working them when suffering from bad sores?  
 (2.) Is he aware that the Act for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals does not apply to camels?  
 (3.) Will he during this Session introduce legislation to deal with this matter?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) The police at Bourke report that no case of cruelty to camels by working them when suffering from bad sores has come under notice.  
 (2.) Section 35 of the Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act, 55 Vic. No. 5, defines camels to be within the meaning of the words "Cattle" and "Animals."  
 (3.) The matter shall have attention.

2. RESUMED AREAS, DENILQUIN LAND DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) The names and respective areas of all resumed areas within the Denilquin Land District.  
 (2.) The quantity of land in each case locked up by means of reserves.

Question put and passed.

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3. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Public Service Bill; third reading ;—until Tuesday next.
  - (2.) Co-operative Colliery Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading ;—until To-morrow.
  - (3.) Capertee Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until To-morrow.
  - (4.) Borough of Redfern Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Tuesday next.
  - (5.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Tuesday next.
  - (6.) Randwick Cemetery Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Tuesday next.
  - (7.) Law Practitioners Bill ; second reading ;—until Wednesday next.
4. **PAPERS** :—
- Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 25th September, 1895,—“Agreement between Railway Commissioners and Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons.”
  - (2.) Return to an Order, made on 3rd September, 1895,—“Marine Board and Naval Brigade Accounts.”
  - (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Dalton, county of King, for deviation of creek near Oolong.  
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 5th September, 1895,—“The Gore, Artarmon, and Nichols Estates, North Shore.”
  - (2.) Report on the Military Forces of the Colony for the year 1894.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Deniliquin, Mr. Chanter, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—
- “The necessity which exists for the Local Land Boards and the District Surveyors, in their respective districts, reporting whether all stock, water, and camping reserves in their respective districts should not be withdrawn from lease, and placed in charge of the Stock and Pasture Boards, or Special Trusts.”
- And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
- Mr. Chanter moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Point of Order* :—Mr. Gould, referring to the debate on Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick’s motion for adjournment on the 9th instant, and to Mr. Speaker’s ruling on Mr. Chanter’s motion on the 17th instant, submitted that the present motion was as much out of order as was Mr. Chanter’s previous one, because this discussion must embrace a part of the debate of the 9th instant.
- Mr. Speaker said that if he had had time to read the debate referred to before ruling upon the *Point of Order* on the 17th instant he did not think he would have declared Mr. Chanter’s former motion inadmissible, and he considered the present motion quite in order.
- Whereupon Mr. Chanter proceeded with and concluded his speech.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
- MR. SPEAKER,—
- The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1895–6*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd October, 1895.
- JOHN LACKEY,  
President.
7. **AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL** :—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable New South Wales to take part in the framing, acceptance, and enactment of a Federal Constitution for Australasia.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to enable New South Wales to take part in the framing, acceptance, and enactment of a Federal Constitution for Australasia.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
  - (2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill intituled “*A Bill to enable New South Wales to take part in the framing, acceptance, and enactment of a Federal Constitution for Australasia*,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

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## 8. PAPERS:—Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Copy of letter from Mr. T. M. Slattery, respecting evidence given by Mr. H. C. L. Anderson before Civil Service Commission.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for Public School purposes at McGrath's Hill.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Church of England Cemetery, Nowra:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Who are the present trustees of the Church of England portion of the Nowra cemetery?
- (2.) Has the land been transferred to the Church?
- (3.) What is the usual course to pursue to fill vacancies in trusts caused by resignation or death?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The matter of the appointment of trustees for this cemetery is under reference to the Crown Solicitor, whose advising will be furnished shortly, when the Honorable Member will be communicated with.

- (2.) Dredging Operations at Crookhaven Entrance:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to discontinue dredging operations at the Crookhaven entrance?
- (2.) If so, for what reason?

*Mr. Young* answered,—No; there is at present a ladder dredge stationed at Crookhaven and one at Moruya. A crew and a tug are employed between the two places. At present dredging is being carried out at Crookhaven. Probably the crew will shortly be required at Moruya for two or three weeks, and they will then return to the Crookhaven dredge.

- (3.) Experimental Farm, Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—When is it intended that the proposed buildings on the experimental farm, Wagga Wagga, will be commenced?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—The contract has just been made, and the work will be commenced almost immediately.

- (4.) Forest Reserves and Travelling Stock Routes:—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the inconvenience which has occurred through the Mines Department having the management of forest reserves and travelling stock routes, while the Lands Department have control of other Crown lands, will the Government take into consideration the desirability of transferring forest reserves and stock routes to the Lands Department?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—This matter must be considered.

- (5.) Appointment of Mr. Stevenson to P.M'ship at Moree:—*Mr. Smailes*, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Stevenson, late Land Agent at Glen Innes, been appointed temporarily to the vacant P.M'ship at Moree?
- (2.) Is it intended to convert Mr. Stevenson's temporary appointment into a permanent appointment to the position?
- (3.) Are there not officers in the Justice Department with stronger claims to the position than Mr. Stevenson?
- (4.) If so, why were their claims overlooked?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—

(1.) Mr. Stevenson, Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent at Glen Innes, has been appointed to act as Police Magistrate at Moree pending arrangements being made for the permanent appointment. This was done in the interests of Mr. Stevenson's health, which required for a time a change of climate and a less sedentary occupation, and after he had been reported upon as competent to perform the duties.

(2, 3, and 4.) There is no intention of appointing Mr. Stevenson permanently to the position.

(6.)



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- (6.) Passengers travelling on Mudgee, Parkes, and Forbes Lines:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The number of 1st and 2nd class passengers who have travelled on the Mudgee line during the last twelve months?
  - (2.) The number of 1st and 2nd class passengers who have travelled on the Orange to Molong, Parkes, and Forbes line?
  - (3.) The amount received annually in each case and on each line respectively?
- Mr. Reid answered,—This should be moved for in the form of a return in the usual way.
- (7.) Forest Reserve at Congwarra, near Queanbeyan:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the forest reserve at Congwarra, near Queanbeyan, has been revoked.
  - (2.) Is he aware that a rich mineral discovery has been made near the reserve, and that the reserve in question is the only land available for a township as well as for the timber required for working the mines?
  - (3.) Will he consider the desirableness of cancelling the revocation of the forest reserve in question?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) Forest reserve No. 13,389, which is apparently the reserve referred to, has not been revoked.
  - (2.) I am not aware, but inquiry is being made.
  - (3.) Answered by No. 1.
- (8.) Land open for Settlement around the Town of Nyngan:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps are being taken to throw open land for small settlement around the town or Nyngan?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—The District Surveyor has been instructed to survey the leasehold area of Nyngan East into suitable blocks for settlement, and to suggest the best mode of dealing with the land.
2. PAPER:—Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Minutes, Reports, and Circulars respecting the treatment of Seventh Class prisoners.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.
  - (2.) Co-operative Colliery Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.
  - (3.) Capertee Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.
  - (4.) Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday next.
  - (5.) Dismissal of James Frederick Cook from the Tramway Service; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Watson,—
- “ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the dismissal of James Frederick Cook from the tramway service.  
“ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Lee, Mr. Collins, Mr. Hayes, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Newman, and the Mover.”—until Tuesday next.
4. MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.  
Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That,” and inserting the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause “11,” instead thereof.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 11,—put and passed.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup> with further amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
5. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and to repeal the Act 58 Victoria No. 1.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter past Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1895.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, and read a letter from him, from Wingen, stating that he had met with an accident on Saturday morning, by which his left elbow had been dislocated, and that Dr. H. J. H. Scott had prescribed a week's rest.

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

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported that Mr. Speaker's Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 17th October instant, appointing John Moore Chanter, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Chanter to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.

(2.) *Member Sworn*:—Mr. Chanter came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Coal-mines of the Colony:—Mr. Watkins asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the average number of persons employed in and about the coal-mines of the Colony for the years 1892, 1893, and 1894?

(2.) What was the quantity of coal raised during each of the abovementioned years?

(3.) What was the value of the coal raised for each of the said years?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) 1892—10,514 persons employed; 1893—9,971 persons employed; 1894—10,794 persons employed.

(2.) 1892—3,780,967 tons 14 cwt. 1 qr.; 1893—3,273,327 tons 9 cwt. 1 qr.; 1894—3,672,076 tons 4 cwt. 1 qr.

(3.) 1892—£1,462,388 9s. 4d.; 1893—£1,171,722 4s. 6d.; 1894—£1,155,573 7s. 10d.

(2.) Return relating to Taxation Proposals of the Government:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to the Answer given to Mr. McMillan's Question No. 2, of Tuesday, 22nd October, has he authorised the preparation of the return ordered by the House on Tuesday, 15th of October, on the motion of Mr. Affleck; if not, is it his intention to comply with the resolution, and when?

Mr. Reid answered,—The necessary action for the preparation of the return is being taken.

(3.) Application to Mine under Moore Park:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has an authority to mine under part of Sydney Common, known as Moore Park, granted to John Coghlan and another, been cancelled, and for what reason?

(2.) Has a fresh application been received from R. N. Elliott for a similar concession in respect to the same property, and is it proposed to refuse this application?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes, authority No. 884, dated 21st March, 1894, issued to John Coghlan and Mary Alice Kirby, 488 acres, cancelled 18th instant for non-payment of rent. Amount due to 30th September, 1895, was £73 4s., which, with fine for arrears added, amounts to £87.16s.19d. Payment was demanded

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demanding under pain of cancellation from time to time, and the time for payment was extended on two occasions, upon their urgent solicitation, and then when there appeared to be no prospect of payment being made the authority was cancelled.

(2.) Yes. Application dated 18th instant, No. 731, by R. N. Elliott. First notice in the *Gazette* was published on the 22nd instant.

(4.) Oyster Lease of N. J. Cusack, Palmer's Island:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the oyster lease of N. J. Cusack, of Palmer's Island, has been cancelled for being three months in arrear with his rent, though he offered to pay the rent afterwards?

(2.) How many oyster leases are there upon which the rent has not been paid for 1894, and yet were not cancelled in 1895?

(3.) Is it a fact that the rent was not paid for lease No. 258, Clarence River, for 1894, and yet the lease was not cancelled till August, 1895?

(4.) If so, why was Cusack refused his lease, though he offered to pay the rent upon it within a reasonable time?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

(1 and 4.) Yes; but in January of this year *Mr. Cusack* asked to be allowed to forego his rent for the year 1895, and was informed that under the provisions of the Oyster Fisheries Act this could not be allowed.

(2.) None.

(3.) Rent was not paid on this lease for the year ending July, 1895, in consequence of the lessee being deceased.

(5.) Raising of Loans by Municipal Councils:—*Mr. Rigg* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the rate of interest, including all charges, which will be paid by the Government for the loan recently floated on the London market?

(2.) Is he aware that loans to the extent of £1,262,393 are held by suburban and country municipalities at rates of interest varying from 4 to over 7 per cent. per annum?

(3.) Does he know that the interest on such loans amount to something like £75,000 per annum?

(4.) Will he make arrangements whereby the Councils, with the assistance of the Government, could renew their loans on maturity at a charge to the Government of  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. to cover the cost of obtaining same?

(5.) Is he aware that by the Councils obtaining money at 4 per cent. he would effect a saving to them of a sum equal to £25,000 per annum?

(6.) Will he take the necessary steps at the earliest opportunity to bring about this desirable change?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) The annual rate of interest (allowing for redemption at par on maturity) is £3 4s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per cent.

(2 and 3.) I am aware that large sums have been borrowed by Municipalities.

(4, 5, and 6.) This is a matter I propose to consider during the recess.

(6.) Land available for Settlement around Cobar and Nyngan:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the Crown Lands Agent at Cobar been instructed to give the fullest information to intending settlers as to what land is available for settlement around Cobar, and how to apply for it?

(2.) If not, will such instructions be given to him, and the same to the Crown Lands Agent at Nyngan, with reference to settlement in that district?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The Crown Land Agents in all parts of the Colony have been so instructed.

(7.) Tenders for Stone for Work at Government Printing Office:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Miller*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were tenders invited for the supply of stone for work at Government Printing Office?

(2.) If so, how many tenders were received?

(3.) What were the names of tenderers, and what were the respective amounts of each tender?

(4.) What was the difference in the quality of the samples of stone submitted with each tender?

(5.) Whose tender was accepted?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Eight tenders were received from seven tenderers.

(3 and 4.) The information on these points will be better given by laying a copy of the papers upon the Table, which I will do presently.

(5.) The tender of *Mr. R. Saunders*, marked "A" on papers.

#### 4. PAPERS:—

*Mr. Young* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting tenders received for stone required for Government Printing Office.

(2.) Report by Messrs. J. H. Maiden and J. V. De Coque on Turpentine Timber.

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Reid* laid upon the Table,—Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended September, 1895.

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Brunker* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 20th August, 1895,—“Exchange of land in the Land District of Deniliquin.”

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Cook* laid upon the Table,—Postal Contracts for the Mail Service *via* Suez.

Ordered to be printed.

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

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

*Message No. 24.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1895-6,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 26th October, 1895.*

6. MUNICIPAL LOANS VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—  
(1.) Mr. Brunker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate certain loans contracted and securities given by the Councils of certain Municipalities.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Brunker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to validate certain loans contracted and securities given by the Councils of certain Municipalities,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
7. MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Smith then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend and extend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the Mining Act, 1874, and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66, of the Mining Act, 1874, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th October, 1895.*
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the day postponed until Thursday next:—  
(1.) Borough of Redfern Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.  
(2.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
9. INTEREST ON CONDITIONAL PURCHASES BILL:—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the remission of interest payable in respect of conditional purchases in certain cases.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
10. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ADMISSION BILL:—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admission of legal practitioners.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
11. PRISON SYSTEM:—Mr. Sleath moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present prison system in New South Wales.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. Moore, Dr. Hollis, Dr. Graham, Mr. Crick, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Watson, Mr. Nicholson, and the Mover.  
Debate ensued.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

12. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for further consideration," instead thereof.  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Knox,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Alleck,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McGowen,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Hughes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. A. B. Piddington,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Robert Jones.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. See,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Gormly.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Price,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then put,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—and voices given,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only five Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Fegan, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Willis, Mr. McLaughlin, and Mr. Price.

Bill read a third time; and, on motion of Mr. Reid, *passed*. †Mr. Reid then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the better regulation of the Public Service; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the better regulation of the Public Service; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 29th October, 1895.*

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Deputy Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 33.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1895.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Professors of Elocution:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. F. Clark*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is there in connection with the University any Professor of Elocution such as, or doing such work as, Charles John Plumptre, "Lecturer on Public Reading and Speaking, King's College?"

(2.) Is there in connection with the Public Education Department any such professor or teacher whose special work is the important duty of instructing in the art of elocution?

(3.) Is he aware that generally the public teachers are deficient in a knowledge of the arts?

*Mr. Garrard* answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) I am not aware.

(2.) Foundering of the Hulk "Gem":—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) With reference to replies given to questions concerning the foundering of the hulk "Gem," does the Navigation Act permit vessels to proceed to sea with neither masts nor sails for use in case of emergency?

(2.) Was it not sworn in evidence that the "Gem's" only available boat leaked like a sieve when placed in the water?

(3.) Will he have inquiries made as to the verity of the statement made by the mate of the "Gem" before the Marine Board that the unseaworthy condition of the decks of that vessel was the cause of her foundering?

(4.) Replies being in the affirmative, will he endeavour to have the harbour rules and navigation laws more effectively administered at Newcastle than hitherto?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Marine Board that the Navigation Act does not prohibit vessels proceeding to sea without masts or sails—no mention of the matter is made. The "Gem" was in tow of an efficient steam-tug.

(2.) The mate found fault with the boat, but the master of the vessel and the superintendent of the Company to which she belonged swore differently. The boat was found equal to the duty required of her in saving life.

(3.) The mate also said that the unseaworthy condition of the decks was the cause of the vessel foundering, but the preponderance of evidence in this respect was altogether the other way.

(4.) The Harbour rules and Navigation laws of Newcastle are considered to be fairly well administered.

(3.) Bicycles for Delivery of Letters and Telegrams:—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he taken into consideration the desirability of using bicycles instead of ponies in the delivery of letters and telegrams?

Mr.

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Mr. Brunker answered,—I find that the experiment of using tricycles and bicycles has already been tried, both in the city and in the country, but was not a success, probably because of the old style of machine being used. Last year, however, the more modern kind was supplied to a few of the country towns as a further experiment, but it was reported that the machines were constantly out of repair, and the experiment was not repeated in the country until July last, when, owing to the extreme cost of forage at Broken Hill, two were purchased, and the roads in that district being very suitable, the bicycles are being used with a fair amount of success in the daytime. My honorable colleague purposes considering the question of giving them a trial at some suburban or country offices where the roads are fairly level.

(4.) Royal Commission on Law Reform:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is there a Royal Commission in existence dealing with the question of law reform?
- (2.) Who are the Members of such Commission, and when was it appointed?
- (3.) What officers are employed by the said Commission?
- (4.) What fees are paid to the said Commission?
- (5.) What salaries are paid to the said officers?
- (6.) How many times has the said Commission met?
- (7.) What has the said Commission accomplished?
- (8.) What is the said Commission expected to accomplish?
- (9.) Has the said Commission given attention to the extreme inequality of sentences during the past few years?
- (10.) Is he aware that such inequality of sentences has given rise to much public astonishment?

Mr. Brunker answered,—There is a Commission in existence for the consolidation of the Statutes, but it does not deal with the question of law reform.

(5.) Messrs. Carter, Gummow, & Co.'s Sewerage Contract at Balmain:—Mr. Wilks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the specification for sewerage works of the contract of Messrs. Carter, Gummow, & Co., at Balmain, provides that the best Nepean River filtered sand is to be used in the work?
- (2.) Is it a fact that in the works mentioned local sand is being used?
- (3.) If so, what is the cost saved to the contractors by this concession, as the trade price for Nepean sand is 14s. per yard, and the local product is about 2s. per yard?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) I will presently lay upon the Table a copy of the report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works on the subject, which will give the answer to this Question.

(6.) Defence Force of the Colony:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many magazine rifles are available for the Defence Force of New South Wales?
- (2.) Is it a fact that some of our torpedoes have been found defective and unreliable?
- (3.) Is it a fact that some of our artillery officers are considered to be incompetent by Major General Hutton?
- (4.) Has any smokeless powder yet been imported for the use of our Defence Forces?
- (5.) In view of the threatening aspect of Russian movements in China, will he see that New South Wales is supplied with a modern defence equipment, and competent officers to direct it?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) None. *Vide* Annual Report of Major-General Commanding for the year 1894, page 11, sec. 24. Samples are ordered.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) *Vide* Annual Report of Major-General Commanding.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) It would not, in my opinion, be desirable in the public interests to furnish any information upon matters of this kind.

(7.) Work for the Unemployed:—Mr. Millen, for Mr. Sleath, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the large number of able-bodied men who are leaving the Colony weekly for Western Australia and other places?
- (2.) Is it a fact that this exodus is caused by the limited opportunities offering for men to earn a living in this Colony?
- (3.) If so, will he take steps to have necessary public works of a reproductive character proceeded with at once?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) I am making inquiry as to this.
- (2.) I suppose so.
- (3.) All such works will be pushed on as rapidly as possible. I would like to add that the preponderance of immigration between this Colony and the other Colonies is of people coming here rather than of people going away.

(8.) Railway Passes issued by the Labour Bureau from Nyngan to Byrock, &c.:—Mr. Millen asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) The number of free railway passes issued by the Labour Bureau to each railway station from Nyngan to Byrock inclusive during the current year?
- (2.) The number issued to Bourke during the same period?

Mr.

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Mr. Garrard answered,—Passes issued by the Labour Bureau (conditional in each case upon an undertaking to refund the fare):—

- (1.) To Nyngan, 89; Girilambone, 13; Coolabah, 19; Glenariff, 8; Byrock, 75.
- (2.) To Bourke, 453. I may add that the passes were issued to these railway stations to enable the men to obtain employment, and others to fulfil engagements in the surrounding districts.

(9.) Selections in the Land District of Deniliquin:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of special-area selectors in the Land District of Deniliquin have lodged applications for a reappraisal of value on their selections?
- (2.) Have not a large number of these applied to him for an extension of time to pay arrears due on their selections?
- (3.) In many of these cases have not notices been issued from his Department that if the back rents are not paid the selections will be liable to forfeiture?
- (4.) Does he intend to forfeit these selections as per notice issued?
- (5.) Will he undertake not to enforce any forfeiture until a reasonable time has elapsed, until the aforesaid applications have been dealt with by the Land Boards, and not even then in cases where it is shown to him that selectors are unable to pay?
- (6.) When does he intend proceeding with the Selectors Relief Bill, in order that Parliament may empower him to so deal with all selectors as will enable them to pay reduced rentals, and thus assist them to retain their holdings?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) In a few cases.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) See reply to No. 3.
- (5.) Each case will be dealt with on its merits.
- (6.) So soon as the state of public business will allow.

(10.) Tuckombil Flood-Relief Canal:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have errors been discovered in the levels taken for the Tuckombil flood relief-canal?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the works now in course of construction will be useless for the purpose they were designed in consequence of these errors?

Mr. Young answered,—Nothing is known in the head office of any such errors, nor is it thought possible that the statement is correct. Inquiries, however, are being made.

3. COWRA PASTORAL AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION BILL:—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from Henry Ford, Joseph Charles Ryall, and John Muir, Trustees of the Cowra Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association, praying for leave to bring in a Bill empowering the Trustees of the Cowra Agricultural and Horticultural Association to mortgage the lands and properties of the said Association, and to authorise the Trustees to raise the sum of one thousand pounds sterling by way of mortgage for the purpose of enabling the said Trustees to pay off liabilities incurred in erecting present buildings, and to carry out future improvements upon the lands of the said Association.

And Mr. Waddell having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Cowra Free Press*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—Petition received.

4. WELLINGTON SHOW GROUND BILL:—Mr. Haynes presented a Petition from E. J. Matthews, one of the Trustees of certain lands dedicated for the use of the Wellington Pastoral and Agricultural Society, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain lands dedicated for the use of the Wellington Pastoral and Agricultural Society to mortgage and sell the said lands, and to purchase other lands in the town or in the vicinity of the town of Wellington for the use of the said Society; to raise money on mortgage of the lands so purchased; and for other purposes in connection therewith.

And Mr. Haynes having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Wellington Gazette*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional subsection (c) to Regulation No. 35, under the Crown Lands Acts.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works respecting the terms of the specification as regards sand in connection with Messrs. Carter, Gummow, and Company's contract at Balmain.

Ordered to be printed.

6. BIRDS PROTECTION ACT:—Mr. Ball presented a Petition from certain residents of Albury, praying, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, that the Birds Protection Act may be amended so as to provide better protection to the game-birds, especially water-fowl, by limiting the weight of guns allowed to be used.

Petition received.

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—

- (1.) Law Practitioners Bill; second reading.
- (2.) Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
- (3.) Co-operative Colliery Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
- (4.) Capertee Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
- (5.) Randwick Cemetery Bill; to be further considered in Committee.



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8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Hay, Mr. Ashton, 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 wasteful expenditure of public money in connection with forest-thinning operations.”  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Ashton moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
9. PAPER:—Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Report on Forest Thinning Operations at Narrandera.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Lyne moved, That the Debate on this Bill be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
11. CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS' RELIEF BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to further promote settlement on lands conditionally-purchased from the Crown by providing for the reduction of the annual payments in respect thereof, and for the reduction of the rate of interest now payable upon certain conditional purchases; to make further provision for the conversion of conditional purchases and conditional leases into homestead selections; and to effect such amendments in such statutes as may be necessary for the aforesaid purposes.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to further promote settlement on lands conditionally-purchased from the Crown by providing for the reduction of the annual payments in respect thereof, and for the reduction of the rate of interest now payable upon certain conditional purchases; to make further provision for the conversion of conditional purchases and conditional leases into homestead selections; and to effect such amendments in such statutes as may be necessary for the aforesaid purposes.

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

- (2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to further promote settlement on lands conditionally-purchased from the Crown by providing for the reduction of the annual payments in respect thereof, and for the reduction of the rate of interest now payable upon certain conditional purchases; to make further provision for the conversion of conditional purchases and conditional leases into homestead selections; and to effect such amendments in such statutes as may be necessary for the aforesaid purposes*,”—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Deputy Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 34.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1895.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

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

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Forest-clearing at Gillembah and Ganmain :—*Mr. Sleath*, for Mr. Watson, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of settlers from Pitt Town are now employed forest-clearing at Gillembah and Ganmain ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that these men were promised 4s. 6d. per acre for the work ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that they are receiving only 3s. 6d. per acre ?
- (4.) What is the amount of pay drawn so far by these men at per day ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) At Gillembah 3s. 6d., and at Ganmain 4s. per acre.
- (4.) On Gillembah the men have earned, so far, at the rate of 5s. 7d., and at Ganmain at the rate of 6s. 0½d. per man per day, but have only been paid at the rate of 75 per cent. of the amounts above stated.

(2.) Royalties on Coal :—*Mr. Watkins* asked the Secretary for Mines,—What amount was received by the Crown for royalties on coal for the years 1892, 1893, and 1894 ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—1892, £8,953 10s. 5d. ; 1893, £13,810 ; 1894, £12,930 18s. 8d. The above amounts were paid in addition to annual rental.

(3.) Tramway Conductors :—*Mr. Regan*, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has any alteration been made during the last three months in the hours of duty of tramway conductors ?
- (2.) If so, of what nature, and by whose authority was such alteration made ?
- (3.) Has section 77, Government Railways Act, been complied with in respect of this alteration ; if not, why not ?
- (4.) Is it a fact that tramway conductors, who are not on duty long enough to make up the prescribed number of hours for a day's work during their first period of duty, have to return to duty some hours later to make up the day's work ?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that an alteration has recently been made in the arrangement of the working hours of the tramway conductors, in connection with which no regulations existed. The object of the alteration was to regulate the work on similar lines to the working of the guards in the railway. With regard to the concluding portion of the Honorable Member's Questions, I am informed that conductors are at times, as the exigencies of the traffic demand, called back as described ; but none are required to do more than a fair day's work. This is the custom in the railways.

(4.) Fees for Timber Licenses :—*Mr. Phillips* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Will he consider the advisability of reducing the fees for timber licenses ?
- (2.) If he cannot make any reduction, will he amend the present regulations, so that the license may count from the date of issue ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Inquiries are now being made to ascertain whether the license fees are reasonable, and not at a rate calculated to cripple persons engaged in the timber industry.
- (2.) Licenses may now be obtained for one month from the date of issue at any date in the month.

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(5.) Erection of Hoarding in George-street North :—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that a gigantic hoarding is being erected around the old Imperial Government stores erected in George-street North ?
- (2.) Is he aware that most of the residents in that locality—storekeepers, bakers, butchers, drapers, bootmakers, and hotel-keepers—live chiefly by the shipping trade ?
- (3.) Is he aware that this lofty wooden structure is therefore not only offensive æsthetically, but is positively an obstruction to trade by shutting out the view of George-street from the shipping ?
- (4.) What sum, if any, is paid as rent, or is proposed to be paid, by the bill-sticker who has hired, or proposes to hire, this hoarding ?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—The Manager, Government Properties, reports as follows :—

- (1.) The only structure that has been erected at the old Naval Stores is to raise a portion of the old fence about 4 feet.
- (2.) I am informed so.
- (3.) The structure is rather an improvement to the locality than otherwise. The only vessels that it obstructs from view are the ferry boats and the steamers of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, and that only from the bar of one hotel.
- (4.) The lessees of the fence pay £25 per annum for the use of it for advertising purposes.

(6.) Carriage of Newspaper Supplements :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the postal regulations do not provide for the carriage, free of cost, of supplements to newspapers printed outside of the Colony ?
- (2.) Is he aware that a Christmas supplement has been printed outside of the Colony for the *Town and Country Journal* ?
- (3.) Will he give instructions that the supplement referred to is not carried post free ?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am so informed.
- (3.) I understand that the publishers have no intention of sending them post free.

(7.) Road between Coobool Island and Swan Hill :—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Return to Order of this House, made on 18th September, 1895, for copies of all papers relating to the application of residents for a road from Coobool Island to Swan Hill, be laid upon the Table of the House ?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—On Tuesday next.

(8.) Royal Commission on Consolidation of the Statutes of the Colony :—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is there a Royal Commission in existence dealing with the question of consolidating the Statutes of the Colony ?
- (2.) Who are the members of such Commission, and when was it appointed ?
- (3.) What officers are employed by the said Commission ?
- (4.) What fees are paid to the said Commission ?
- (5.) What salaries are paid to the said officers ?
- (6.) How many times has the said Commission met ?
- (7.) What has the said Commission accomplished ?
- (8.) What is the said Commission expected to accomplish ?
- (9.) Has the said Commission given attention to the extreme inequality of sentences during the past few years ?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The Answers to the Honorable Member's Questions will be more fully supplied in the form of a return, which I will presently lay upon the Table.

3. WELLINGTON SHOW GROUND BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) *Mr. Haynes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the trustees of certain lands dedicated for the use of the Wellington Pastoral and Agricultural Society to mortgage and sell the said lands, and to purchase other lands in the town or in the vicinity of the town of Wellington for the use of the said Society ; to raise money on mortgage of the lands so purchased ; and for other purposes in connection therewith.  
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Haynes* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intitled "*A Bill to enable the trustees of certain lands dedicated for the use of the Wellington Pastoral and Agricultural Society to mortgage and sell the said lands, and to purchase other lands in the town or in the vicinity of the town of Wellington for the use of the said Society ; to raise money on mortgage of the lands so purchased ; and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"—read a first time.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Truck Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Deputy-Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan, *Mr. O'Sullivan*, 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 unprepared state of the country in the event of war being suddenly declared."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

*Mr. O'Sullivan* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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6. BEGA CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the purchase of land and creation and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Bega, within the Municipality of Bega,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 31st October, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Henry Clarke, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

7. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, "That this 'Bill' be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Mr. McMillan moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "Bill," and inserting the words "be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report."  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Hoguc, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Copeland, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Bavister, Mr. See, and the Mover," instead thereof.  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Neild moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 2 to 8, postponed until Tuesday next.
9. BOROUGH OF REDFERN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McGowen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. McGowen, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lee reported the Bill with an amendment and an amended Title.  
On motion of Mr. McGowen, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1895, A.M.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes 30.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Macdonald.
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Wheeler.
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. W. H. B. Piddington.

Noes 6.

Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. James Thomson,  
Mr. Smailes.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Edden.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lee reported the Bill with amendments.

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

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

The House adjourned, at sixteen minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Deputy Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1895.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS (*Election Petition—Shadler v. Chapman—Braidwood*):—Mr. Henry Clarke, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 9th October, 1895, the Petition of Adolph Caesar Shadler, in reference to the return of Austin Chapman, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Braidwood.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 14th August, 1895, to whom was referred, on 9th October, 1895, a Petition from Adolph Caesar Shadler against the return of Austin Chapman, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Braidwood, have determined and do hereby declare:—

“1. That the allegations of the Petitioner, Adolph Caesar Shadler, Esquire, have not been sustained, and that Austin Chapman, Esquire, was duly elected for Braidwood, and has not been disqualified for the reasons alleged in the Petition against his return.

“2. That the Petition of Adolph Caesar Shadler is frivolous and vexatious.

“3. That the sum of £30 be awarded to Austin Chapman, Esquire, the sitting Member, towards his costs and expenses, such amount to be paid by the Petitioner.

“No. 3 Committee Room,

“Legislative Assembly.

“1st November, 1895.”

“HENRY CLARKE,

“Chairman.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Clarke, That the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

*Adjournment of the Committee*:—Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matter referred to them having been disposed of. Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Letters Patent for Destruction of Rabbits:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he ascertain from his colleague the Honorable the Minister of Justice, and inform this House, whether it is an established practice in his Department to refuse to approve of petitions for letters patent for inventions relating to the destruction of rabbits by means of poison; and, if so, for what reason?

(2.) Will he ascertain from his colleague the Honorable the Minister for Lands, and inform this House, whether the Department of Lands has lately issued a circular urging occupiers of Crown lands to perseveringly and industriously undertake the destruction of rabbits by poisoning?

(3.) Will he consider the expediency of initiating an uniform practice in this matter by preventing or discounting the use of poison as a means for destruction of rabbits, or to approve of all applications for letters patent which disclose a novel and useful invention, notwithstanding the use to which such inventions are to be applied?

Mr. Reid answered,—I must ask my honorable friend to comply with the usual rule, that Questions relating to a Ministerial Department should be addressed to the Ministerial head of that Department.

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(2.) Mr. Oliver, Railway Commissioner:—*Mr. W. H. B. Piddington*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. C. Oliver, one of the Railway Commissioners, draws, in addition to his salary of £1,500 per annum, a pension of £500 per annum from the Superannuation Fund?
- (2.) Did not Mr. Oliver retire from the Civil Service primarily for the purpose of accepting the position of a Railway Commissioner?
- (3.) In view of the condition of the Superannuation Fund, is it not possible for the authorities to stay payment of the £500 in question?

Mr. Brunker answered,—It is not a fact. Mr. Oliver does not receive a pension in addition to his salary as Railway Commissioner.

(3.) Pension paid to Mr. W. M. M. Arnold:—*Mr. W. H. B. Piddington*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What amount annually is paid from the Superannuation Fund to Mr. W. M. Arnold?
- (2.) For what reason did he retire?
- (3.) Is not the W. M. Arnold in question identical with a gentleman of that name connected with Sydney Stock Exchange?
- (4.) Does not the Civil Service Act contain a clause providing that a Civil Servant who retires through ill-health, but who becomes capable of performing his duties again, may be called upon to resume same?
- (5.) If so, does the Colonial Secretary propose to pursue this course in Mr. Arnold's case?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) £192 17s. per annum.
- (2.) Through failing health.
- (3.) I am informed that Mr. Arnold is a member of the Stock Exchange.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) There is no suitable position vacant to which Mr. Arnold could be appointed.

(4.) Retirement of Mr. Lewis Scott from the Civil Service:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When was Mr. Lewis Scott compulsorily retired from the Public Service?
- (2.) Was Mr. Scott mentally or bodily unfit to perform his duties?
- (3.) How long had Mr. Scott been in the Public Service, and what was his official record for conduct and efficiency?
- (4.) What was his age at retirement, his salary, and the amount of his pension?
- (5.) Was he not recommended for an increase of salary by Mr. Coghlan on his draft Estimates for 1894?
- (6.) What were the reasons given for such increase?
- (7.) Was not Mr. Scott in good health bodily and mentally at the time of his retirement?
- (8.) Will the Government appoint Mr. Lewis Scott to the first vacant position for which he is competent, and thus save an improper charge upon the Superannuation Fund?
- (9.) What are the names of the four clerks amongst whom Mr. Scott's former duties are now distributed, and what are their salaries, individual and aggregate?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Government Statistician:—

- (1.) 11th June, 1895.
- (2 and 7.) Mr. Scott was not examined as to his mental or bodily condition.
- (3.) About seventeen years. He was not considered efficient, hence his retirement.
- (4.) Age at retirement, 51 years; salary, £470; amount of pension, £145 3s.
- (5 and 6.) Mr. Scott was not recommended for an increase of salary.
- (8.) Mr. Scott's pension is properly charged to the Superannuation Fund. The question of the re-employment of retrenched officers is provided for by the Public Service Bill now before Parliament.
- (9.) The Honorable Member has been misinformed. The work formerly done by Mr. Scott forms a portion, and by no means a large one, of that done by a junior officer receiving a salary of 10s. a day.

### 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Substituted Regulations Nos. 192 and 197, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 12th June, 1895,—“Road between Coobool Island and Swan Hill.”

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Fairfield, county of Drake, for an approach to bridge over Ti-tree Creek.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Taloumbi, county of Clarence, for a bridge and embanked approaches at Oyster Lake.
- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Whittingham, county of Northumberland, for the erection of a Lock-up at Singieton.
- (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Duval and Dumaresq, county of Sandon, for works for the Armidale Water Supply.
- (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Brougham, county of Durham, for deviation in road from Muswellbrook to Merriwa.

### 4. BOROUGH OF REDFERN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL. (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. McGowen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. McGowen then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Redfern to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough; and to levy rates and*”

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and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down or erect electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to enable Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Redfern to participate in the benefits of such supply; and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, and one hundred and ninetyeth, and other sections of the Municipalities Act of 1867, so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Redfern to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down or erect electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to enable Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Redfern to participate in the benefits of such supply; and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, and one hundred and ninetyeth, and other sections of the Municipalities Act of 1867, so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th November, 1895.

5. COWRA PASTORAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION BILL (*Normal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill empowering the trustees of the Cowra Agricultural and Horticultural Association to mortgage the lands and properties of the said Association, and to authorise the trustees to raise the sum of one thousand pounds sterling by way of mortgage for the purpose of enabling the said trustees to pay off liabilities incurred in erecting present buildings, and to carry out future improvements upon the lands of the said Association.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Waddell having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill empowering the trustees of the Cowra Agricultural and Horticultural Association to mortgage the lands and properties of the said Association, and to authorise the trustees to raise the sum of one thousand pounds sterling by way of mortgage for the purpose of enabling the said trustees to pay off liabilities incurred in erecting present buildings, and to carry out future improvements upon the lands of the said Association.*"—read a first time.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Postage Acts Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday, 13th November.
- (2.) Truck Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate contracts made with respect to and the payment of wages, to prohibit such payment being made in goods or otherwise than in money, and to regulate the service of legal process;—until To-morrow.
- (3.) Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday, 14th November.
- (4.) Co-operative Colliery Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday, 14th November.
- (5.) Capertee Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday, 14th November.
- (6.) Dismissal of James Frederick Cook from the Tramway Service; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Watson,—
- "(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the dismissal of James Frederick Cook from the tramway service.
- "(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Lee, Mr. Collins, Mr. Hayes, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Newman, and the Mover";—until Thursday, 14th November.
- (7.) Eight Hours Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Schey, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Tuesday next.
- (8.) Holt's Wingello Estate Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*);—second reading;—until Thursday next.

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7. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Neild moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Sleath moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 1," instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Fegan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Schey,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Raymond,	Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Newman,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Smailes,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Storey,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Afleck,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. W. H. B. Piddington.	Mr. James Thomson,	
Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wilks.	
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Neild.		
Mr. Hassall,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then put,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.		Noes, 9.
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Raymond,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Newman,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Dacey.
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. McLean,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Schey.
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Watson,	
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Bavister,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Smailes,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. O'Reilly,	
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,	
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Price,	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Gormly.	
Mr. Neild,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Afleck.	
Mr. Cotton,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Neild, *passed*.

Mr. Neild then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend sections one and thirty of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act of 1890, and to extend the time for the completion of the works mentioned in sections one and thirty of such Act.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Neild moved, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend sections one and thirty of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act of 1890, and to extend the time for the completion of the works mentioned in sections one and thirty of such Act,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

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Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only six Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Sleath, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Miller, Mr. Edden, Mr. Thomas Brown, and Mr. Dacey.



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8. **LOST POLICIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Catheron, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Cameron, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
9. **COMMONS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hayes 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. Hayes, 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. Hayes, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate respecting Old Age Pensions postponed until Tuesday next.
11. **CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—and no member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.
12. **BEGA CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Henry Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Clarke, 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. Clarke, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
13. **LAW PRACTITIONERS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—and no Member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.
14. **RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Storey, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
15. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—  
(1.) Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill; second reading.  
(2.) Fire Brigades Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Fire Brigades Act, 1884"; to provide for the constitution of Fire Brigades Boards in country districts; to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigades Boards; and to make other provision in connection with such Boards.  
(3.) Referendum Bill; second reading.  
(4.) Excise Duty on Colonial Tobacco; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. H. H. Brown,—“That, in the opinion of this House, the excise duty on colonial tobacco of 1s. 3d. per lb. “is most injurious to the cultivation and manufacture of colonial-grown leaf, and should be “abolished.”  
(5.) No-liability Mining Companies Bill (No. 2) (*Council Bill*); second reading.  
(6.) Accident at the South Broken Hill Mine; Debate, on the motion of Mr. Thomas, “That, in “the opinion of this House, a special inquiry should be made into the particulars of the accident “that occurred at the South Broken Hill Mine on 19th July, with a view of ascertaining,—  
“ (1.) If the men were killed by the concussion of air or by an escape of gas.  
“ (2.) For the purpose of considering the advisability of amending the Mining Regulations, so as “to provide for imperative instructions being given to the Mining Inspector that, in all cases where “stopping operations are being carried on beyond certain dimensions, at least two communications “with such stopes must be made with the other portions of the mine.”  
(7.) Accused Persons Evidence Bill; second reading.  
(8.) Parramatta Loan and Electrical Work Bill; second reading.  
(9.) Women's Franchise Bill; second reading.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

16. **AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, “That this ‘Bill’ be now read a second time,”—  
Upon which Mr. McMillan had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “Bill,” and inserting the words “be referred to a Select Committee for “consideration and report.”

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“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Copeland, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Bavister, Mr. See, and the Mover,”—instead thereof.  
And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Conviction of Rofe:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Perry*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that after Rofe was convicted, and before he was sentenced, *Mr. C. G. Heydon*, who acted in the defence of Rofe, had a private interview with Judge Backhouse in reference to the case?

(2.) Is it usual for Judges to allow the defending counsel of convicted persons to have private interviews with them during the time they are considering what sentences should be passed on the prisoner?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—I decline to make any inquiries into a charge made against a Judge by way of innuendo. There is a proper course to be pursued where reasonable grounds exist for making a charge of improper conduct against a Judge. Judge Backhouse has, however, informed me that the insinuation that *Mr. Heydon* attempted in any way privately to influence him in regard to the sentence to be passed upon Rofe is absolutely without foundation; and I am quite sure that any person knowing Judge Backhouse must be aware that he is incapable of permitting any improper influence to interfere with him in the performance of his official duty.

- (2.) Analyses in Cases of Poisoning:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Justice,—In all cases of murder arising from the administration of poison, will he see that steps in the future are taken to have all analyses in such cases made and verified by two competent experts, viz., *Mr. Hamlet* and the Professor of Chemistry in the University of Sydney, in place of one, as at present, so that the results of such analyses may be correctly made and verified in all cases where life is at stake?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—I am not aware of justice having suffered in any case under the present system, but will consult my honorable colleague, the Attorney-General, on the subject, as to whether he considers any change desirable.

- (3.) Meat supplied to Government Institutions:—*Mr. O'Reilly* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a request been recently made to him by certain contractors for the supply of meat to Government institutions for the cancellation of their contracts?

(2.) If such a request has reached him, has he complied with it?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—Certain contractors have given notice of the termination of their contracts, which will expire on 30th instant.

- (4.) Cases of Johnson and Rofe:—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) With respect to his statement in the House that the cases of Johnson and Rofe were distinct, will he say whether they both did or did not arise out of the original conspiracy in the divorce case against *Mrs. Butler*?

(2.) Was Johnson's offence an allegation of improper conduct against *Butler*, since convicted of conspiracy, and was Rofe's offence an attempt to found a charge of immorality against *Mrs. Butler*, since proven innocent?

(3.) Will he now, on review of both cases, undertake to re-submit the case of Johnson to the Cabinet at its next sitting, with a view to considering the question of the pardoning and release of the prisoner forthwith?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—

(1.) These cases did not arise out of the original conspiracy in the divorce case against *Mrs. Butler*, but were distinct, and neither was in any way dependent upon the other.

(2.) Johnson was convicted of perjury in respect of evidence given by him in support of the issue in the divorce proceedings, *Butler* against *Butler*, alleging adultery on the part of the husband. Rofe was convicted of conspiracy to pervert and defeat the ends of justice, and of conspiring to accuse *Mrs. Butler* of adultery.

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(3.) I see no sufficient reason to re-submit this case to the Cabinet for the purpose indicated, nor to depart from the customary course, when a remission of sentence is desired on the ground of clemency, of requiring the facts to be submitted in the form of a petition addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in whom is vested the prerogative of mercy.

(5.) Growth of Scrub between Cobar and Broken Hill:—*Mr. Wright*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that hundreds of thousands of acres of Crown Lands from Cobar to Broken Hill, now under lease to various persons, but still the property of the State, are being destroyed *in globo* by the spread of pine scrub, broom-bush, yarran scrub, and other noxious growths?

(2.) What steps, if any, are the Government prepared to take to help the lessees to cope with these scrubs, and thereby save the people's lands from being irrevocably destroyed?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—This is too large a question to be answered off hand on such short notice as that given by the Honorable Member; but I may say that the question of the occupation of these lands is receiving my very earnest consideration. I desire, however, to point out to the Honorable Member that under the Crown Lands Act of 1895 the Western Division lessees have most liberal terms granted to them, including tenant right in improvements. The liberality of Parliament in conceding these terms was induced mainly by the representations that as a result the lessees would largely and effectually improve their holdings. I think it may reasonably be expected that the lessees will keep faith in this matter.

2. LOST POLICIES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Cameron*, read a third time, and passed.

*Mr. Cameron* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to remedy the loss or destruction of Life Assurance Policies.*"

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 remedy the loss or destruction of Life Assurance Policies,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 6th November, 1895.*

3. COMMONS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Hayes*, read a third time, and passed.

*Mr. Hayes* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Commons Acts, 1873-1886.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Commons Acts, 1873-1886,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 6th November, 1895.*

4. RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Storey*, read a third time, and passed.

*Mr. Storey* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to repeal so much of the 'Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Act of 1867' as relates to the Randwick Cemetery, and to the interment of bodies therein, and to prohibit burials in the said cemetery.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal so much of the 'Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Act of 1867' as relates to the Randwick Cemetery and to the interment of bodies therein, and to prohibit burials in the said cemetery,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

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5. FIRST OFFENDERS PROBATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Haynes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the First Offenders Probation Act. Question put and passed.

6. COWRA PASTORAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Waddell* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Cowra Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Sydney Smith*, *Mr. Thomas Brown*, *Mr. Hurley*, *Mr. Perry*, *Mr. Chapman*, *Mr. Neild*, *Mr. Millen*, *Mr. W. H. B. Piddington*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the expediency of bringing in the Truck Bill postponed until To-morrow.

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## 8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle, under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act.
- (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Copy of *Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

## 9 AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, "That this 'Bill' be now read a second time,"—

Upon which Mr. McMillan had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "Bill," and inserting the words "be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Copeland, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Bavister, Mr. See, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Neild submitted that this Bill was out of order, because clause 6 proposed to legislate for the representation, at the proposed Convention, of the other Colonies, that being beyond the power of this House; and that the Bill included, within its provisions relating to the Colonies, certain Imperial territory in the province of South Australia, known as the northern territory.

Mr. Speaker said that he did not think these objections were points of order at all. It appeared to him that clause 6 was only permissive, and not irregular; and the second objection was met by the comprehensive title of the Bill, which included all the territory within the bounds of Australasia.

The House then resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Original Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

## Ayes, 62.

Mr. A. B. Piddington,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Storey,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Law,	Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Griffith.
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Watkins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Morgan.
Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Black,	

## Noes, 5.

Mr. Lyne,  
Mr. McMillan,  
Mr. Hassall.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Ewing,  
Mr. McLaughlin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lee reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

## 10. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain works of Harbour Improvements at Newcastle; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
Sydney, 6th November, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

The House adjourned, at fourteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Report by Major-General Hutton on the Military Forces:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been called to the very important recommendations contained in the report of Major-General Hutton; and, if so, have any steps been taken by the Government to give effect to the same?

Mr. Brunner answered,—The Honorable Member is doubtless aware that the report of Major-General Hutton is a very voluminous document. The various matters which he submitted in that report are now under the consideration of the Government. If the honorable gentleman will kindly call at the Department to-morrow, I will let him know of those matters which have been already considered, and of those matters which are now under consideration.

(2.) Conveyance of Corpse to Cemetery at Sutherland:—Mr. Nicholson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that on two occasions during last month a corpse was conveyed to the cemetery at Sutherland in the brake-van of the train?

(2.) Is it not usual to provide a special car for the purpose named?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Railway Commissioners are assured by their officers that on no occasion during the period referred to has a corpse been conveyed in the ordinary guard's van, a special vehicle always being set apart for the purpose.

(3.) Uniforms of Letter-carriers:—Mr. Eddon asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he has decided that brown uniforms are to be issued to the letter-carriers in certain parts of the Colony; if so, at what places are they to be issued?

(2.) If this is a fact, will he extend a similar concession to the postmen in Sydney and other largely-populated districts, in response to their recent petition?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) I have as yet decided nothing regarding this matter. Brown uniforms have been supplied for some time past to letter-carriers in the Broken Hill, Silverton, and Wilcannia districts.

(2.) In recently taking new contracts for 1896-1897, I have made provision for adopting either brown or red, as may be hereafter determined.

(4.) Cope's Creek Preferential Occupation License:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to Question No. 19, of 11th September, in reference to Cope's Creek preferential occupation license, and the Answer thereto, viz., "The papers will be laid upon the Table in the course of a few days," what is the reason that such papers have not yet been laid upon the Table?

Mr. Brunner answered,—Most of the papers have been copied, but it was found that some of the more important documents were impounded by the Judge at the trial in the Supreme Court, and though repeated applications have been made for them no order for their return has as yet been obtained owing to the defendant's (Mr. M'Cosker's) solicitor delaying his consent.

(5.) Retirement of Mr. Lewis Scott from the Public Service:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to Question No. 4, asked by Mr. Neild on the 5th November,—

(1.) With respect to Mr. Lewis Scott's retirement, is there not in the Colonial Secretary's Office Mr. Coghlan's written recommendation for the increase of Mr. Scott's salary from £470 to £500 for 1894?

(2.) If so, will he require Mr. Coghlan to explain the reply furnished by him denying having made the recommendation?

(3.)

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(3.) Was not Mr. Scott's service eighteen years and four months, and not seventeen years, as stated by Mr. Coghlan?

(4.) Are not Mr. Scott's former duties thus distributed—Mr. Davis, examination of rules and drafting correspondence; Mr. Tarplee, registration of documents and writing up indices; Mr. Wahlberg, receipt of returns; Mr. Tregarthen, matters concerning Building and Co-operative Societies?

(5.) When Mr. Oliver resigned the Registrarship, was not Mr. Scott recommended for the position by all the Friendly Societies and the Trade and Labour Council?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Registrar states that he made no recommendation for an increase of salary to Mr. Scott. When the general reduction of salaries over £200 was ordered by the Government in 1893, Mr. Scott wrote claiming that as his was an office just created it might not be subject to the proposed reduction. In preparing his estimates, he forwarded Mr. Scott's letter to the Chief Secretary, and stated that he thought there was much in Mr. Scott's contention. He then considered, and still considers, that if an amending Friendly Societies Act were passed, £500 would not be too much to pay a competent and qualified chief clerk.

(3.) The length of service was taken from the Blue Book, but there is an omission of a period of temporary service, bringing up the total service to eighteen years and four months.

(4.) I am informed by the Registrar that Mr. Tregarthen is employed on the preparation now being made for the introduction of direct taxation. Mr. Davis is an actuary; Mr. Wahlberg a professional accountant. Mr. Scott's duties are wholly performed by Mr. Tarplee at a salary of 10s. per day, and occupy only a portion of his time. Messrs. Davis and Wahlberg are almost entirely engaged on a valuation of Friendly Societies, a work which was in progress before Mr. Scott was retired from the Service.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) Messrs. Carter, Gummow, and Co.'s Explosives Manufactory:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the establishment by Messrs. Carter, Gummow, and Company, sewerage contractors, of an explosives manufactory on the Old South Head Road?

(2.) Is it a fact that the factory alluded to is in close proximity to private residences, and also to the Public School?

(3.) Will he give the necessary instructions to have this source of danger removed to some more suitable locality?

Mr. Reid answered,—I ask the Honorable Member to withdraw these Questions for the present, as I intend to make inquiry into the matter.

2. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL:—Mr. Haynes moved, without Notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Capital Punishment Abolition Bill, which dropped on Tuesday, 5th November, 1895, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

3. MINERS RIGHTS AND MINERAL LICENSES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Mining Act of 1874."

Question put and passed.

4. RAILWAY PASSENGERS ON MUDGEE LINE, AND ON ORANGE TO MOLONG LINE (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The number of 1st and 2nd class passengers who have travelled on the Mudgee line during the last twelve months.

(2.) The number of 1st and 2nd class passengers who have travelled on the Orange to Molong, Parkes, and Forbes line.

(3.) The amount received annually in each case and on each line respectively.

Question put and passed.

5. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

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

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

6. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a Tax on Land and a Tax on Income; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY  
Président.  
LAND

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## LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th November, 1895.*JOHN J. CALVEET,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 2, line 11. *Omit "Taxes" insert "Taxation"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 8. *Omit "one or"*
- Page 2, clause 7, line 29. *After "appointed" insert "or employed"*
- Page 2, clause 9. *Omit clause 9, insert the following new clause:—*  
 The Governor may, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare that the Land Appeal Court or any Court of Review. Judge of a District Court or any Police Magistrate shall be a Court of Review within the meaning of this Act; and thereupon every Court of Review constituted as aforesaid shall have jurisdiction within such limits and in such cases as the Governor may prescribe in the said notice to hear and determine, subject to the provisions of this Act, appeals from assessments made under this Act.
- Page 3, clause 10, lines 9 and 10. *Omit "in the next succeeding subsection specified" insert "follows"*
- Page 3, clause 10, line 13. *After "Act" omit remainder of clause, insert "Provided with regard to any such lands as are subject to any mortgage, except where the mortgagee is owner within the meaning of this Act, that there shall be deducted from such unimproved value, for the purpose of taxation, a proportion of the amount secured and owing upon such mortgage, or in case of a mortgage of an equity of redemption, a proportion of the value of the mortgage equal to that which the unimproved bears to the improved value of such lands: Provided further, that where moneys have been advanced on the combined security of such lands and other species of property the amount deemed to be secured upon the mortgage of such lands shall be a proportion of the whole amount secured, equal to that which the improved value of such lands bears to the total value of the property included in the security. And where the sum advanced fluctuates from time to time the average amount thereof for the period of twelve months preceding the date of the return under section thirty, sub-section (II), of this Act, or if the security shall not have been so long subsisting the average amount of advance for the period elapsed since the commencement of the security shall be deemed to be the amount secured for the purposes of this section."*
- Page 3, clause 11, lines 48 and 49. *Omit "or otherwise in any way whatsoever vested in or belonging to Her Majesty"*
- Page 3, clause 11, line 57. *After "hospitals" insert "whether supported wholly or partly by grants from the Consolidated Revenue Fund or not, and which are not a source of profit or gain to the users or owners thereof"*
- Page 4, clause 11, line 2. *After "colleges" insert "the Sydney Grammar School"*
- Page 4, clause 11, line 6. *After "municipality" insert "public hospital, university, or affiliated college"*
- Page 4, clause 11, line 7. *After "Lands" insert "dedicated or"*
- Page 4, clause 11, line 7. *After "for" insert "zoological"*
- Page 4, clause 11. *At end of clause add "or other public or scientific purposes"*
- Page 4, clause 12. *Omit clause 12.*
- Page 4, clause 13. *Omit clause 13.*
- Page 4, clause 14, lines 38 to 51. *Omit "(1) Every taxpayer or person who, pursuant to the provisions of this Act, shall have paid any money by way of land tax or contribution thereto in respect of any land or interest therein of which such taxpayer or person may be possessed, or to which he may be entitled jointly with some other person, or which such taxpayer or person may hold or be possessed of, subject to an interest or estate in some other person, shall be entitled to contribution from such other person,—the amount or measure of such contribution to be a sum which shall bear the same proportion to the amount of such tax or contribution paid by such taxpayer or person as the value of the interest or estate of the person made liable to contribute hereunder bears to the whole or improved value of the land or interest in respect of which such tax or contribution shall have been originally paid as aforesaid." Insert*  
*"If two or more persons are owners, whether jointly or severally or otherwise, of land subject to taxation under this Act, they shall each be liable to Her Majesty for the whole tax on such land, but any owner who has paid the tax may recover contribution as hereinafter provided,—* Contribution to land tax by other person.  
*(1) A person who has paid the tax in respect of any land may recover, by way of contribution, from any other person having an estate therein a sum which bears the same proportion to the tax as the value of the estate of such other person bears to the improved value of the land; and a person who has paid the contribution payable in respect of an estate in land may recover as aforesaid from any person interested in such estate a sum which bears the same proportion to the amount of the contribution so paid as aforesaid as the value of the interest of such other person bears to the value of such estate. For the purposes of this subsection the word 'estate' shall include any interest in land whatsoever, but nothing herein contained shall be taken to authorise any contribution between mortgagor and mortgagee, and no person shall be liable to contribution who is not entitled to an estate or interest in possession." Liability of co-owners.*
- Page 4, clause 14, line 53. *Omit "or the preceding"*
- Page 5, clause 16. *Omit clause 16.*
- Page 5, clause 17. *Omit clause 17.*
- Page 5, clause 18, line 31. *Omit "or mortgage"* Contribution.



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- Page 5, clause 18, line 34. *Omit* " or mortgage "
- Page 5, clause 18, line 35. *Omit* " or mortgage "
- Page 5, clause 18, line 36. *Omit* " or mortgage "
- Page 5, clause 18, line 40. *Omit* " or mortgage "
- Page 5, clause 18, line 41. *Omit* " or mortgage "
- Page 5, clause 18, line 53. *Omit* " compelled " *insert* " compellable "
- Page 5, clause 18, line 54. *After* " pay " *insert* " and has paid "
- Page 6, clause 19, lines 13 and 14. *Omit* " three hundred " *insert* " one hundred and sixty "
- Page 6, clause 19, line 27. *Omit* " pastoral "
- Page 6, clause 19, line 30. *Omit* " or mortgages "
- Page 6, clause 20, line 40. *Omit* " three hundred " *insert* " one hundred and sixty "
- Page 6, clause 20, line 41. *Omit* " three hundred " *insert* " one hundred and sixty "
- Page 6, clause 21, line 47. *After* " of " *insert* " Mutual Life Assurance Societies and of other "
- Page 7, clause 21, subsection (VI). *Omit* subsection (VI)
- Page 7, clause 21, line 7. *After* " debentures " *insert* " Inscribed Stock and Treasury Bills "
- Page 7, clause 21, subsection (X). *Omit* subsection (X)
- Page 7, clause 23. At end of clause *add* " Provided that nothing herein contained shall in cases  
" where the representative taxpayer acts as agent or trustee for several persons prevent  
" such representative taxpayer from claiming that each agency or trust shall be treated  
" separately for the purpose of claiming the exemption or deduction provided for in  
" sections fifteen and sixteen of this Act "
- Page 8, clause 24, line 3. *Omit* " fifty-four " *insert* " forty-eight "
- Page 8, clause 24, line 7. *Omit* " fifty-four " *insert* " forty-eight "
- Page 8, clause 26, line 28. *After* " debentures " *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 8, clause 27, line 39. *Omit* " who "
- Page 8, clause 27, line 43. *After* " paid " *insert* " to "
- Page 8, clause 27, lines 43 and 44. *Omit* " then all income resulting or expected to result there-  
" from to the principal " *insert* " the taxable amount of the income derived therefrom by  
" the principal shall be assessed at an amount equal to five pounds per centum upon the  
" total amount received for such goods and the amount so assessed "
- Page 8, clause 27, line 52. *Omit* " fifty " *insert* " forty-three "
- Page 8, clause 27, line 54. *After* " such income " *insert* " and that the agent shall have the same  
" right to indemnity against the principal in respect of the tax paid by him as is conferred  
" upon the representative taxpayer by section twenty. "
- Page 9, clause 29, line 13. *After* " whole " *insert* " net "
- Page 9, clause 29, line 16. *After* " where " *insert* " either "
- Page 9, clause 29, line 16. *After* " Commissioners " *insert* " or the Company may "
- Page 9, clause 29, lines 17 and 18. *Omit* " they may require any such Company to furnish  
" information as to " *insert* " either the Commissioners or the Company may claim the  
" right to an assessment on "
- Page 9, clause 29, line 19. *After* " Wales " *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 9, clause 30, line 22. *After* " unmarried " *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 9, clause 31, line 43. *Omit* " nineteen " *insert* " fifteen "
- Page 9, clause 31, line 52. *After* " of " *insert* " taxable "
- Page 9, clause 31, lines 53 and 54. *Omit* " in respect of land and mortgages "
- Page 9, clause 31, line 54. *Omit* " twenty-one " *insert* " seventeen "
- Page 10, clause 32, line 4. *After* " outgoings " *insert* " including interest "
- Page 10, clause 32, subsection (III). *Omit* subsection (III).
- Page 10, clause 32, line 19. *After* " for " *insert* " repairs of premises occupied for the purpose  
" of business and for "
- Page 10, clause 32, lines 27 to 36. *Omit* " provided that where in any business income is set  
" apart by the taxpayer by way of a fund to cover the depreciation of such machinery,  
" implements, utensils, and articles, the amount so set apart for the year immediately  
" preceding the year of assessment, may, subject to the approval of the Commissioners,  
" be deducted instead of the sums so expended as aforesaid, but not in addition thereto,  
" unless under such exceptional circumstances as shall seem to justify some additional  
" allowance for depreciation: Provided that in no case shall any allowance be made for  
" depreciation of buildings. "
- Page 10, clause 32. *After* subsection (IV) *insert* the following new subsection:—" Such sum as  
" the Commissioners may think just and reasonable as representing the diminished value  
" by reason of wear and tear during the year of any machinery, implements, utensils, and  
" articles used by the taxpayer for the purposes of his business: Provided that where  
" in any business income is set apart by the taxpayer by way of a fund to cover the  
" depreciation of such machinery, implements, utensils, and articles, the amount so set  
" apart for the year immediately preceding the year of assessment shall, subject to the  
" approval of the Commissioners, be the sum to be deducted for depreciation: Provided  
" that in no case shall any allowance be made for the depreciation of buildings. "
- Page 10, clause 32, line 47. *After* " plus " *insert* " five per centum of "
- Page 10, clause 32. At end of clause *add* " For the purposes of this and the preceding section  
" the word 'business' shall be taken to include any profession, trade, employment, or  
" vocation, but shall not include ownership, use, or cultivation of land "
- Page 11, clause 33, line 6. *Omit* " business " *insert* " profession, trade, employment, or vocation "
- Page 11, clause 33, line 9. *Omit* " business " *insert* " profession, trade, employment, or vocation "
- Page 11, clause 33, line 11. *Omit* " business " *insert* " profession, trade, employment, or vocation "
- Page 11, clause 33, line 13. *Before* " purposes " *insert* " said "
- Page 11, clause 33, line 13. *Omit* " of the business "
- Page 11, clause 33, line 15. *Omit* " business " *insert* " profession, trade, employment, or vocation "
- Page 11, clause 33, line 20. *After* " them " *omit* remainder of clause. Page

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- Page 11, clause 34, line 46. *Omit* "and mortgages"
- Page 11, clause 34, line 49. *Omit* "his" *insert* "the"
- Page 12, clause 34, line 27. *Omit* "value of lands or"
- Page 12, clause 35, lines 38 and 39. *Omit* "and mortgages"
- Page 12, clause 35, line 51. *Omit* "Board" *insert* "Court"
- Page 12, clause 35, line 52. *Omit* "or mortgage"
- Page 13, clause 36, line 10. *Omit* "or mortgages"
- Page 13, clause 36, line 13. *Omit* "or mortgages"
- Page 14, clause 40, line 1. *Omit* "or mortgages"
- Page 14, clause 41, line 7. *Omit* "or mortgages"
- Page 14, clause 41, line 8. *After* "jointly" *insert* "and severally"
- Page 14, clause 41, line 12. *Omit* "or mortgages"
- Page 14, clause 41, line 13. *Omit* "be"
- Page 14, clause 43, line 19. *Omit* "mortgages"
- Pages 14 and 15, clauses 47, 48, and 49. *Omit* clauses 47, 48, and 49.
- Page 15, clause 50, line 35. *Omit* "passing" *insert* "commencement"
- Page 15, clause 50, line 37. *Omit* "passing" *insert* "commencement"
- Page 16, clause 51, line 25. *Omit* "Board" *insert* "Court"
- Page 16, clause 51, lines 26 to 28. *Omit* "or to the District Court Judge or Police Magistrate sitting for the hearing of appeals under this Act nearest to the residence of such taxpayer or to his place of business"
- Page 16, clause 51, line 30. *Omit* "tax to be paid on the basis of"
- Page 16, clause 51, line 37. *Omit* "Board, Judge, or Magistrate" *insert* "Court of Review"
- Page 16, clause 51, line 39. *Omit* "Board, Judge, or Magistrate may" *insert* "said Court shall"
- Page 16, clause 51, line 39. *After* "time" *insert* "on the application of the appellant"
- Page 16, clause 51, line 49. *Omit* "Board, Judge, or Magistrate" *insert* "Court of Review"
- Page 17, clause 51, subsection (VIII). *Omit* subsection (VIII).
- Page 17, clause 51, line 5. *Omit* "Board" *insert* "Court"
- Page 17, clause 51, lines 5 and 6. *Omit* "District Court Judge or Magistrate as aforesaid"
- Page 17, clause 51, lines 9 and 10. *Omit* "as such Member, District Court Judge, or Magistrate as aforesaid"
- Page 17, clause 51, line 11. *Omit* "Board" *insert* "said Court"
- Page 17, clause 51, lines 11 and 12. *Omit* "and have an official seal"
- Page 17, clause 51, line 19. *Omit* "Board" *insert* "said Court of Review"
- Page 17, clause 51, lines 20 and 21. *Omit* "Where any District Court Judge or Police Magistrate shall be appointed to hear and determine appeals under this Act"
- Page 17, clause 51, line 22. *After* "procedure" *insert* "of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 and the regulations made thereunder and"
- Page 17, clause 51. At end of clause *add* "before the Land Appeal Court or the District Court Judge or the Police Magistrate appointed to be a Court of Review respectively."
- Page 17. *After* clause 51 *insert* the following new clause:—
- Whenever any question of law shall arise in a case before the Court of Review, the said Court shall, if required in writing by any of the parties within the prescribed time and upon the prescribed conditions, or may of its own motion state and submit a case for decision by the Supreme Court thereon, which decision shall be conclusive; and the procedure with reference to a case submitted under this section shall be the same as that provided by subsection (VI) of section eight of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 with reference to cases submitted by the Land Court. The Supreme Court, for the purposes of this section, may consist of two Judges only, and shall have power to deal with the costs of, and incidental to, any case submitted under this section as it may think fit.
- Page 17, clause 52, line 29. *Omit* "not"
- Page 17, clause 52, line 29. *Omit* "any" *insert* "an"
- Page 17, clause 52, line 29. *After* "appeal" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "to the Court of Review, but the fact that a case stated is pending before the Supreme Court shall not in any way interfere with the payment of the Land or Income Tax, according to the assessment of the Court of Review by whom the case was stated, but the land tax or income tax shall be paid according to such assessment as if the case had not been required to be stated; and in the event of the amount of assessment being altered by the order or judgment of the Supreme Court, the difference in amount, if too much has been paid, shall be repaid with such interest (if any) as the Supreme Court may allow, and if too little, shall be deemed to be arrears (except so far as any penalty is incurred on account of arrears), and shall be paid and recovered accordingly."
- Page 17, clause 54, line 42. *Omit* "thirty" *insert* "sixty"
- Page 17, clause 56, line 51. *Omit* "thirty" *insert* "sixty"
- Page 18, clause 58, lines 9 and 10. *Omit* "without allowing any defence and"
- Page 18, clause 59, line 40. *Omit* "twelve months" *insert* "two years"
- Page 18, clause 60, lines 56 and 57. *Omit* "pursuant to the provisions of this Act"
- Page 19, clause 61. *Omit* clause 61.
- Page 20, clause 67, line 29. *After* "offence" *insert* "under subsection (I) a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds and for each offence under subsections (II) or (III)"
- Page 20, clause 70. *Omit* clause 70.
- Page 20, clause 71, line 59. *Omit* "fifty" *insert* "ten"
- Page 20, clause 71, line 59. *Omit* "provision of this Act or"
- Page 20, clause 71, line 60. *Omit* "thereunder" *insert* "under this Act"
- Page 21, clause 75, lines 27 to 29. *Omit* "Board means the Board of Review constituted under this Act or a Judge of the District Court or a Magistrate appointed and sitting as such Board of Review"
- Page 21, clause 75, line 38. *Omit* "acquire" *insert* "require"

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Page 21, clause 75. *After* line 38 *insert* " 'Improvements' includes houses and buildings, fencing, planting, excavations for holding water, wells, ringbarking, clearing from timber, or scrub, or sweet briar, or noxious weeds, or laying down in grass or pasture, and any other improvements whatsoever, the benefit of which is unexhausted at the time of valuation "

Page 21, clause 75, line 54. *Omit* " will "

Page 21, clause 75, line 55. *After* " manner " *insert* " but does not include a charge of debts or legacies created by will "

Page 22, clause 75, lines 7 and 8. *Omit* (c) " Entitled to appoint to or to dispose immediately and absolutely of the fee-simple of any land or "

Page 22, clause 75, lines 11 and 12. *Omit* " for valuable consideration "

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

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

7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 to 8 postponed until Tuesday next.

8. **HOLT'S WINGELLO ESTATE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bavister moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Sleath, the Honorable Member for Wilcannia, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Robert Jones,  
Mr. Reid,  
Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Brunker,  
Mr. Gould,  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Millen,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Chanter,  
Mr. Whiddon,

Mr. McCourt,  
Mr. Howarth,  
Mr. Hurley,  
Mr. Cameron,  
Mr. Harvey,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Hawthorne,  
Mr. Neild,  
Mr. Lonsdale,  
Mr. Molesworth,  
Mr. Mackay,

Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Bull,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Cotton,  
Mr. McLean,  
Mr. Rigg,  
Mr. Wheeler,  
*Tellers*,  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Bavister.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Hughes.

*Tellers*,

Mr. Smailes,  
Mr. Dacey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at three minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1895

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Edward William Easwell:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was a man named Edward William Easwell, on the 14th January last, ordered by J. Fountain and Henry S. Beveridge, the Bench of Magistrates at Gosford, to be sent as an insane person to the Hospital for the Insane at Gladesville?

(2.) Was the order made on the certificate and examination of one medical practitioner only, contrary to the express provisions of the Lunacy Act?

(3.) Will he compensate Mr. Easwell for his forcible and unlawful detention?

(4.) Is the custom a common one of ordering persons to asylums for the insane upon one certificate only, as stated in Court by these magistrates and the medical practitioner examined in the case?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

(1.) Yes; he had previously been in the Hospital for Insane, Callan Park, from 24th August, 1893, to 18th May, 1894.

(2.) There was only one medical practitioner resident in the district, and Easwell was admitted on 15th January last to the Reception House at Darlinghurst on the order of the two Justices, and with one medical certificate, and was discharged recovered on 24th of the same month. He was not sent on to Gladesville. The proceedings were in accordance with law, as the 15th section of the Lunacy Act provides that a person may be sent to a reception house under one medical certificate, and that a second medical certificate must be obtained before he can be sent to a hospital for the insane.

(3.) As Mr. Easwell was detained legally, and for his own protection and that of others, he has no claim to compensation.

(4.) When there are not two medical practitioners living in a district, magistrates in some cases act under section 15 of the Lunacy Act, and direct the admission of persons brought before them as deemed to be insane to the reception house for temporary treatment, but no person is admitted into any hospital for the insane except under two medical certificates, or under the provisions of section 14 of the Lunacy Act.

(2.) Water Conservation and Irrigation Department:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What has been the total cost of the Water Conservation and Irrigation Department, including all and every work in connection with same, since its inception to date?

(2.) How many acres of land are under irrigation in the Colony as the result of such expenditure?

(3.) How many officers are at work under this Departmental Head, and what are the total salaries paid per annum?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—The information can be best given as a return, as it will be necessary to go through the records of the past five years.(3.) Forest-thinning at Narrandera:—*Mr. Wright*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What wages did Wyburd and Richards's gang earn per day at forest-thinning at Narrandera?

(2.) The number of days they were employed, and the amount they received for the work, and number of acres thinned or operated upon?

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Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Wyburd and Richards are overseers in charge of gangs, the members of which have so far earned at the rates of 6s. 1d. and 5s. 5d. per man per diem respectively.
- (2.) Wyburd's 20 men to end of October—(a) 70 days; (b) £426 11s. less 25 per cent.; (c) 2,600 acres. Richards's 12 men to end of October—(a) 52 days; (b) £168 15s. less 25 per cent.; (c) 900 acres.

(4.) Artesian Wells in the Barwon Electorate:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What are the reasons for the delays in putting down the artesian wells in the Barwon Electorate?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that the tenders for these wells were accepted more than one year ago?
- (3.) Is he aware that in the drought-stricken portion of the Colony these wells were first suggested as a means of saving tens of thousands of the settlers' stock?
- (4.) Will he expedite this work without further parley?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) One is now in progress near Walgett. Deep boring and unforeseen accidents have retarded progress somewhat.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) I am well aware of the objects for which these wells are being undertaken.
- (4.) Yes.

(5.) Weir across the Macquarie River at Narramine:—*Mr. Phillips* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to proceed without delay with the construction of a weir across the Macquarie River at Narramine, and the construction of irrigation works at that place?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This matter is under consideration.

(6.) Lands available for Settlement adjacent to Dubbo:—*Mr. Phillips* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the lands included in the annual leases recently cancelled adjacent to the town of Dubbo be available for settlement?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—Instructions for measurement have been issued to the District Surveyor, and, on receipt of the plan of survey, the land will be thrown open to settlement without delay.

(7.) Guards on Steam and Cable Trams:—*Mr. Whiddon* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many hours per day do the guards on the steam trams work upon an average?
- (2.) Do they work overtime?
- (3.) If so, are they paid for such overtime?
- (4.) What is the average wage per day of the guards?
- (5.) Will he furnish same information with respect to the guards on the cable trams?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the conductors on the steam and cable cars work on the average about nine hours per day.
- (2 and 3.) Occasional overtime is made beyond the hours of duty per period, for which they are paid.
- (4.) The average rates of pay are—Conductors, steam trams, 8s. per day; conductors, cable cars, 6s. 8d. per day; drivers, 12s. 2d. per day; firemen, 8s. per day; gripmen, 7s. 6d. per day. The men are also allowed all public holidays and six good conduct holidays per annum with free railway passes. Uniform is also supplied.

(8.) Factories and Workshops Bill:—*Mr. Whiddon* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the great need for legislation in the matter of factories and workshops, is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill in connection with regulating the same as early as possible next Session?

Mr. Reid answered,—Yes.

(9.) Proposed Overshot Dam near Milparinka:—*Mr. Sleath* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Under Secretary for Mines, Mr. Harrie Wood, the late Mr. Wilkinson, then Government Geologist, and Mr. Slee, Chief Inspector of Mines, visited Milparinka in 1887, and after inspection recommended the construction of an overshot dam near that place?
- (2.) If so, in view of the recent important mining developments and vast probabilities of that field, will he get a report from a competent officer of the Water Conservation Department as to the cost and advisability of carrying out this work at an early date?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Messrs. Wood, Wilkinson, and Slee visited Milparinka in 1887, and, after an inspection of the site, reported that, in their opinion, an overshot dam could be constructed across the Evelcen Creek at a moderate cost.
- (2.) A report was obtained in August, 1889, which showed that the estimated cost of the proposed dam would be £5,000, and, in view of the probability of such a work, which would be across the main Creek, silting up, and the population to be supplied, viz., 200, such an expenditure would not be warranted. Approval, however, was given for a dam off the main Creek, which was constructed, and which, together with the well provided for stock, supply was considered to be amply sufficient for the requirements of Milparinka for many years to come. I will, however, obtain a further report on the present requirements of the place.

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- (10.) Temporary Hands in the Civil Service :—Mr. Rigg asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it intended to transfer certain temporary hands at present in the Civil Service to the permanent staff?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that a large number of these temporary hands were appointed to positions over the heads of permanent officials at higher rates of pay in consequence of the employment being considered to be of a temporary nature only?
  - (3.) If these appointments are now to be permanent, will he rank them according to length of service, salary, and fitness of others who were in various Departments before them?
- Mr. Reid answered,—These matters will all be dealt with by the Public Service Commission.
- (11.) Legislative Councillors holding positions of profit under the Crown :—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a member of the Legislative Council is a member of the Hunter River Water Board?
  - (2.) Is he paid for his services?
  - (3.) Does the Government approve of members of the Legislative Council holding positions of profit under the Government?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) No.
- (12.) Valuations made by Mr. Bruncker for Stamp-duty :—Mr. Sleath asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has the Chief Secretary, Mr. J. N. Bruncker, or any partner or employee of his, acted as valuator to ascertain the amount of stamp-duty payable to the Government in respect to any properties or estates since Mr. Bruncker has been Colonial Secretary?
  - (2.) Is it not to the interest of the Government that the valuation of estates for probate stamp-duty should be as high as possible?
  - (3.) Has the Commissioner for Stamps the power to question any such valuation?
  - (4.) Has the Commissioner for Stamps ever questioned any valuation made by Mr. Bruncker or a partner or employee since Mr. Bruncker has been in office?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) No, not as valuator on behalf of the Government.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) Yes.
  - (4.) No.
- (13.) Crown Prosecutor in Dean Conspiracy Case :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- Do the Government approve of the action of the Attorney-General in deputing the counsel who has acted as prosecutor for the Crown in the Dean conspiracy case to virtually act as Grand Juror, and so decide whether the case is to be sent to a jury; and, if so, will the same gentleman also hold a brief in the case for the prosecution?
- Mr. Reid answered,—The Attorney-General has not, either virtually or actually, deputed any one to act as Grand Juror, and, as he has no intention of doing anything so ridiculous or illegal, the Government is not called upon to approve or disapprove of his action.
- (14.) Leases on Garrangula Gold-field :—Mr. Barnes asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that despite the instructions issued from his Department to the Government Warden of the district which embraces the Garrangula gold-field, to grant leases to holders of reefing claims, and notwithstanding such leases have been granted, and the fees paid into the Consolidated Revenue, the land owner of the Garrangula gold-field has demanded and obtained rent from some who have complied with Government regulations and conditions?
  - (2.) Will he cause steps to be taken to protect the miners referred to?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Several applications have been received for leases upon this field, but none have yet been issued or granted.
2. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Petitions from the Merchants, Storekeepers, and Tradespeople of the Colony of New South Wales, praying, for reasons in the Petitions set forth, that the House will with all due speed pass a Bill dealing with the matter of attaching Civil Servants' salaries, so as to prevent them and others taking advantage of the present state of our laws, were presented by the Members named—
- (1.) By Mr. Affleck.
  - (2.) By Mr. Dick.
  - (3.) By Mr. Affleck.
  - (4.) By Mr. Watkins.
  - (5.) By Mr. Affleck.
- Petitions received.
3. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 17th October, 1895,—“The Johnson Perjury Case.”  
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of October, 1895.  
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Reply to Mr. Cameron's Question of 7th November, 1895, respecting report by Major-General Hutton on the Military Forces.  
Ordered to be printed.

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4. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the procuring and laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in and the control and management of the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th November, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

5. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Act,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th November, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th November, 1895.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 10. Omit "passing" insert "commencement"  
Page 1, clause 1, line 15. Omit "passing" insert "commencement"  
Page 1, clause 1, line 17. Omit "passing" insert "commencement"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

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

6. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the attachment of debts due, owing, or accruing to judgment debtors from the Crown either for salary or otherwise; to confer upon any two Justices of the Peace the powers of a Police Magistrate under the Small Debts Recovery Act; and for those purposes to amend the said Act.  
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Affleck then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the attachment of debts due, owing, or accruing to judgment debtors from the Crown either for salary or otherwise; to confer upon any two Justices of the Peace the powers of a Police Magistrate under the Small Debts Recovery Act; and for those purposes to amend the said Act,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

7. WELLINGTON SHOW GROUND BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Wellington Show Ground Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. James Thomson, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Watson, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Robert Jones, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.

8. HOLT'S WINGELLO ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bavister, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Bavister then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to rectify a certain indenture of lease dated the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and to empower Alfred William Holt, his executors or administrators, to assign or to underlet certain lands and hereditaments therein comprised without first obtaining a certain license in writing.*"

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 rectify a certain indenture of lease dated the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and to empower Alfred William Holt, his executors or administrators, to assign or to underlet certain lands and hereditaments therein comprised without first obtaining a certain license in writing,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—  
 (1.) Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill ; second reading ;—until To-morrow.  
 (2.) Eight Hours Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Schey, " That this Bill be now read a second time " ;—until Tuesday next.  
 (3.) Referendum Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday next.
10. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—  
 (1.) Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Government Railways Act of 1888, section 27.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 68.		Noes, 4.
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McMillan,	Mr. McElbone,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Bull,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. A. B. Piddington,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Greenc,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Raymond,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Law.
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Perry,	Tellers,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Watkins.
Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,	Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. James Thomson,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Dacey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Affleck then presented a Bill, intituled " *A Bill to amend the Government Railways Act of 1888, section 27,*"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. FUTURE APPOINTMENTS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE :—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all future appointments to the Civil Service should be submitted, in a monthly return, to the House, with the names of all persons recommending such appointments.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
12. PARTY GOVERNMENT—ELECTION OF MINISTERS :—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the present system of party government has a direct tendency to waste time and energy, delay legislation, degrade representative institutions, and deprive the country at times of the services of some of its ablest citizens, and that consequently it is desirable that the Constitution be so amended as to provide that Ministers shall be elected separately by the whole House at the commencement of each Parliament.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Watkins moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 26th November.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

13. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some and disagreed to others of the Council's amendments.  
 On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.
14. BOROUGH OF REDFERN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled " *An Act to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Redfern to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough ; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply ; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down or erect electric lines ; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply ; and to enable Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Redfern to participate in the benefits of such supply ;*  
*and*



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and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, and one hundred and ninetieth, and other sections of the Municipalities Act of 1867, so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 12th November, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1895, A.M.

15. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable New South Wales to take part in the framing, acceptance, and enactment of a Federal Constitution for Australasia.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable New South Wales to take part in the framing, acceptance, and enactment of a Federal Constitution for Australasia,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 13th November, 1895, a.m.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Ghoolendaddy and Burburgate Holdings :—Mr. Goodwin asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) When will the exchanges on the Ghoolendaddy and Burburgate Holdings, counties Pottinger and Nandewar, be completed?  
 (2.) When will the exchanges be available for selection?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—The exchange in each case has been approved by the Minister, and will be finally dealt with as soon as certain preliminary action has been completed.

- (2.) Wooroooolgin Holding, Richmond River :—Mr. Pyers asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) When will the exchanges of land on Wooroooolgin Holding, Richmond River, be completed?  
 (2.) When will the exchanged land be available for selection?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—Action on the Wooroooolgin Exchange had to be suspended until the Crown Lands Act of 1895 had passed, but the matter has recently been revived under the 47th section of that Act, and is now receiving attention. No definite date can, however, be stated when the land will be open to selection.

- (3.) Colonial Naval Forces :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide a training-ship for the instruction of the Colonial Naval Forces?  
 (2.) If not, will the Minister for Defence endeavour to make arrangements for the instruction of the Colonial Naval Forces on board one of the ships of Her Majesty's navy?  
 (3.) When do the Government propose establishing an ammunition and small-arms factory?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—

- (1.) Not at the present time.  
 (2.) No object would be thereby attained, inasmuch as there is no ship in possession of the Colony to utilise the services of the men after they had been instructed. The Colonial Naval Forces are absorbed in the general scheme of defence of the Colony in the torpedo boats, batteries, and patrol duties afloat.  
 (3.) There is no immediate necessity for the establishment of such a factory, in view of the contract entered into on the 11th October, 1893, for seven years with the ammunition factory of Victoria.

- (4.) Tenders for Pumping Machinery and Buildings at Maitland :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Did the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Board call for tenders for pumping machinery and buildings at Maitland?  
 (2.) If so, where and on what date were tenders received and dealt with by the Board?  
 (3.) How many tenders were received, names of tenderers, and the amounts of same?  
 (4.) Did the Board advise Messrs. A. and J. Rodgers that their tender was the lowest, and had been recommended for the Minister's approval?  
 (5.) Was the said tender approved by the Minister, and, if not, why?

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Mr. Young answered,—The papers are not in the office which will enable me to give detailed replies to these Questions; but it is a fact that tenders were invited by the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Board for alterations and improvements to machinery and buildings at the Walka Pumping Station. It is also a fact that the Board asked my concurrence to the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. A. and J. Rodgers—I may say, parenthetically, the Member for Newcastle asked me the same thing,—but in doing so they also forwarded, unopened, a tender which they had received shortly after the advertised time for opening the tenders. This tender was subsequently opened by the President of the Board in the office, and in the presence of my Under Secretary, and was found to be from the Atlas Engineering Works, and about £500 lower than the lowest of those opened by the Board. As it was evident that there could have been no collusion, I directed that the tenders be again referred to the Board, and on this being done they recommended the acceptance of the tender of the Atlas Works referred to. Taking into account the merits of the case and the many complaints which have been made as to the cost of the Hunter District Water Supply Works, I think it will be admitted that a wise course was taken in preventing what apparently would have been a waste of £500.

(5.) Charge of Conspiracy against Daniel Green:—Mr. Henry Clarke asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a warrant was issued for one Daniel Green in connection with the charge brought by the Crown against Mr. Crick, M.P., and others, and on that charge was he remanded on bail to the extent of £3,000?

(2.) Was he then, and while under such heavy bail, charged, on 15th October last, with conspiracy in a matter known as Mrs. "H.'s" case?

(3.) Was he remanded from 15th October to 22nd October, on further bail of £2,000, in Mrs. "H.'s" case?

(4.) Did he appear to his bail on 22nd October, and was not the case further adjourned on the application of the Crown to 25th of same month, and was not this application opposed by Mr. Green, who desired the charge to be proceeded with at once?

(5.) Did Mr. Green appear on 25th October, and on application made on behalf of the Crown again remanded to 29th October, Mr. Green opposing the application, and again insisting that the Crown should go on with the case?

(6.) Did Mr. Green again appear on 29th October, and the case further postponed to 5th November on an application on behalf of the Crown, and again opposed by Mr. Green, who insisted that the case be proceeded with if the Crown had any evidence to offer?

(7.) Did Mr. Green again appear on 5th November, and was the case again postponed to 12th November on the application of the Crown, and did not Mr. Green again oppose such postponement?

(8.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Green appeared on 12th November, and was not the charge against him withdrawn by the Crown, no reason whatever being given for such a course?

(9.) Did the Crown have sufficient evidence to justify it in issuing a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Green, and, if so, why was not such evidence offered at the Police Court, and why was the case withdrawn without any evidence being given to show any justification for the arrest and the numerous adjournments before referred to?

(10.) Who advised that the charge be withdrawn, who advised the issue of the warrant, and who advised the numerous adjournments, and did the Crown in the first instance oppose bail being granted to Mr. Green?

Mr. Gould answered,—I will presently reply to the longer Question by laying a return upon the Table.

(6.) Legislative Councillors holding Positions of Profit under the Crown:—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to Answer given to Mr. Perry's Question of 12th November, does he approve of the practice prevailing of giving briefs to barristers who are Members of the Legislative Council?

(2.) What is the amount paid to Members of the Legislative Council by way of fees during the past twelve months?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) If I did not approve, the Crown in its important civil cases would be unable to secure the best talent at the Bar.

(2.) The required information will be furnished in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(7.) Interest on Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of conditional purchases made prior to the 1884 Land Act have not been brought under the provisions of the 35th section of that Act, but are still paying the old rate of interest?

(2.) What number of conditional purchasers are so situated?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes; but they can do so at their own request.

(2.) According to the Treasury books there were, on the 31st December last, 49,755 conditional purchases which have not been applied to be brought under the provisions of the 35th clause of the Crown Lands Acts of 1884.

(8.) Tramway Conductors:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the tramway conductors were required to work for eighteen hours last Saturday?

Mr. Reid answered,—It has been the rule to call upon conductors to work extra time on holidays to deal with the increased traffic, and three conductors worked as represented on Saturday last, the men being paid for all time worked. The Commissioners, however, have given directions for doing away with long periods of overtime on holidays.

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(9.) Charge preferred against Informer of Tram Conductors:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether it is a fact that the person, upon whose private information several tram conductors were recently dismissed and disrated, has been committed for trial for forgery or similar criminal offence?

Mr. Reid answered,—In the absence of further information as to the name of the person referred to, it is difficult to reply to the Honorable Member's Question, but I am informed that no conductor has been dealt with on the reports of a single individual.

2. WATER RIGHTS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Sydney Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate and license the construction and use of works for water conservation, water supply, and drainage; to confer certain rights on the holders of those licenses and on the Crown; to authorise the taking and acquiring of certain lands; and for purposes incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 13th November, 1895.

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

3. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain works of Harbour Improvements at Newcastle; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 12th November, 1895.

4. AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the appropriation and application of Public Moneys to Public Purposes; to amend the Audit Act; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 13th November, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 21st August, 1895,—“Milson's Point Railway.”
  - (2.) Additional Regulation under the Beer Duty Act of 1887.
  - (3.) Twelfth Report on the Creation, Inscription, and Issue of Stock under the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Further Return to an Order made on 19th September, 1895,—“Destruction by fire of the ‘Steamer ‘Rodney.’”
  - (2.) Correspondence, &c., respecting the death of Edward Power in the Molong Hospital.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Parkes under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

6. BEGA CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Henry Clarke, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Clarke then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the purchase of land and erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Bega, within the Municipality of Bega.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the purchase of land and erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Bega, within the Municipality of Bega*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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7. DEATH OF MARY HERMAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hogue moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Colonial Secretary's Department or Police Department and the authorities in Queensland, or with other persons, in reference to the death of one Mary Herman in Sydney, in May, 1894.  
Question put and passed.
8. RETIREMENT OF MR. LEWIS SCOTT FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to the compulsory retirement of Mr. Lewis Scott from the Civil Service.  
Question put and passed.
9. GOVERNMENT ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE *Molong Express* (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
(1.) The amount of money paid out of the public funds for Government advertisements which have appeared in the *Molong Express* during the years 1890 to 1895 inclusive.  
(2.) The number of such advertisements, and rate per inch charged for the same.  
Question put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Truck Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
11. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—Mr. Reid moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 7th November, 1895, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill,—

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 2, 3, and 7, to the omission of clause 9, and the insertion of a new clause in lieu thereof.

Disagrees to the amendments made in clause 10,—because, as to the exemption from land tax,—

- (1.) Its abolition by the Council has, "taking the Bill to impose a Land Tax now before the Legislative Council in conjunction with this measure," the effect of enlarging the operation of a tax, and of creating a class of taxpayers not included in the measure as recommended to the consideration of the Assembly by Message from the Crown; a step which could not be taken by this House, and, therefore, it is submitted, could not be taken by the Legislative Council, especially in view of the provisions of the first section of the first schedule to the Constitution Act, 18 and 19 Vic., c. 54.
- (2.) The Legislative Council has accepted the principle of exemption from income tax to the amount of £160 a year, which exempts tens of thousands of electors who do not own land, and the Legislative Assembly considers that if there is one class more than another which is entitled to an exemption it is the class of colonists who are gaining a living from the soil; further, that the capital exemption of £475, in the case of land, represents, on an annual income basis, an exemption of £23 15s. a year only; or, if we allow for the fact that the produce of land is free from income tax, an annual exemption in all scarcely exceeding £50; and, further, that in many thousands of cases the unimproved value would be so small as to yield a tax far below the expenses of collection.

As to mortgages, the amendment inserted, providing for an exemption from the land tax to the extent to which lands are mortgaged, would offer facilities for evasion of the tax which would probably destroy the productiveness of the tax, and lead to enormous difficulties in honest administration; the amendment would also, it is suggested, cause grave inequalities, exempting many landowners altogether, whilst leaving other holders exposed to the full burden of the tax.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 11.

Disagrees to the omission of clause 12,—because ownership of land in the country by persons living abroad is a feature in the consideration of a tax on land calling for some special treatment of the kind proposed.

Disagrees with the amendment made by the omission of clause 13, and the amendments made in clause 14,—because of disagreement with amendments made in clause 10, above referred to.

Disagrees with the omission of clauses 16 and 17, and the amendments made in subsection (i) of clause 18 for the same reason.

Agrees with the amendment made in subsection (iv) of clause 18.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 19, lines 13 and 14,—because the amendment is one which the Assembly itself could not make without a Message from the Crown, inasmuch as it brings a large class of persons under taxation which the Bill, as covered by Message from the Crown, did not propose to include; because, also, the amendment has the effect, "in conjunction with the Income Tax Bill," of originating a tax upon those persons, a power denied to the Legislative Council by express terms in the first section of the first schedule to the Constitution Act before referred to; because, further, the amount inserted by the Council is the exemption from income tax allowed in Great Britain, where clearly the standard and cost of living is less expensive to the poorer classes than in this country.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 19, line 27.

Disagrees to the remaining amendment in the clause, and to those in clause 20, consequent upon disagreements before mentioned.

Disagrees

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Disagrees to amendment made in subsection (II) of clause 21, because the amendment, taken together with other amendments made by the Legislative Council, would have the effect of exempting investments of such societies by way of mortgage on land from any taxation, a position seriously prejudicing other companies and individuals lending money on land.

Disagrees to amendment made by the omission of subsection (VI) as being connected with subsection (II).

Agrees to the amendment in clause 21, line 7.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 21, which omits subsection (x) consequent upon disagreement with former amendments.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 23 and 24.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 26 consequent upon disagreements in clauses relating to land tax on mortgages.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 27, 29, and 30, and in clause 31 down to and including that on page 9, line 52.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 31, lines 53 and 54, because of disagreements on relevant clauses in earlier portion of the Bill.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 32 and 33.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 34, line 46, because of disagreements on former clauses relating to mortgages.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 34, line 49.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 34, page 12, line 27, and to that in clause 35, lines 38 and 39, because of disagreements on former clauses relating to mortgages.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 35, line 51.

Disagrees to the remaining amendment in the clause, to those in clauses 36, 40, and in 41, lines 7 and 12, and to that in clause 43, because of disagreements on former clauses relating to mortgages.

Disagrees to the omission of clauses 47, 48, and 49, because these clauses will act powerfully as a deterrent against attempts to evade the payment of land tax upon a proper basis, and because the Executive Government may safely be trusted not to apply these provisions to any case but one of notorious undervaluation.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 41, lines 8 and 13; to those in clauses 50 and 51, and to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 51.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 52,—because it is important that the times and conditions of payment of the taxes should be uniform and regular, and also because any such provisions enabling a taxpayer to delay payment if he appeals must have a tendency to encourage frivolous and unnecessary appeals.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 54, 56, 58, 59, and 60.

Disagrees to the omission of clause 61, consequent upon disagreements in preceding clauses relating to mortgages.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 67.

Disagrees to the omission of clause 70,—because a clause of that nature is necessary to effect the intentions of the Legislature as to the persons who are to bear the burden of the land and income taxes. There is the less objection to this clause, inasmuch as the Bill provides in the case of lands let on lease that lessees shall bear a fair share of the land tax, measured by the value of their interest in the land.

Disagrees with the amendments made in clause 71,—first, because the sum of fifty pounds is a maximum for aggravated cases, which can be reduced from that amount down to a nominal penalty, according to the merits of the case; secondly, because the provision penalising any breach of the Act is valuable as preventing openings for the escape of offenders against the Act; and thirdly, because, if power is given to penalise breaches of regulations which it is within the power of the Executive to frame, surely equal penalties should be applicable to breaches of the statute.

Agrees with all the amendments made in clause 75, except the omission of sub-section (c), because without some such provision land could be transferred under conditions placing the owner in fact beyond the definition of owner in this clause.

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Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and negatived.

Original Question again proposed.

Mr. Brunker moved, That the Message be amended by inserting in the first line of paragraph (1.) relating to clause 10, the words "taking the Bill to impose a Land Tax now before the Legislative Council in conjunction with this measure."

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

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Young moved, That the Message be further amended by inserting in the fourth line of the paragraph relating to amendments in clause 19, the words "in conjunction with the Income Tax Bill."

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

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Question then put,—That the Message, *as amended*, be carried to the Legislative Council.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. McGowen,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. A. B. Piddington,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Sleath,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Mahony.
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Black,	

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Mr. F. Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackay,	
Mr. See,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Reymond,	
Mr. Greene,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Goodwin,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Copeland.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. **PAPER**:—Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Particulars respecting the charge of conspiracy against Daniel Green.  
Ordered to be printed.
13. **WATER RIGHTS BILL**:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate and license the construction and use of works for water conservation, water supply, and drainage; to confer certain rights on the holders of those licenses and on the Crown; to authorise the taking and acquiring of certain lands; and for purposes incidental thereto.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
14. **NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Brunker, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—  
**MR. PRESIDENT**,—  
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Act.*"  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 13th November, 1895.*
15. **MUNICIPAL LOANS VALIDATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunker 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. Brunker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Brunker, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
16. **JOINT STOCK COMPANIES' ARRANGEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Haynes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 40.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Oyster Leases:—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that a number of applications for oyster leases are being held in suspense by the Fisheries Department?

(2.) What is the reason of such delay?

(3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, with a view to expediting action on these applications?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am informed that the Fisheries Department have suspended the issue of leases for oyster culture on the written request of the Royal Commission on Fisheries, pending proposed new legislation on the subject.

- (2.) Prisoners convicted of Minor Offences:—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been officially directed to the remarks recently made by Judge Murray in Court on the pernicious prison system of compelling prisoners convicted of minor offences to associate with those of the worst class?

(2.) If not, will he institute inquiries with a view of amending the system complained of?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have seen a newspaper paragraph setting out certain remarks alleged to have been recently made by Judge Murray with reference to the treatment of persons imprisoned for drunkenness and for disobedience of orders for maintenance of wives, but the matter has never, in any way, been brought directly under my notice by the Judge referred to. The need for some change in the system for the treatment of drunkards, with the view to reformation instead of punishment, is now generally admitted, but without fresh legislation and the provision of additional buildings no change would appear practicable; the number of persons imprisoned for drunkenness each year is so large that any attempt to keep them from the association of other prisoners without largely increasing our gaol accommodation is impracticable. I have made inquiries as to the possibility of provision being made for the separate treatment of persons confined in Darlinghurst Gaol for disobedience of maintenance orders, but I understand that it is not possible, with the present limited accommodation in the debtor's prison, to make such provision. If, as a result of further inquiries, a change can be made, it will be fully considered.

- (3.) Jurymen serving on Criminal Juries:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that, in every criminal case of any importance, a copy of the jury panel or the names of the jurors are supplied to the police in charge of the prosecution; if so, by whose authority is this done?

(2.) Is it not a fact that, in many of the important criminal cases during recent months, jurymen summoned to serve on criminal juries have been interviewed by members of the Police Force connected with the prosecution?

(3.) Will steps be taken to stop such practices; or, if the police be allowed to know who are the jurymen to serve on criminal juries, will the same privilege be extended to the accused persons, or will the Minister, in the interests of justice, see that neither one side nor the other get the names of the jurymen?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) It is not a fact that a copy of the jury panel or names of the jurors are supplied to the police.

(2.) No.

(3.) See Answers to 1 and 2.

(4.)



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(4.) Bridge over River Darling near Bourke:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Nelson*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the contractors for the lock and weir over the river Darling near Bourke have constructed a bridge on the works for their own use which obstructs the navigation of the river?

(2.) If so, have the Government made any provision in the contract for the maintenance of traffic on the river at all times during the carrying out of the contract?

(3.) If not, what steps do the Government intend taking to provide for the carrying on of the contract?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

(1.) The contractors have constructed a temporary bridge, but as the river has not been navigable since it was erected no obstruction to navigation has occurred.

(2.) The contract provides that the contractors take all risks in connection with the works, and make such provisions as will prevent loss to persons or damage to property.

(3.) The contractors have been instructed to make any provision necessary for navigation.

(5.) Mails between Glen Innes and Inverell:—*Mr. Hassall* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What tenders were submitted for conveyance of mails between Glen Innes and Inverell?

(2.) Also between Inverell and Warialda?

(3.) Whose tender was accepted for the above services?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

(6.) Furnishing Work at Government House:—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Mackay*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the furnishing work at Government House was given to one firm, and that no tenders were called?

(2.) If so, why was this course adopted?

(3.) What will be the cost of the work?

(4.) Is it a fact that the firm doing the work are not general furnishers?

*Mr. Young* answered,—It is not a fact that the furnishing work at Government House was given to one firm; there are some six firms engaged upon this work, besides a portion which is being performed by day labour, the total value of the whole being about £600. Owing to the necessity of getting the work ready in time for the arrival of His Excellency the Governor, tenders could not be invited in the usual way.

(7.) Deaths from Snake-bites:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the Question asked by *Dr. Ross*, on 1st March, 1893, relating to deaths from snake-bite, when will the publication of the chromo-lithographs of the snakes in the Colony, distinguishing the venomous from the non-venomous, and promised on that occasion, be likely to be ready and available for the use of Public Schools and the public?

(2.) How far have the Museum authorities proceeded with the work, and when is it likely to be in readiness for publication?

(3.) What has been the result of experiments made at the University in regard to the most reliable treatment in cases of snake-bite or poison?

*Mr. Garrard* answered,—

(1.) I am unable to say.

(2.) The Museum authorities are not proceeding with the work, as no funds are available, at present.

(3.) The experiments are being continued, but no definite result has yet been attained.

(8.) Case of Rofe, Johnson, and Others:—*Mr. Ferguson* asked the Minister of Justice,—Is he aware of the fact that a vigilance committee has been appointed by the unemployed, and that they are intending to ask for a special Commission to inquire into the alleged maladministration of justice, notably in the cases of Rofe, Johnson, and others; if so, what steps does he intend taking in the matter?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—I am not in possession of any information upon this subject.

(9.) Manipulation of Methylated Spirit:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have representations been made to him, or any principal officer of his Department, that the method of methylating spirits adopted in this Colony is unsatisfactory?

(2.) Have similar representations been made that such methylated spirits are largely manipulated by destroying or eliminating the naphtha therefrom?

(3.) Have similar representations been made that such manipulated spirit is offered for sale in considerable quantities to publicans, manufacturers, and others at 12s. per gallon or less?

(4.) Is not the Customs duty on 56 overproof pure spirit 24s. per gallon, and the duty on methylated spirit 1s. per gallon?

(5.) Is it not a fact that manipulated methylated spirit made into essence of lemon was recently offered for sale in Sydney at 15s. per gallon, and purchased with the approval of the Customs authorities?

(6.) Is it not a fact that the manipulation of methylated spirit in question occasions a severe loss to the revenue, besides being injurious to the public health?

(7.) Will the Government introduce a Bill during the present Session to remedy the evils in question?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) Yes, in reference to the revenue from spirits.

(2.) Yes, that such elimination has been carried on, but not to a great extent.

(3.) Yes, in one instance only.

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- (4.) The duty on 56 overproof spirit is £1 1s. 10d. per gallon; the duty on methylated spirit is per gallon.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) The revenue loss is not considered severe. The consumption of essences and liquors prepared with methylated spirit would be injurious to health.
- (7.) It is believed that the powers contained in existing Acts are sufficient to remedy the evils referred to.
- (10.) Trustees under the Parks Act:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Are trustees of lands under the Parks Act justified in erecting buildings thereon for business purposes, and letting the same to tenants?
- (2.) Are trustees of such reserves justified in granting a lease of same for business purposes?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—The Public Parks Act confers no general rights of this nature, but there are many leases of a temporary character which Park Trustees may make for purposes which render the park lands more available for public purposes. Some of these leases, as for grazing stock, hiring boats, supply of refreshments, may perhaps be termed “for business purposes.” Section 6 of the Public Parks Act governs the matter.
- (11.) Patents Law Amendment Bill:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has the Patents Law Amendment Bill been introduced in the interests of any Cyanide Gold-saving Company?
- (2.) Will the Bill, if passed, enable the MacArthur Forrest, Cassels, or other Company, to patent the cyanide process?
- (3.) Was the Bill drafted by the Government Draftsman, or by an outside barrister?
- (4.) Has the Attorney-General a retainer in any way, either professionally or acting for any company having a large stake or interest in the treating of gold by cyanide?
- (5.) Is the Minister aware that if the Bill is passed it will enable certain companies to obtain letters patent by which they may be enabled to impose a royalty of from 5 per cent. to 12½ per cent. upon all working miners engaged in saving fine gold?
- Mr. Gould* answered,—
- (1.) No.
- (2.) The Bill will not enable any company to obtain any special advantage over other patentees.
- (3.) By the Parliamentary Draftsman.
- (4.) I am informed by my Honorable Colleague, the Attorney-General, that there is no foundation for the suggestion contained in the Question, and that he has no interest in any company of the kind indicated, professionally or otherwise, or is he in any way affected by any such company.
- (5.) No. The Bill is a copy of the English Statutes dealing with similar matters, and is urgently required in the interests of patentees generally.
- (12.) Alleged Evasion of the Customs Duties:—*Mr. Millen*, for *Mr. Haynes* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has any firm of importers of jewellery been charged with evading the Customs in connection with their importations?
- (2.) If so, what is the name of the firm, and are they to be prosecuted?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—
- (1.) A quantity of jewellery is detained by the Customs on suspicion that the full duties have not been paid.
- (2.) The matter is at present under consideration by the Crown Solicitor. As the misconduct of the firm charged has not yet been proved, I scarcely like to mention its name at present.
- (13.) Purchase of Ammunition for Military Purposes:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Government has caused inquiry to be made as to the quantity of ammunition which could be purchased from private firms in Sydney for military purposes?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—It is not the fact.
- (14.) Diseased Animals and Meat Act of 1892:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will any amendment be made this Session in the Diseased Animals and Meat Act of 1892?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—I am afraid not. I may add that the amendment required is not one affecting the public health, but is in the interests of the persons disposing of meat.
2. CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1895:—Mr. F. Clarke presented a Petition from Edward J. Williams, Secretary of the Macleay Progress Committee, condemning the 48th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, by which cumulative interest at the rate of 10 per cent. is charged on all balances owing by conditional purchasers in common with Crown lessees and others; and praying the House to cause the objectionable clause to be repealed.
- Petition received.
3. PAPERS:—Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Return showing names, &c., of tenderers for the conveyance of mails between Glen Innes and Inverell, and Inverell and Warialda.
- Mr. Brunker* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1895.
- (2.) Correspondence, &c., respecting the conduct of Mrs. Janet Gilmore, Matron Superintendent of the Cottage Homes, Parramatta.
- Ordered to be printed.
4. MUNICIPAL LOANS VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Brunker* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to validate certain Loans contracted, and securities given by the Councils of certain Municipalities.*”
- Question put and passed.

Ordered

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain Loans contracted, and securities given by the Councils of certain Municipalities,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th November, 1895.*

5. FEES TO BARRISTERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the amounts paid by the Crown for the last twelve months as fees to barristers who are Members of the Legislative Council.  
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday next:—  
(1.) Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.  
(2.) Co-operative Colliery Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.  
(3.) Capertee Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.  
(4.) Postage Acts Further Amendment Bill; second reading.  
(5.) Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill; second reading.
7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Redfern, Mr. McGowen, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The necessity for immediately providing work of a reproductive nature for the unemployed citizens of New South Wales."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. McGowen moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
8. WATER RIGHTS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate and license the construction and use of works for water conservation, water supply, and drainage; to confer certain rights on the holders of those licenses and on the Crown; to authorise the taking and acquiring of certain lands; and for purposes incidental thereto.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lee reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lee, that the report be now received.  
Mr. Lee then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate and license the construction and use of works for water conservation, water supply, and drainage; to confer certain rights on the holders of those licenses and on the Crown; to authorise the taking and acquiring of certain lands; and for purposes incidental thereto.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
The House adjourned, at Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1895.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Hunter District Water Supply (Partial Duplication) Bill:—

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

*Message No. 27.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the procuring and laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai, in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in and the control and management of the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 15th November, 1895.*

- (2.) Borough of Redfern Electric Lighting Bill:—

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

*Message No. 28.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Redfern to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down or erect electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to enable Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Redfern to participate in the benefits of such supply; and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Corporations, Boroughs, and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, and one hundred and ninetyeth, and other sections of the Municipalities Act of 1867, so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 18th November, 1895.*

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## (3.) Audit Act Amendment Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 29.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the appropriation and application of Public Moneys to Public Purposes; to amend the Audit Act; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,**Sydney, 18th November, 1895.*

## 2. QUESTIONS:—

## (1.) Stand for 'Buses at Circular Quay:—Mr. Rigg asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that permission has been granted by the Government to 'buses plying from Paddington, Woollahra, Randwick, Leichhardt, Glebe Point, Forest Lodge, Camperdown, Annandale, Botany, Alexandria, Waterloo, Redfern, Surry Hills, and Railway to use the Circular Quay as a stand?

(2.) Is it also a fact that 'buses plying from Cook's River, St. Peter's, Camdenville, and portion of Newtown have been refused similar permission?

(3.) If so, will he see that all 'buses shall be treated alike, so that the residents of the last-mentioned suburbs are given the same facilities for direct communication with the Circular Quay as the others?

(4.) Is it true that an annual fee for each 'bus is charged for the privilege of standing at the Quay; if so, how much?

(5.) What is the total sum received per annum?

(6.) How long has this charge been made?

(7.) In view of the fact that owners have had to reduce the fares and to pay an annual license fee, will he take steps to have the charge for Circular Quay abolished?

Mr. Reid answered.—The Manager of the Public Wharfs reports as follows:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; applications from 'bus proprietors have lately been refused, as it was decided some time ago that any further congestion of the traffic on Circular Quay would be dangerous to life and limb.

(3.) As far as I am aware all 'buses have been treated alike. 'Buses now run direct from Circular Quay to Newtown.

(4.) Yes; each 'bus is charged a fee of 10s. per annum.

(5.) The total sum received from 134 'buses now running from Circular Quay amounts to £67 per annum.

(6.) Since August, 1891, at the rate of £1 per annum for each 'bus; since January, 1895, at the rate of 10s. for each 'bus.

(7.) The charge has been reduced 50 per cent. since the beginning of the year, and the amount received is required to keep the stand clean.

## (2.) Refreshment Room at Molong Station:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the refreshment room at the railway station at Molong is too small, and unsuitable for the travelling public?

(2.) Will he see that some steps are taken to have the refreshment room enlarged for the better convenience of the public?

Mr. Reid answered.—I am informed that while the room used for refreshments at Molong is small, it is the only one that can be spared for the purpose; and the very limited nature of the requirements would not, in the Railway Commissioners' opinion, justify the expenditure necessary to give increased accommodation.

## (3.) Sand used by Messrs. Carter, Gummow, &amp; Co., on Sewerage Works:—Mr. Wilks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that in Government contracts best washed river sand is always used?

(2.) Do the contractors, Messrs. Carter, Gummow, & Co., in constructing sewerage works, use the refuse from the stone-breaking machine erected on Mr. John Young's property, Annandale; and if not sufficient, is the surplus made up by tailings of quarries?

(3.) Is it not a fact that small crushed sandstone and sand are being used in place of quartz-sand alone, to be obtained from the river beds?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) No; any sand is used that is equal in quality to Nepean River sand.

(2.) The contractors, Messrs. Carter, Gummow, & Co., are using sand from the stone-breaking machine erected on Mr. John Young's property, Annandale. Tailings of quarries are not being used.

(3.) Crushed sandstone is being used because it complies with the terms of the specification. All materials used in the construction of these works have passed the specified tests. A full explanation of the whole matter will be found in the Report, a copy of which I laid upon the Table of the House on the 30th ultimo.

## (4.) Supervision over Steamers Quarantined:—Mr. Wright, for Mr. F. Clarke, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that at least one of the passengers by the s.s. "Cuzco," recently quarantined, left that steamer at Melbourne, and travelled thence by train to Sydney and Newcastle?

(2.) Will he, in view of the possibility of the like occurring again, communicate with the authorities in Melbourne, and impress the necessity of exercising more strict supervision over steamers, &c., coming into that port?

*Mr.*

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*Mr. Reid* answered,—The following report has been received from the President of the Board of Health, viz.:—The passengers of the s.s. "Cuzco" were landed in quarantine in Melbourne; thus their period of detention began some days before the corresponding period began with those landed in Sydney. Accordingly, the detention in Melbourne would end just so much sooner than in Sydney; so that it might well appear that passengers by the "Cuzco" might possibly travel from Melbourne into New South Wales at a time when the passengers at North Head were still detained.

- (5.) Road between Coobool Island and Swan Hill:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Was an application made to his Department by resident selectors as far back as the year 1888 for the opening of a road between Coobool Island and Swan Hill?
  - (2.) Was not this application strongly recommended by the Member for the district?
  - (3.) Did not residents continuously urge this application by petition and otherwise?
  - (4.) Was the matter not submitted to the Local Land Board at Deniliquin, and reported upon?
  - (5.) Did not the said Board report in favour of the road being opened?
  - (6.) Did not Messrs. Grant and Child, pastoralists, appeal to the Land Court, Sydney, against the finding of the Local Land Board?
  - (7.) Did not the Land Court decide and report accordingly in favour of a road being opened between Coobool Island and Swan Hill?
  - (8.) Did not *Mr. Secretary Copeland* issue instructions that the road was to be surveyed and proclaimed?
  - (9.) Was not the Member for the district so informed?
  - (10.) Has the Secretary for Lands decided that this road is not to be opened?
  - (11.) Did he arrive at that decision in consequence of representations made to him by the Works Department that the road in question would entail a cost of £3,000 or £4,000 in constructing bridges?
  - (12.) Is he not aware that at certain seasons of the year this road can be traversed without bridges?
  - (13.) Is he not also aware that the construction of these bridges would now cost considerably less than the estimated cost?
  - (14.) Is he aware that a bridge over the Murray River, at Swan Hill, to cost about £11,000, is now in course of construction?
  - (15.) Is not the object of constructing this bridge to benefit resident selectors and others within our own Colony?
  - (16.) Of what use will this bridge be to New South Wales residents if they are denied a road of access to it?
  - (17.) Taking all these matters into consideration, will he reconsider his decision in reference to the opening of this road, and issue instructions to have this road proclaimed and opened with the least possible delay?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—My honorable colleague refers the Honorable Member for the information he requires to the copies of the papers in this case which were laid upon the Table of the House on the 5th instant. He has no objection to reconsider his decision when a stronger case is made out.

- (6.) Areas open for Conditional Purchase in the Narrabri District:—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that there are numbers of persons desirous of conditionally purchasing land in the Narrabri district?
  - (2.) Will he take steps to have some of the leasehold areas in the Narrabri Land District measured, and thrown open for conditional purchase as soon as possible?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—

- (1.) A petition signed by sixteen people, most of whom already own selections, asking that certain lands might be thrown open to conditional purchase, has been received.
- (2.) The District Surveyor having reported that the land in question was suitable for settlement, lease, or homestead selection, the Honorable Member was informed on the 14th instant that it was proposed to throw open 66,000 acres for those purposes without delay. If this land were thrown open to conditional purchase such action would shut out a large class who have not sufficient capital to pay the deposit and other first expenses, as well as erect dwellings and other improvements necessary to profitable occupation.

- (7.) Furniture Contracts sublet to Chinese:—*Mr. Hegan*, for *Mr. Bavister*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was the cart or van of the Newington Asylum engaged removing furniture on 8th November, 1895, from the establishment of Kwong Shoong Sing & Co.?
- (2.) Was this furniture purchased for or supplied under contract to any Government institution; if so, state which?
- (3.) Who was the person acting on behalf of the Government for the supply of this furniture?
- (4.) If supplied under contract, what is the name of the firm whose tender was accepted, and what was the amount of the tender, and had such contractor applied for permission to sublet part or the whole of such contract?
- (5.) Are any other contracts for supply of furniture to Government in existence; and if any are made with Asiatics, what are the names of such contractors?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—I am informed by the Director of Government Asylums that no furniture has been purchased on account of the Government from Chinese or other Asiatics, but the Superintendent of the Asylum having seen an article of furniture at the Chinese firm mentioned, which he required as a pattern for similar furniture to be made at the Asylum workshops for the use of the Government institutions, and as he required it subsequently for his own use, purchased it at his own cost. The institution cart, being in Sydney on the 8th November on public business, was used to convey it to its destination. The system of purchasing furniture for the Government asylums has been, and is, to obtain prices from the warehouses of Europeans, and under the Chief Secretary's authority to accept the lowest tender.

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3. CITY AND NORTH SYDNEY RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from John Sulman, of Sydney, Esquire, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise John Sulman, or his assigns, to construct, work, and maintain an underground railway from Milson's Point, North Sydney, to the City of Sydney; and for other purposes.  
And Mr. Parkes having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *North Shore and Manly Times*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—  
Petition received.
4. PAPERS:—  
Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Rule of the Supreme Court in Probate Jurisdiction.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Statement showing Savings on Salaries and Allowances effected by the reorganisation of the Public Works Department during 1894 and 1895.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Tabulated return showing the number of Electors upon the Roll, approximate number of Electors qualified to vote, and the number of votes recorded in each Electorate.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Pyrmont Bridge*):—Mr. Young (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the papers laid upon the Table of this House on the 20th August last, viz.,—Return to an Order made on 11th June, 1895, "Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (*Pyrmont Bridge*)," be printed.  
Question put and passed.
6. FOREST-THINNING OPERATIONS ON THE MURRAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return of the expenditure incurred in connection with forest-thinning operations on the Murray, showing in respect of each block—  
(1) The rate of payment per acre; (2) the number of men employed; (3) the length of time worked by each man.  
Question put and passed.
7. AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—  
(1.) Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to agricultural holdings, and to amend such other statutes as may be necessary to give effect to the same.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Price then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to agricultural holdings, and to amend such other statutes as may be necessary to give effect to the same*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd December.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—  
(1.) Holt's Wingello Estate Bill:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to rectify a certain indenture of lease dated the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and to empower Alfred William Holt, his executors or administrators, to assign or to underlet certain lands and hereditaments therein comprised without first obtaining a certain license in writing*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
Sydney, 19th November, 1895.  
JOHN LACKEY  
President.
- (2.) Commons Acts Amendment Bill:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Commons Acts, 1873-1886*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
Sydney, 19th November, 1895.  
JOHN LACKEY,  
President.
- (3.) Lost Policies Bill:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to remedy the loss or destruction of Life Assurance Policies*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
Sydney, 19th November, 1895.  
JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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## LOST POLICIES BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 19th November, 1895.*JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 6. *Omit* "on the register" *insert* "recorded in the books"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 6. *After* "any" *insert* "Life Assurance"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 10. *Omit* "one month" *insert* "two months"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 17. *Omit* "a copy of" *insert* "so far as the same can be known or ascertained, the same or similar terms and conditions as were contained in"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 14. *Omit* "prior to its issue to him"
- Page 2, clause 1. *After* line 14 *insert* "Such applicant shall not be entitled to such policy until the said expenses and costs shall have been paid"
- Page 2, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "prior to such issue"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 18. *Omit* "called and"
- Page 2, clause 2. At end of clause *add* "of 1895"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

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

9. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Neild, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Schey 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. Schey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Schey, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
11. MIDWIFERY NURSES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Schey moved, That the Debate on this Bill be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
12. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Affleck moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Debate on this Bill be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—  
(1.) Eight Hours Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Schey, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Tuesday, 3rd December.  
(2.) Referendum Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 3rd December.  
(3.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday next.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

14. CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS' RELIEF BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. W. H. B. Piddington moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1895.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Bega Cattle Sale-yards Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 30.*

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

*Government House*

*Sydney, 20th November, 1895.*

(2.) Newcastle Pasturage Acts Amendment Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 31.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Act,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 20th November, 1895.*

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Coal Mines Act of 1876 :—Mr. Fegan asked the Secretary for Mines.—

(1.) Will he obtain advice from the Crown Law Officers as to the wording of the Coal Mines Act of 1876, in reference to "cut-throughs" being put over prior to the bords being driven the specified distance, namely, 35 yards?

(2.) Will he inform the House the opinion of the Crown Law Officers on the above at the earliest date?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—It appears to be unnecessary to refer this to the Crown Law Officers, as section 12, sub-section 4, provides that "no place shall be driven more than 35 yards before the current of air without a cut-through put through."

(2) Evidence given by Mr. H. C. L. Anderson before Civil Service Commission :—Mr. Millen asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Does the correspondence between Mr. Slattery and Mr. H. C. L. Anderson, placed upon the Table of the House on 23rd October last, contain all the papers pertinent to the matter in dispute?

(2.) If not, will he place the rest of the papers before the House?

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Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I replied fully to a similar Question asked last night by the Honorable Member for The Hume. It appears that there are two sets of papers—one being correspondence between the Department of Public Instruction and Mr. Slattery, and the other between the Under Secretary and Mr. Anderson. The first papers, including the correspondence between Mr. Slattery and the Department of Public Instruction, were laid upon the Table a few evenings ago. The other papers are not yet complete. As soon as they are complete they will be laid upon the Table.

- (3.) Charges against Mr. Inspecting Forester Manton :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Did a Mr. Roth, who was temporarily employed in the Forest Department at Moama, make serious charges against the honor and probity of Mr. Inspecting Forester Manton?
  - (2.) Were these charges considered by his Department?
  - (3.) Was it not known to himself and officers that these charges were false and without foundation?
  - (4.) Did Mr. Manton apply to him for permission to institute proceedings against Roth for criminal libel?
  - (5.) Did he give that permission?
  - (6.) Has Mr. Manton instituted such proceedings?
  - (7.) If so, has the case yet come before the Courts, and what is the result?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes; it was believed that they were so.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Yes; subject to certain conditions.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) (a) Before the Court at Moama, on the 8th instant; (b) Roth was committed for trial at the next Sessions to be held at Deniliquin on a date not yet fixed.

- (4.) The late Forester Guilfoyle :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Was an application made to him by the widow of the late Forester Guilfoyle, who died at Moama, for an allowance in consequence of his death?
  - (2.) Has it not been clearly shown to him that the widow and family are in destitute circumstances?
  - (3.) Did he not reply to representations made personally to him and by letter, on the widow and family's behalf, by Mr. J. M. Chanter, M.P., that the request was too late for the present year?
  - (4.) What length of time was the late Forester Guilfoyle in the Public Service?
  - (5.) During that period what amount did he pay to the Superannuation Fund?
  - (6.) Will he have this amount refunded to the widow without delay, and make such further allowance that the deceased's length of faithful service would justify?
  - (7.) Will he, considering the destitute condition of the widow and family, reconsider the matter, with the view of some compensation being paid to them with the least possible delay?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) An application made on behalf of the widow was forwarded for consideration of the Civil Service Board, who reported that they were of opinion that no recommendation could be made under section 51 of the Civil Service Act of 1884. A proposal was then considered to place a sum equal to six months' salary on the Estimates for the present year as a gratuity to the widow, but it was then too late to do so.
- (2.) Yes, it has been so represented.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) From 1st June, 1876, to decease on the 27th May, 1895.
- (5.) The records of the Department of Audit show the amount to be £87 1s. 10d.
- (6.) The decision in this matter depends upon the recommendation of the Civil Service Board.
- (7.) This matter will be considered.

- (5.) Bore at Bulyeroi :—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Collins, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The date when the tender was accepted for putting down a bore at Bulyeroi?
- (2.) The name of the successful tenderer?
- (3.) Has the work been commenced; if not, what is the cause of the delay?
- (4.) Will instructions be given to push on the work as soon as possible?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Bulyeroi Bore is included in a contract for thirteen bores, which was let 10th July, 1894.
- (2.) The Petrolia Boring Company, Bourke.
- (3.) No; deeper boring than was anticipated and accidents have delayed the completion of bores in progress.
- (4.) The following bores are in progress by this company :—Bencannia, 1,357, delayed by heavy drift; Quarry Reserve, 987, tools stuck; Gilgandra, 2,301, broken poles, now recovered; Never-tire, 2,126, broken poles, still fishing; Holey Box, 751, progress satisfactory. I am informed that the company is doing all it can to push the work.

- (6.) Export of Fruit to New Zealand :—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has he yet obtained any definite reply from the Premier of New Zealand with regard to the free admission of New South Wales fruit into that colony?
- (2.) If so, will he be good enough to inform the House of the nature and terms of the concession?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) I am still in correspondence with the Premier of New Zealand on this matter.

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- (7.) Sale of Crown Lands Application Forms :—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has his attention been officially directed to a telegram from Tocumwal, appearing in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 19th instant, which states that "an enterprising person" has obtained (presumably) all the printed forms available at the local Crown Lands Office, and is now retailing them at the exorbitant price of 5s. each to those who intend to apply for land?
  - (2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the truth of such an undesirable practice, and, if verified, endeavour to prevent its recurrence by issuing a supply of forms likely to meet all demands?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2.) Inquiry will be made, but the Crown Land Agent at Corowa has a plentiful supply of all the forms required under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (8.) Historical Records of New South Wales :—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is the official publication of the Historical Records relating to New South Wales being proceeded with?
  - (2.) If so, when is the next volume expected to appear?
- Mr Reid answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) In about two weeks.
- (9.) Crane Contractor at Bullock Island :—Mr. Griffith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What rate per ton has the present crane contractor at Bullock Island been actually paid for coal shipped during ten months ending 31st October last?
  - (2.) In connection with the letting of the above contract for 1896, is it a fact that one of the firms tendering (Russell & Co.) has been allowed by the Railway Commissioners to amend its tender after the latter had been opened, and to reduce its price to the rate offered by the lowest tenderers (The Crane Employ Association)?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that the contract has been given to the abovenamed firm (Russell & Co.)?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) One penny farthing (1½d) per ton.
  - (2 and 3.) The Railway Commissioners, having regard to the great importance of the contract and to the costly plant employed in its execution, determined, in view of the fact that Russell & Co. had carried out the work satisfactorily for a period of thirty-six or thirty-seven years, with a break of one year only, and that by the conditions of the advertisement calling for tenders they did not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, entered into an arrangement with the firm of Russell & Co. for the year 1896, the price arranged being lower than that originally offered by the firm.
- (10.) Sale of Cheap and Inferior Teas :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that there are at present a large quantity of cheap and inferior teas now in circulation?
  - (2.) Will he see that steps are taken to prevent injury being done to the public health by the sale of cheap and inferior teas by having them analysed and condemned as unfit for consumption under the Food and Liquor Adulteration Act?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) It is probable that cheap and inferior teas are in circulation.
  - (2.) Tea found to be unfit for human consumption at the time of importation is condemned by the Customs.
- (11.) Customs Official managing Theatre :—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that an officer of the Customs is managing one of the city theatres?
- Mr. Reid answered,—No, not so far as I am aware. I may add that the Collector of Customs is not aware that any officer of Customs is engaged in the manner suggested.
- (12.) *Daily Commercial News* kept at Telegraph Office at Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that a file of the *Daily Commercial News* is kept at the telegraph office at Molong, and by whose authority?
  - (2.) Who is supposed to have charge or control of this newspaper, and does the official in charge receive any salary or pay for doing so; if so, how much?
  - (3.) Will the same principle be extended to local and all other newspapers printed in the Colony?
  - (4.) What is the reason the same care and attention are not bestowed in keeping a file of the *Government Gazette* exposed at the post-office for the convenience of the public?
- Mr. Cook answered,—
- (1.) An offer made by the publishers of this newspaper to post, gratuitously, 200 copies daily to the principal offices (Molong being one) was accepted in December last. The paper, which contains useful commercial and shipping news, to be placed in each office, so that the public could have convenient access to it.
  - (2.) The postmaster, but receives no pay for doing so.
  - (3.) The matter would be deserving of consideration if similar offers were made.
  - (4.) The postmaster reports that at least equal care is taken in making the *Gazette* accessible to the public.
- (13.) The Gore, Artarmon, and Nichols Estates, North Sydney :—Mr. Howarth asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What are the names of all applicants for Certificates of Title to lands contained in the Gore, Artarmon, and Nichols Estates, North Shore?
  - (2.) What are the dates of the applications, the various areas applied for, and the present position of each application?
- Mr.

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Mr. Brunker answered,—The replies to the Honorable Members being somewhat lengthy, I propose to furnish the information in the form of a return, which I will lay upon the Table immediately.

- (14.) Penny Postage:—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—When are steps likely to be taken for dealing with the question of the extension of the penny postage throughout the Colony, so that every district in the Colony may be put upon the same equal footing in regard to the Postal Act?

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

- (15.) Telephone Communication between Chatswood and North Sydney:—Mr. Howarth asked the Postmaster-General,—In view of the fact that great suffering was inflicted on the lady recently killed at Chatswood through want of telephone communication with civilization, will he reconsider his late decision, and establish either telephone or telegraphic communication with North Sydney?

Mr. Cook answered,—I am not aware of the circumstances of the accident referred to, but will make further inquiry into the matter of connecting Chatswood and North Sydney by telephone.

- (16.) Construction of Platform on the Milson's Point Line:—Mr. Howarth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it proposed to construct a platform near the level crossing at 9 miles 26 chains from Hornsby Junction, on the Milson's Point line?

(2.) If so, could it not be constructed near the subway at about the 9-mile 8-chain point, so as to meet the requirements of the population and minimise the danger which attaches to stopping-places near level crossings?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) I am informed that as soon as suitable road-access to the proposed platform has been given the Commissioners will provide that accommodation.

(2.) The position referred to is unsuitable for a platform.

- (17.) Land for Conditional Purchase and Homestead Selection on the Murrumbidgee River:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that there is a demand for land for conditional purchase and homestead selection on the land on the west side of the Murrumbidgee River near to the town of Queanbeyan, and in the county of Cowley?

(2.) Will he have steps taken at once to have some of the lands referred to thrown open for homestead selection or conditional purchase?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member has so represented.

(2.) His letter was referred to the District Surveyor, who reports that no selector could make a living from the land, and that a few might peacock the best parts in suitable areas in the hope of obtaining control over extensive runs for which they would pay nothing, and therefore it does not appear advisable to throw open to selection any of the land referred to by the Honorable Member in his letter.

- (18.) Post and Telegraph Office at Petersham:—Mr. Russell Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the post and telegraph office at Petersham?

Mr. Young answered,—A rough preliminary sketch is being prepared for submission to the Postal authorities, and tenders will be invited as quickly as possible.

### 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, of 1888, of land for Public School Purposes at Bimi Creek.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the completion of works for Iron Cove Creek Stormwater Channel extension, Shea's Creek Stormwater Channel, Long Cove Creek Stormwater Channel, and Macdonaldtown Park Stormwater Channel extension.

(2.) By-laws for the water supply of the Borough of Lithgow, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Applications for Certificates of Title of the Gore, Artarmon, and Nichols Estates, North Shore.

Ordered to be printed.

4. DISMISSAL OF CONSTABLE EASTERBROOK:—Mr. Fegan, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 17th September, 1895; together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

5. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Neild, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Neild then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th November, 1895.*

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6. LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Schey, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Schey then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the practice of the Legal Profession by amalgamation of the separate branches thereof; and for other purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the practice of the Legal Profession by amalgamation of the separate branches thereof; and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

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7. CITY AND NORTH SYDNEY RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise John Sulman or his assigns to construct, work, and maintain an underground railway from Milson's Point, North Sydney, to the City of Sydney; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Parkes having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise John Sulman or his assigns to construct, work, and maintain an underground railway from Milson's Point, North Sydney, to the City of Sydney; and for other purposes,*"—read a first time.

## 8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the day postponed:—

(1.) Postage Acts Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday next.

(2.) Midwifery Nurses Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Dr. Graham, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Wednesday next.

(3.) Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Affleck, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until To-morrow.

(4.) Truck Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate contracts made with respect to and the payment of wages, to prohibit such payment being made in goods or otherwise than in money, and to regulate the service of legal process;—until Wednesday next.

9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—MR. REID (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until 7 o'clock p.m. To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

## 10. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 13th November, 1895, in reference to the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill,—

Insists on its amendments in clause 10 disagreed to by the Assembly,—

1. Because, as to the exemption from Land Tax, the amendment of the Legislative Council is strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act, because,—

(a) Mr. Speaker ruled in the Legislative Assembly that the Bill is not a taxation Bill, and if passed into law could of itself impose no burden upon the people and grant no aid to the Sovereign, and that therefore it was open to any amendment that could be proposed in any Bill.

(b) The President ruled in the Legislative Council that it was competent for the Council to make this amendment.

(c) On the Bill being returned to the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker, the jealous custodian of the rights claimed by the Legislative Assembly, did not think it his duty to call the attention of the Legislative Assembly to the amendment made by the Legislative Council.

2. Because a tax on the unimproved value of land, irrespective of the return obtained from it, bears no analogy to an Income Tax, but seems rather to partake of the character of a rent charge. There seems no reason why one private owner of land should be exempted from such a rent charge more than another.

3. Because the provision struck out by the Legislative Council would have exempted nearly 90,000 out of 140,000 landowners from the payment of this tax, an exemption which appears to the Legislative Council to be unjust, inequitable, and dangerous in principle.

4. Because as an assessment must in any event be made of the value of every piece of privately-owned land in the Colony for the purposes of the Bill, it does not appear that the additional expense of collecting a tax from small owners would be so great as to make it unproductive. Moreover, if the proposed exemption of £475 were adopted, it would result in the case of lands only a little above the exemption limit that the balance of unimproved value would be so extremely small as to "yield a tax far below the expense of collection"; thus, if the unimproved value were £500, the tax to be collected from the taxable amount (£25) would be only two shillings and a penny. In addition, it should be borne in mind that in municipal and water rates, the collection of rates on properties of small value is not found to be unremunerative.

Because,

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Because, as to mortgages, the original provision in the Bill was evidently inadequate, inasmuch as it made no attempt to deal with the large class of mortgages forming a part of mixed or combined securities, and securities for fluctuating advances. After careful consideration, it appeared to the Legislative Council that the fairest and most practical method of dealing with the question was to exempt the mortgagor from land tax on the proportion of the unimproved value of his land which was represented by mortgage, and to tax the mortgagee on the income actually derived by him from his mortgage. By this plan the mortgagee would have neither opportunity nor inducement to pass his tax on to the mortgagor, whereas, by the plan proposed by the Bill in its original form the inevitable result must be that the mortgagee would in every case, by an increase in the rate of interest, recoup himself at the expense of the mortgagor in spite of any attempt to prevent it by legislative enactment. There seems to be no reasonable ground for apprehension that the simpler and more equitable plan proposed by the Legislative Council will offer facilities for evasion of the tax, or will seriously interfere with its productiveness.

Insists on the omission of clause 12 (Absentees),—because the Legislative Council thinks that an attempt to penalise absentee landowners would be contrary to public policy and injurious to the best interests of the country, by causing a feeling of insecurity in investments, tending to the withdrawal of capital and the discouragement of its employment in developing the resources of the Colony.

Insists on the omission of clause 13, the amendments in clause 14, the omission of clauses 16 and 17, and the amendments in subsection (i) of clause 18, as consequential on its insistence on the amendments in clause 10.

#### *Income Tax.*

Insists on its amendment in clause 19, lines 13 and 14,—because such amendment is in accordance with the Constitution Act for the reasons given for insisting on the amendments in clause 10; and because it is an admitted principle in taxation that the exemption from Income Tax should not be higher than the amount which suffices for the necessities of the existing population, and the Legislative Council believes that this amount is fairly represented in New South Wales by £160 per annum.

Insists on its remaining amendment in the clause disagreed to by the Assembly, and on those in clause 20,—as consequential on the insistence on previous amendments.

Insists on its amendment in subsection (ii) of clause 21,—because the amendment simply states explicitly what, according to the decision of the highest law Court in England, was already implied in the clause as it originally stood.

Insists on the omission of subsection (vi), clause 21,—because there seems no reason why bonuses distributed to policy-holders in mutual life companies should be exempt from taxation.

Insists on the omission of subsection (x), clause 21,—as consequential on insistence on former amendments.

Insists on its amendment in clause 26,—as consequential on insistence on former amendments.

Insists on its amendments in clause 31, lines 53 and 54,—as consequential on insistence on former amendments.

Insists on its amendments in clause 34, line 46,—as consequential on insistence on former amendments.

Insists on its amendment in clause 34, page 12, line 27, and on that in clause 35, lines 38 and 39,—as consequential upon insistence on former amendments.

Insists on its amendments disagreed to in clause 35,—as consequential on insistence on former amendments.

Insists on its amendments in clauses 36, 40, 41, lines 7 and 12, and clause 43,—as consequential on insistence on former amendments.

Insists on its omission of clauses 47, 48, and 49,—because by the proposed clauses the Government would obtain power to resume a taxpayer's land on the ground of under-valuation, although the Court of Review had actually decided that his valuation was fair and just. It appears to the Legislative Council that this would be oppressive to the taxpayer, and liable to abuse; and moreover, it seems inequitable to bestow a power of this kind on the Government without conferring a correlative right on the taxpayer.

Insists on its amendments in clause 52,—because the amendments inserted by the Council appear to be necessary in the interests of the equitable administration of the Act.

Insists on the omission of clause 61,—as consequential on previous amendments.

Insists on the omission of clause 70,—because it appears unjust and impolitic to legislate for the breaking of contracts, especially retrospectively, and the provision would be readily evaded.

Insists on its amendments in clause 71, line 59,—because the penalty provided by the Council seems to be sufficiently high.

Insists on its amendments in clause 71, lines 59 and 60,—because it appears to the Council improper to allow the Governor to name a penalty for a breach of an Act of Parliament, as contradistinguished from regulations: penalties for breach of provisions of the Act should be named in the Act itself.

Insists on omission of subsection (c) clause 75,—because these words might have the effect of subjecting to taxation persons who have no real beneficial interest in the land.

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Sydney, 20th November, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

- (2.) Mr. Reid moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that Standing Order No. 293 be suspended to admit of the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message, insisting upon certain of its amendments in the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill, on the same day on which such Message is received from the Council.  
Question put and passed.

(3.)

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- (3.) Mr. Reid moved, without Notice, That Standing Order No. 293 be now suspended to admit of the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message, insisting upon certain of its amendments in the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill, on the same day on which such Message is received from the Council.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (4.) Ordered, that the Legislative Council's Message be forthwith taken into consideration. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's Message. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee insists upon its disagreements to the Council's amendments in the Bill. On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.

- (5.) Mr. Reid moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 20th November, 1895, in reference to the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill,—

Insists upon its disagreements to the Council's amendments in the Bill.

And the Assembly requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of such disagreements; and has appointed the following of its Members to be Managers of such Conference in its behalf:—Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. McMillan, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Parkes, Mr. W. H. B. Piddington, Mr. Ashton, and Mr. Black.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 20th November, 1895.*

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Alexander Campbell requiring that the Managers be appointed by Ballot,—

Question,—That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 20th November, 1895, in reference to the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill,—

Insists upon its disagreements to the Council's amendments in the Bill.

And the Assembly requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of such disagreements; and has appointed the following of its Members to be Managers of such Conference in its behalf,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot; and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Managers duly appointed:—Mr. Ashton, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Reid, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Parkes, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Cameron, Mr. W. H. B. Piddington, and Mr. Black.

11. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS' RELIEF BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

12. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6, postponed until To-morrow.

13. **LOST POLICIES BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to remedy the loss or destruction of Life Assurance Policies.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 20th November, 1895.*

14. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That the Orders of the Day, Nos. 4 and 5, of General Business be postponed, and stand after Order No. 6.

Question put.

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## The House divided

Ayes, 35.			Noes, 10.
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Smailes,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Newman,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Law,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Ball.	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Wilks,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Moore,		<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Afleck,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Frank Farnell.	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Cann,		
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council agrees to the Free Conference requested by the Legislative Assembly in its Message, dated 20th November, 1895, on the subject of the Council's Amendments disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council, in the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill, and appoints that the same be held in the Back Library at the hour of a quarter before 8 o'clock to-morrow evening, and that The Honorable R. E. O'Connor, The Honorable C. G. Heydon, The Honorable H. N. MacLaurin, The Honorable F. T. Humphery, The Honorable H. E. Kater, The Honorable G. H. Cox, The Honorable W. H. Pigott, The Honorable A. Brown, The Honorable W. J. Trickett, The Honorable H. C. Dangar, be the Managers thereof on its behalf.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th November, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at nineteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Seven o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Private Members Business:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will the Government allow the three days of next week to be used by private members to dispose of the Bills now on the paper for second readings; if not, will they allow two days; if not, will they allow Tuesday next?

(2.) Can he name any two days, and at what date, when the Government will allow private members to deal with their Bills now on the Notice Paper?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Even if the Government were willing to set aside Government business in the manner suggested, I do not think that a majority of Members would be in the present state of the Session and public business.

(2.) No; I am sorry to say.

(2.) Railway Trucks:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have a number of trucks for live stock lately been bespoke by various agents who have not paid the fees prescribed to be paid on the ordering of such trucks?

(2.) If so, the names of the firms ordering such trucks, and the respective amounts which should have been but have not been paid?

(3.) Is there a rule that trucks ordered and not used must be paid for?

(4.) Has this rule been avoided lately?

(5.) If so, in the case of what firms, under what circumstances, and for what reasons?

(6.) Is it a fact that, while trucks have been ordered and retained without deposit, other firms have been refused trucks when seeking to order them and proffering the proper deposit?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1 and 2.) The deposit required on stock trucks is not necessarily paid when orders are lodged, but no orders for trucks are accepted by the Department until the deposit is paid.

(3, 4, and 5.) Yes; trucks ordered and not used must be paid for, unless under very exceptional circumstances, when the Department requires to be satisfied of the *bond fides* of each case. This rule is invariably observed.

(6.) No. In all cases where orders have been lodged and accepted the deposit has been paid.

(3.) Prison labour at Molong Police Station:—Mr. F. Clarke, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that a prisoner is at present employed in painting the palisading in front of the Police Station at Molong, and that a constable is placed on duty to watch him?

(2.) Are there not thousands of honest persons and families at present out of employment, and unable to obtain work, who would be willing to undertake this work?

(3.) Will he see that steps are taken to prevent such work being done by prison labour?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that a prisoner under fourteen days' sentence in Molong lockup was employed on Monday and Tuesday last painting the palisading at the Police Station under the charge of a constable.

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- (4.) Proposed Appointment of Mr. McGowan:—*Mr. Pyers*, for Mr. Perry, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. McGowan, recently from New Zealand, is at present acting in an official capacity in conjunction with Mr. Powell, and making preparations for the administration of the proposed Land Tax?
  - (2.) If so, of what nature is his engagement, and at what rate is he paid?
  - (3.) Is it proposed to appoint this gentleman permanently under the Land and Income Tax Bill?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) His engagement is of a temporary character. He is allowed expenses and also salary at the rate he would have been in receipt of had he remained in New Zealand, the Government of that Colony having given him leave of absence without pay.
  - (3.) It is not, but I may mention that Mr. McGowan has made it clearly understood that he could not accept the appointment if it were offered.
- (5.) Proposed new Scheme of Taxation:—*Mr. Pyers*, for Mr. Perry, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many extra hands have been engaged up to date in making inquiries and preparing information in connection with the proposed new scheme of taxation?
  - (2.) On what terms are these officers engaged, and what has been the total cost of their salaries up to date?
  - (3.) Is it intended to appoint experienced valuers, also to appraise all private lands throughout the Colony, in the event of the Land Tax becoming law?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1 and 2.) A statement will be prepared showing the cost of the preparations referred to; meanwhile the Honorable Member will be pleased to learn that everything has been done to keep down the expenditure. The officers employed are of different classes. Some have been lent by other Departments, some are retrenched officers whose services have been continued, others again are temporary officers.
  - (3.) The question of valuing country lands has not yet been finally decided.
- (6.) Southern Star Map:—*Mr. McGowan*, for Mr. Hughes, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) How many copies of the Southern Star Map, which was issued for sale and afterwards withdrawn, have been sent to the Observatory?
  - (2.) What is going to be done with these copies?
  - (3.) When will the maps be available to the public?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—
- (1.) 140 copies on cardboard and 300 copies on paper.
  - (2.) They are to be used for exchange with other Observatories, and in the daily work of the Observatory.
  - (3.) It is understood in a few days.
- (7.) Special Area Selection in the Corowa District:—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that 12 miles from Corowa 2,000 acres have been for some time set apart for special area selection?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that not an acre of this land has been yet taken up?
  - (3.) Is it also a fact that land available for homestead selection 60 miles from Corowa is rapidly being taken up?
  - (4.) If so, will he consider the advisability of throwing open the special area first mentioned for homestead selection?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) The land referred to is apparently special areas 23, 124 to 23, 129, Land District of Corowa, late leasehold area of Collendina, containing 2,267 acres, 8 miles from Corowa.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) Yes.
  - (4.) Yes.
- (8.) Incorporation of the Township of Corowa:—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Did he receive a petition from Corowa for the incorporation of that township?
  - (2.) Did he at a later date receive a counter-petition?
  - (3.) Was the latter referred to the Attorney-General for an opinion as to its *bona-fides*?
  - (4.) If so, has an opinion been yet given?
  - (5.) If not, why not?
- Mr. Brunner answered,—Yes; and the papers have been again referred to the Attorney-General for his opinion.
- (9.) Officer in the Wharfinger's Department Manager of Theatre:—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether an officer in the Wharfinger's department has the management of a Sydney theatre?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed by the Manager of the Public Wharfs that no officer in his department has the management of a Sydney theatre.
- (10.) Amendment of the Pharmacy Act:—*Mr. McGowan*, for Mr. Hughes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that, under the present unsatisfactory Pharmacy Act, anybody can style themselves "chemist and druggist," and sell all poisons save those mentioned in the schedule of "Poisons Act"?

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(2.) Is he aware that while the Pharmacy Board cannot issue poison licenses to men of superior training unless they have passed certain examinations, and in addition served a lengthy period in the Colony, they are quite powerless to prevent any ignorant person from setting up in business as a chemist?

(3.) If he is aware of these anomalies, and also of the fact that the Dean Commission cost the country thousands of pounds through the existence of such anomalies, will he bring in a short Bill to amend the law without delay?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) A Bill has been prepared to remedy the evils referred to, and it will be introduced so soon as the state of public business will permit.

2. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next :—

(1.) Capertee Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(2.) Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.

(3.) Co-operative Colliery Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.

(4.) Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill; second reading.

3. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (*Free Conference*) :—

The time having arrived for holding the Free Conference with the Legislative Council, the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, called over the names of the Managers appointed on behalf of the Assembly, all of whom answered to their names.

The Managers then proceeded to the Conference, attended by the Sergeant-at-Arms, the business of the House being suspended during their absence, in accordance with Standing Order No. 231.

And the proceedings of the Free Conference not concluding until,—

WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1895.

The Managers having returned,—

Mr. Reid, on their behalf, reported that the Managers chosen by this House had met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, and having conferred together with reference to the Assembly's disagreements to certain amendments made by the Council in the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill, they had agreed to the following report, which was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, viz. :—

The Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly by resolution of 20th November, 1895, whereby a Free Conference with the Legislative Council was requested on the subject of the disagreements to certain of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill, report to this Honorable House that, having met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council in its behalf, the following resolutions were agreed upon, viz. :—

(1.) That the amount of exemption from land tax shall be the sum of two hundred and forty pounds.

(2.) That, in the case of mortgaged lands, land tax shall be payable by the mortgagor, who shall be entitled to an abatement from such land tax equal to the amount of income tax which would be payable on the yearly interest accruing from the mortgage, irrespective of any income tax exemptions under clauses 19, 20, and 21.

(3.) That clause 12 be omitted.

(4.) That the amount of exemption from income tax be the sum of two hundred pounds.

(5.) That the Assembly agrees to the Council's amendment in clause 21, subsection (ii) adding at the end of the subsection the words "except income accruing from mortgages"; and also agrees to the omission of subsection (vi).

(6.) That income derived from mortgages shall be subject to income tax.

(7.) That clauses 47, 48, and 49 be omitted.

(8.) That the Council does not insist on its amendments in clause 52, suspending payment of tax during appeal.

(9.) That the Council does not insist upon the omission of clause 70, the following proviso being added thereto—"Provided that the tax on any lands subject to any such agreement made before the commencement of this Act shall, for the purposes of contribution under section 14, be calculated upon a basis excluding the value of the reversionary interest.

(10.) The Council's amendments in clause 71 to be adopted, a new clause to be inserted providing a penalty not exceeding £20 for breaches of the Act.

(11.) The Assembly agrees to the omission of sub-section (c) of clause 75.

All amendments consequential on these resolutions are to be made.

Conference Room,

27th November, 1895.

G. H. REID,

For the Managers of the Legislative Assembly.

Ordered, that the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report brought up by the Assembly's Managers from the Free Conference stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

4. APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HAMPDEN,

Governor.

Message No. 1.

The Right Honorable Henry Robert, Viscount Hampden, has the honor to inform the Legislative Assembly that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased, by a Commission under her Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at St. James's, the 5th day of July, 1895, to appoint him to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and that on the 21st of November instant he assumed the Government of the Colony accordingly.

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Sydney, 22nd November, 1895.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration To-morrow.

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5. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid and read by Mr. Speaker.—

(1.) Holt's Wingello Estate Bill:—

HAMPDEN,

Message No. 2.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to rectify a certain indenture of lease dated the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and to empower Alfred William Holt, his executors or administrators, to assign or to underlet certain lands and hereditaments therein comprised without first obtaining a certain license in writing,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 22nd November, 1895.

(2.) Commons Acts Amendment Bill:—

HAMPDEN,

Message, No. 3.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Commons Acts, 1873-1886,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 22nd November, 1895.

(3.) Lost Policies Bill:—

HAMPDEN,

Message No. 4.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to remedy the loss or destruction of Life Assurance Policies,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th November, 1895.

6. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other moneys for the half-year ended 30th June, 1895, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Charges against Mrs. Gilmore, Matron of the Cottage Homes, Parramatta :—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the cost, or the approximate cost, of the recent inquiry by Dr. Manning and Dr. Goode into the charges preferred by the Honorable Member for Parramatta (Mr. O'Reilly) against Mrs. Gilmore, matron of the Cottage Homes, Parramatta?  
Mr. Brunker answered,—Cost of inquiry to date, £130 1s. 3d.

- (2.) Bridge over River Darling near Bourke :—Mr. Wright, for Mr. Nelson, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What portion of the specification and condition of contract for Bourke lock and weir relates to the Answers given by him to Mr. Nelson's second Question of 14th November instant?  
(2.) Under what authority has the Government let this contract and taken control of navigable waters?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The position taken by the contractors for the Bourke lock and weir, on several points relating to their contract, renders it undesirable to reply to these Questions at present.

- (3.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Act :—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Act of 1893 become null and void under section 24 of said Act?  
(2.) Was the £3,000 deposited, as provided by section 3 of said Act; has the deposit been forfeited to the Consolidated Revenue; if not, why not?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) It would appear so.  
(2.) The £3,000 was deposited. By the terms of the Act the amount became forfeited.

- (4.) Newington Asylum—Brush Farm :—Mr. E. M. Clark, for Mr. Smailes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the number of inmates at present located at—(a) Newington Asylum; (b) Brush Farm?  
(2.) What is the average number of inmates located at the above institutions during the past twelve months?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) (a) 645; (b) 71.  
(2.) Newington, 650; Brush Farm, 88.

- (5.) Lithgow Water Works :—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many times have tenders been called for the construction of the Lithgow Water Works?  
(2.) What were the respective names and amounts of the tenders received for this work?  
(3.) If tenders were called more than once, what were the names of the tenderers in the second instance, and the amounts of their respective tenders?  
(4.) What is the reason that no tender has been accepted for this work, as has been done in other similar cases?  
(5.) Is the work being carried out; if so, under what system?  
(6.) If by day labour, what rate of wages is being paid?  
(7.) If this work is being carried out by day labour, will he have other public works carried out on the same system?  
(8.) What particular reason caused him to select this work for carrying out on the day labour system?

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Mr. Young answered,—

- (1, 2, and 3.) Tenders have been invited and received for (a) construction of the storage reservoir and dam, as follows:—W. Refshange, £1,798 1s. 6d.; Brown Bros., £1,810 14s.; Gilliver and Curtis, £1,868 17s.; T. J. Barnaby, £1,919 4s.; Barrie and Cowdery, £1,999 12s. 6d.; G. Donald, £2,051; F. Hamilton, £2,183 13s.; W. W. Johnson, £2,219 17s.; Ring and Spouncer, £2,288 19s. 6d.; W. Greenwood, £2,296 15s. 6d.; T. E. Quiggin, £2,630 4s. 9d.; Granter & Co., £2,811; Tate and Lawler, £4,030 6s.; M. Kinshela (late tender), £1,825 3s. 1d. (b) There were two sets of tenders for the laying of the reticulation, as follows:—(1) Heldea and Moore, £469 13s. 1½d.; G. S. Harvey, £701 10s. 3d.; F. Hamilton, £756 0s. 8½d.; M. Kinshela & Co., £767 12s. 5d.; Gilliver and Curtis, £933 0s. 6d.; Marsland and West, £990; Dickson & Co., £994 17s.; W. Elstar, £1,106 7s. 8d.; G. Donald, £1,154 13s. 6d.; Clyne and Williams, £1,321 17s. 9d. (2) G. E. Hudson, £656 14s. 8½d.; H. Matthews & Co., £694 7s. 8d.; Hope and Bell, £709 1s. 4d.; Gilliver and Curtis, £761 13s. 2d.; R. Bedford, £828 12s. 9d.; E. Flowers, £850 15s. 10d. (c) The steel pipes were supplied by G. and C. Hoskins, and the cast-iron pipes by Pope, Maher, & Co.
- (4 and 5.) Tenders were accepted for the storage reservoir dam, and for the supply of steel and cast-iron pipes, and the laying of the reticulation was carried out by day labour.
- (6.) Pipe-jointers, 7s. per day; and labourers, 6s. per day.
- (7.) It will depend upon the circumstances of each case; no general rule can be laid down.
- (8.) On account of its urgency.

(6.) Sewerage Works at Macdonaldtown Park:—Mr. Wilks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Messrs. Carter, Snodgrass, Forrest, & Co., carried out a contract for sewerage works at Macdonaldtown Park?
- (2.) Did not the sewer inverts and beds of sandstone concrete wash into holes within twelve months?
- (3.) Had the work afterwards to be replaced with brick and cement?
- (4.) At what extra cost?
- (5.) Did the contractors refund this extra cost?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) No. Messrs. Parry and Farley carried out the sewerage works at Macdonaldtown Park.
- (2.) During the period of maintenance a short length of the concrete invert of an O.G. drop was worn away by the sewage and clinkers from the Eveleigh sheds. This, however, was not due to defective material or workmanship, but to the presence of clinkers and ashes in the sewage.
- (3.) The concrete was replaced with brickwork.
- (4.) £181 6s. 6d.
- (5.) The contractors were paid this sum for the extra work which was carried out by them on account of the damage caused by clinkers, &c., above referred to.

(7.) Unmarried Policemen:—Mr. Cann, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a new regulation has been issued in the Police Department compelling all unmarried policemen to reside in the barracks adjoining the Central Police Station?
- (2.) Have some of these unmarried policemen to do duty at Redfern?
- (3.) Does not this regulation impose extra labour on these men?
- (4.) Is it not a fact that there are a sufficient number of single men on duty near the barracks, without taking the men from the suburban districts?

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

- (1.) Since the barracks were built the number of single constables they will accommodate are detailed to reside there.
- (2.) Yes; two or three.
- (3.) They usually travel by tram without charge.
- (4.) No. Newly-appointed constables are placed in barracks for disciplinary purposes.

2. COWRA PASTORAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION BILL:—Mr. Waddell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 6th November, 1895; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Commission appointing The Right Honorable Henry Robert, Viscount Hampden, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) By-law of the Municipal District of Concord.
- (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Granville.
- (4.) General Abstracts of Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1895.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of inquiry into the allegations made to the Minister for Lands by Mr. John Jacob, storekeeper, Whitton, against Mr. Forester Condell.
- (2.) Report on the Department of Agriculture and Forests from 1st January, 1894, to 1st July, 1895.

Ordered to be printed.

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(3.) Abstract of Crown lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

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

4. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Party Government—Election of Ministers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Schey, "That, in the opinion of this House, the present system of party government has a direct tendency to waste time and energy, delay legislation, degrade representative institutions, and deprive the country at times of the services of some of its ablest citizens, and that consequently it is desirable that the Constitution be so amended as to provide that Ministers shall be elected separately by the whole House at the commencement of each Parliament";—until Wednesday next.

(2.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday next.

(3.) Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Affleck, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Thursday next.

5. **VOTE OF CREDIT**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

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Governor.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of November, or following month of the financial year 1895-6.

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

6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan, Mr. O'Sullivan, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The necessity for an immediate amendment of the Diseased Animals and Meat Act." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled a Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1895-6 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.

8. **APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That His Excellency's Message, No. 1, be read.

Question put and passed.

And Message (as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of 21st November, 1895) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

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

*To His Excellency the Right Honorable HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. **WATER RIGHTS BILL**:—Mr. Sydney Smith, pursuant to leave granted on 14th November, 1895, presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to regulate and license the construction and use of works for water conservation, water supply, and drainage; to confer certain rights on the holders of those licenses and on the Crown; to authorise the taking and acquiring of certain lands; and for purposes incidental thereto,"—which was read a first time.

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

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10. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
(23.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £513,408, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of November, or following month of the financial year 1895-6.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
(8.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1895-6, the sum of £513,408 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (NO. 2) :—  
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 8), to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1895-6.  
(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1895-6*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.  
(3.) Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.  
(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, *passed*.  
Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1895-6*."  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1895-6*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th November, 1895.*
13. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report of the Managers of the Free Conference appointed by the Assembly,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee has agreed to the resolutions adopted by the Free Conference, and reported by the Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly, as follows :—

- (1.) That the amount of exemption from land tax shall be the sum of two hundred and forty pounds.
- (2.) That in the case of mortgaged lands land tax shall be payable by the mortgagor, who shall be entitled to an abatement from such land tax equal to the amount of income tax which would be payable on the yearly interest accruing from the mortgage, irrespective of any income tax exemptions under clauses 19, 20, and 21.
- (3.) That clause 12 be omitted.
- (4.) That the amount of exemption from income tax be the sum of two hundred pounds.
- (5.) That the Assembly agrees to the Council's amendment in clause 21, subsection (II), adding at the end of the subsection the words "except income accruing from mortgages," and also agrees to the omission of subsection (VI).
- (6.) That income derived from mortgages shall be subject to income tax.
- (7.) That clauses 47, 48, and 49 be omitted.

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(8.) That the Council does not insist on its amendments in clause 52, suspending payment of tax during appeal.

(9.) That the Council does not insist upon the omission of clause 70, the following proviso being added thereto—"Provided that the tax on any lands subject to any such agreement made before the commencement of this Act shall, for the purposes of contribution under section 14, be calculated upon a basis excluding the value of the reversionary interest."

(10.) The Council's amendments in clause 71 to be adopted, a new clause to be inserted providing a penalty not exceeding £20 for breaches of the Act.

(11.) The Assembly agrees to the omission of subsection (c) of clause 75.

All amendments consequential on these resolutions are to be made.

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

14. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Mr. Reid informed the House of the dates on which the new taxation would be initiated.

15. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1895-6,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 28th November, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

The House adjourned, at fourteen minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1895.

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

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

To the Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—

It is with much pride and gratification that I receive your Address, couched in such complimentary terms, upon my appointment as Her Majesty's representative in this Colony, and I desire to offer to you in return an expression of my sincere thanks for the flattering terms in which your congratulations are expressed.

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

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Governor.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Shearers' Strike at Bald Hills Station, near Grenfell:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a strike of shearers has taken place at Bald Hills Station, near Grenfell?
- (2.) Is it a fact that four policemen are residing at this station, leaving the town of Grenfell with only one policeman?
- (3.) Is it a fact that these policemen are assisting in the mustering and yarding of the sheep on the station?
- (4.) If so, at whose request were the police sent to this station?
- (5.) What was the assigned reason for asking for the police?
- (6.) Does the person or persons who requested the assistance of the police bear all the expense?

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

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) There are four policemen stationed at Grenfell. Two were on duty at Bald Hills during the strike, leaving two for duty in the township.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The owner of the station.
- (5.) For protection, the men in union camp having taken a shearer from one of the huts.
- (6.) No.

(2.) Glebe Island Abattoirs:—Mr. W. H. B. Piddington, for Mr. Ashton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware that the Glebe abattoirs are in a disgraceful condition, both from a health standpoint and in regard to the want of slaughtering facilities?
- (2.) Has a report been received from the Board of Health drawing attention to their condition?
- (3.) If so, is it his intention to place such report upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—This matter is at present engaging the attention of the Government.

(3.) Furniture supplied by Chinese Firm of Kwong, Shoong, Sing, & Co.:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What was the name or description of the article of furniture required by the superintendent of the asylum as a pattern, and obtained from the Chinese firm of Kwong, Shoong, Sing, & Co., being removed from there by the institution's cart on 8th November, 1895?

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- (2.) Was this the only article of furniture taken from said firm on that date; if not, what were the others, and where were they to be used?
- (3.) What is the name of the superintendent who purchases at his own cost patterns for Government workshops?
- (4.) How many persons are engaged making furniture in these shops, and what quantity of furniture has been made by them during the nine months ending 30th September last?
- (5.) How many articles are intended to be made in the asylum workshops from or similar to the pattern article obtained on the 8th November, 1895?
- (6.) What value will they each represent?
- (7.) Are any articles of furniture being at present supplied for use in any Government asylums under the system stated by the Minister in his reply to Mr. Bavister's previous Question; if so, for which institution, who are the persons supplying the same, and what are the number and description of articles?
- (8.) Will he request his officers to supply full and true replies in this inquiry?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The Director of Government Asylums has furnished the following information;—

- (1.) An article of furniture to be used both as a cupboard and washstand; value, £1 14s.
- (2.) The superintendent bought two chests of drawers and a washstand for his own house at his own cost.
- (3.) Captain James Murray.
- (4.) Two; quantity of furniture made valued at £67 5s. 2d.
- (5.) Sixty-five articles.
- (6.) Twenty-two wardrobes at 70s., £77; twenty-two chests of drawers at 50s., £55; twenty-one cupboards at 34s., £35 14s. Total value, £167 14s.
- (7.) Furniture is not just now being purchased for any institution, but supplies will be required shortly under the system stated (exclusive of articles which can be made upon the premises) for Newington and Rookwood Asylums and the Carpentarian Reformatory.
- (8.) I think it unnecessary to make any reply to this Question.

(4.) Fines imposed on Conditional Purchasers:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to strictly enforce the 10 per cent. fine on selectors in arrears who are at present unable to meet their engagements?
- (2.) Does he intend to forfeit selections if arrears are not promptly paid, as threatened by notices sent to selectors in arrears?
- (3.) When will a valuer be sent to revalue special area selections in the Land District of Deniliquin?
- (4.) When will the applications lodged by selectors for reappraisalment in said Land District be considered by the Land Board?
- (5.) Will he instruct the Land Board to inquire into and report as to the real value of special areas irrespective of the minimum of 30s. per acre?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) This is a matter of law, being provided for in the 48th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1895. The law provides not a 10 per cent. fine, but that certain forfeitable selections may be saved by a payment of arrears with interest calculated at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum. Resident selectors who anticipate inability to pay may save themselves this interest by a simple application under the 28th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895. Moreover, three months grace without interest is granted by me on application in writing made before the due dates. In view of the fact therefore that the matter of saving this fine or interest is in the selector's own hands, I do not feel called upon to treat as a dead letter the law which imposes the penalty on those who become in arrears without attempting to avail themselves of the very liberal provisions of the law.
- (2.) Every case of incurred forfeiture for non-payment of arrears will be dealt with on its merits.
- (3.) All applications for revaluation of special area selections have been forwarded to the Chairman, who has directed his officers to report thereon. The applicants must clearly understand that it is for them to substantiate their case for the lowering of values.
- (4.) Due notice will be given of the date of the inquiry, which is fixed by the Land Board itself.
- (5.) The Minister has no such power; the law requires the Land Boards to make an appraisalment, subject to an appeal by the parties interested or the Minister to the Land Appeal Court.

(5.) Special Grants:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Griffith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a special grant of £1,500 has been authorised for works at Miller's Forest Punt?
- (2.) Is it a fact that special grants of £8,000 and £200 have been authorised for the road from Nelson's Bay to Saltbush?
- (3.) Is it a fact that a special grant of £1,000 has been approved for improving the entrance at Cape Hawke?
- (4.) Is it a fact that £2,500 has been granted for the road from Cobark to Chichester?
- (5.) Is it a fact that a special grant of £200 has been approved for a cattle station on the road from Glenrock to Moonanbrook?
- (6.) Is it a fact that a special grant of £500 has been authorised for new culverts on the road from Raymond Terrace to Williams River Road?
- (7.) Is it a fact that the sum of £200 has been granted for the Wharf Tea Gardens?
- (8.) Is it a fact that the sum of £70 has been granted for the Glenrock Road?
- (9.) Is it a fact that these grants, amounting to over £14,000 (besides others not here mentioned), have been authorised by the Minister for Works on the representation of one Member of the present Parliament?

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Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) No; £1,200 was granted for the formation of a punt approach, thus saving a heavy expence for dredging which had periodically to be performed.
- (2.) It is not a fact. I presume the Honorable Member is referring to the road from Nelson's Bay to Saltash; for this road £280 was granted.
- (3.) The sum of £1,000 was voted by the House for this work.
- (4.) No; the amount is quoted in error for £25, which was the amount authorised.
- (5.) No money has been granted for a cattle station, but £200 has been provided for the road from Glen Rock to Glen Rock cattle station, this forming a part of the mail route from Scone to Tamworth.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) This sum was voted on the Estimates passed for the purpose referred to.
- (8.) Yes.
- (9.) It is not a fact; the Honorable Member has evidently had access to very misleading data.

(6.) Cook's River Dam :—Mr. McLean asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Did the late Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers report in February last in favour of the removal of a portion of the present dam at Cook's River Road, the construction of a bridge, the dredging of the river above the present dam, and the training of the channel with fascine banks?
- (2.) Is he aware that Mr. Darley recommended the same work to be carried out in the year 1890?
- (3.) Did Mr. Alfred Williams, of the Harbours and Rivers Department, report on 17th April, 1890, that Cook's River channel above the dam was full of mud, and as the drainage of the district flowed into the river it was necessary to have it dredged out even on sanitary grounds?
- (4.) Does the drainage of the district still flow into the river?
- (5.) Has the river been dredged since Mr. Williams made his report?
- (6.) Is he aware that the river has been silting up for years, and that its present insanitary condition is a serious menace to the health of the surrounding population?
- (7.) Did Mr. Darley in his last report acknowledge that the flood outlets at the dam were inadequate, and that the flooding of the low lands is largely due to this cause?
- (8.) Is it his intention to refer the works recommended in Mr. Darley's report to the Public Works Committee during the present Session of Parliament?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Not above the dam.
- (6.) Silting has taken place.
- (7.) The flood-gates are inadequate for the new scheme.
- (8.) In reply to this Question, I wish to draw the Honorable Member's attention to the reply I gave to him when he introduced a deputation to me on this subject, on the 12th September, namely, that, if I obtained an understanding from the people of the district that they would be willing to pay the amount of money necessary to extinguish the debt in 100 years, I would be happy to submit the proposal to the Public Works Committee, but that I felt quite satisfied that if I proposed to carry out the work without the condition for repayment within a given time I should not be able to pass it through the House. I also said that I did not think the Public Works Committee would recommend the work to be carried out without that stipulation. When I have satisfactory assurances on this point I shall be pleased to consult the Cabinet on the subject with a view to referring it to the Public Works Committee.

(7.) Manufacture of Steel Rails :—Mr. Perry, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that immense bodies of iron ore exist in the Colony under the most favourable conditions for the production of iron?
- (2.) If so, will he, at an early date, take some steps to have all the steel rails used in connection with the railways made in the Colony, so that the money spent in the purchase of such material will be kept in the Colony, and additional work found for our own people?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) I am not in a position to authoritatively affirm this, although I am aware it is stated to be a fact.
- (2.) I should only be too glad to carry out the suggestion contained in this Question if it could be proved that the rails made in the Colony would not be so made at an excessive cost, but the Honorable Member must be aware that this proposal has twice been tested—once under the Government of Sir Henry Parkes, and again under that of Sir George Dibbs—but without any tangible result. I may, however, state that the matter will receive my consideration during the approaching recess.

(8.) Sir Julian Salomons and the Dean Case :—Mr. Perry asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the admission of Sir Julian Salomons, appearing in *Hansard* (pages 1,304 and 5), that he, knowing of the guilt of Dean of attempted poisoning, had offered to provide funds for the purpose of enabling Dean to leave this Colony, and so escape the consequence of a charge of perjury which was afterwards preferred against Dean, and of which he was convicted?
- (2.) Will he cause the opinion of the Attorney-General to be obtained as to whether or not the admitted conduct of Sir Julian Salomons does not amount to conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice?

Mr. Gould answered,—I see no reason to take any such action as is suggested by the Honorable Member.

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(9.) Railway Contracts with Messrs. Thos. Cook and Sons:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Under what clause of the Railway Act is power given to the Railway Commissioners to let contracts in any way except by public tender?
- (2.) What amounts have been paid to Messrs. Cook and Sons for commission under existing contract with the Railway Commissioners?
- (3.) What concessions have been granted to Messrs. Cook and Sons outside of said contract?
- (4.) How many free passes have been granted to Messrs. Cook and Sons?
- (5.) What amount of business have they done per annum since commencement of existing contract?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

- (1.) The Railway Act confers general powers of management upon the Commissioners, and such action is taken as is considered to be the best in the public interests.
- (2.) The average amount paid for six years past has been £576 per annum.
- (3.) I have to refer the Honorable Member to Question answered on the 7th May last, giving the nature of the business done, as under:—"I am informed that Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, who have offices throughout the world, act as ticket agents in connection with intercolonial and international business, with the special train monthly to and from Melbourne and several tourist resorts within the Colony, and a commission of 10 per cent. is paid in connection with this business, covering all expenses of office, advertising, &c. They are not allowed commission on any other business. In connection with 'combination' tickets issued by them for excursions to certain mountain stations, they are granted railway excursion rates." It may be added that under the combination arrangement made by this tourist agency, enabling passengers to book in Sydney for the through journey, covering hotel, coach, and railway fare, the cost of visiting the caves has been very considerably reduced.
- (4.) Two free passes are held by Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son, one by the general manager for Australasia, which is little used, and the other by the Sydney manager for the firm.
- (5.) The average amount of business done by the firm has been £6,420 per annum.

(10.) License for the "Burrangong Hotel," George-street:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House copies of all documents relating to an application by one James Bourke for a publican's license for the "Burrangong Hotel," George-street, Sydney, together with the police report upon the said application?
- (2.) If so, when?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—The Honorable Member had better move for a return in the usual way.

(11.) Employment of Men for Government Works:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to the Colonial Architect to have a monthly registration of all men seeking work at the various Government works in the city, so that only those who register themselves monthly as being out of work will be considered eligible for employment?

*Mr. Young* answered,—Some such proposal as that referred to by the Honorable Member is being considered.

(12.) Road from Molong to Cargo *via* Boree:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it true that no less than four gates obstruct the road from Molong to Cargo, *via* Boree, between the Parkes Road and the road from Cargo Road to Cudal, a distance of about 5 miles?
- (2.) Is part of the same length of road obstructed in two places by a two-rail and three-wire fence, and the traffic turned on to a steep stony pinch?
- (3.) Were these obstructions complained of over twelve months ago?
- (4.) Has any report been received on this matter; if so, has any reasonable excuse been given in such report why these obstructions should not be removed?
- (5.) Will he cause these and other obstructions of roads complained of by the public and inhabitants of Bowan Park to be removed?

*Mr. Carruthers* answered—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) Complaint was made to Works Department relating to the fencing obstruction on the road in question about twelve months ago, and relating to the gates about six months ago.
- (4 and 5.) A report on the matter has been received in this Department, and steps will be taken to cause the landowner to remove the obstructions.

3. WELLINGTON SHOW GROUND BILL:—*Mr. Haynes*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 12th November, 1895; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Haynes* then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—*Mr. Gould* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Despatch respecting the Judicial Committee Amendment Act, 1895.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 23rd October, 1895,—“Resumed Areas, Deniliquin Land District.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. ROAD BETWEEN COOBOOL ISLAND AND SWAN HILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Chanter* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, “Road between Coobool Island and Swan Hill,” laid upon the Table of the House on the 5th November, 1895, be printed.

Question put and passed.

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6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Bruncker, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HAMPDEN,  
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1895-6,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 29th November, 1895.

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

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend sections one and thirty of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act of 1890, and to extend the time for the completion of the works mentioned in sections one and thirty of such Act,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd December, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.  
Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 3rd December, 1895.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. At end of title *add* "and to provide for public roads to be opened across the railway of the Corporation."

Page 1, Preamble, line 4. *Omit* "two years" *insert* "one year"

Page 2, Preamble, line 5. *Omit* "two years" *insert* "one year"

Page 2, clause 1, line 23. *After* "Treasurer" *insert* "on or before the twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven."

Page 2, clause 1, line 24. *After* "the" *insert* "extended"

Page 2. *After* clause 2 *insert* the following new clause:—

"It shall be lawful for the Governor by proclamation in the *Gazette* to dedicate any public road or highway crossing the railway line of the Corporation, and thereupon the said road or highway shall be open to public traffic across the said line.

"If the road or highway crosses the line on a level the provisions of section forty-one of the Principal Act shall, on the expiration of six weeks from the publication of the proclamation, have effect with respect to the said road or highway.

"If the road or highway does not cross the line on a level, and the Secretary for Lands is of opinion that, for the purposes of traffic along the road or highway, it is necessary that the line of railway should be carried by a bridge over the road or highway, or that the road or highway should be carried by a bridge over the said line, and the said Secretary, in either of the cases, by writing under his hand notifies to the Corporation that he requires a bridge to be erected as aforesaid, then the Corporation shall, within six months after the notification has been given by the said Secretary, erect the bridge, subject to, and in accordance with, such of the provisions of sections forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, and forty-six of the Principal Act as are in the circumstances applicable.

"If the Corporation do not, within the period limited as aforesaid, erect any bridge, as required by the Secretary for Lands, it shall be lawful for the said Secretary, on behalf of Her Majesty, to erect the bridge and recover the cost of the same from the Corporation.

"For the purpose of erecting any bridge as aforesaid, the said Secretary may, by his officers and servants, enter upon any land of the Corporation, and may stop or divert any traffic along the line of railway of the Corporation, and shall not be liable for any loss or damage thereby caused to the Corporation or to any person whomsoever."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

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

8. CODLIN MOTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Affleck moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Cann requested Mr. Speaker's attention to clause 2 of the Bill, which he thought related to trade, and therefore required that the Bill should have been introduced in a preliminary Committee.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill had been properly introduced, and that it did not affect trade.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Dick.
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Thomas,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Affleck.
Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Newman,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Hogue,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Ross,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. James Thomson.
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. T. R. Smith.
Mr. Moore,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

9. LAW OF LIBEL AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.*

10. CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS' RELIEF BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

11. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 20th November, 1895, and also the Report of the Managers on its behalf of the Free Conference with the Legislative Assembly, with reference to the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill,—

Insists on its amendment in lines 9 and 10 of clause 10.

Amends the remainder of its amendments in the clause as follows:—It does not insist on omitting the words in lines 13, &amp;c., "after deducting the sum of"

Amends its proposed amendment, omitting the words "four hundred and seventy-five pounds," in line 14, by inserting in their place the words "two hundred and forty pounds."

Amends the remainder of its amendments in the clause by restoring after the word "pounds" in line 14, the following words in lines 14 to 21, namely, "Such deduction shall not be made more than once in the case of an owner of several estates or parcels of land (not being a bare trustee of different estates for the benefit of different *cestuis que trust*), but in every such case the aggregate of the values of such several estates or parcels shall be regarded for the purpose of taxation as if such aggregate represented the unimproved value of a single estate or parcel," and omitting the provisos inserted by the Council at end of the clause, and adding in their place the following words: "Provided with regard to any such lands as are subject to any mortgage (except where the mortgagee is owner within the meaning of the Act), that there shall be deducted each year from the tax upon such unimproved value a sum equal in amount to the income tax leviable for that year upon the interest derivable from the whole mortgage of the land including improvements thereon, and this annual deduction shall not be diminished by reason of any exemptions or deductions from payment of income tax provided for in sections 15, 16, and 17: Provided always that no such deduction from land tax shall be deemed to extend beyond the amount of land tax due for such year upon the land included in such mortgage."

"Insists on its amendment omitting clause 12.

"Insists upon its amendment omitting the words "three hundred" from lines 13 and 14 of clause 19, but amends its amendment, inserting the words "one hundred and sixty," by inserting in lieu thereof the words "two hundred," and insists upon its amendment in line 30.

Insists upon its amendments omitting the words "three hundred" in line 40 of clause 20, and omitting in line 41 of the same clause the same words, but amends its amendment, inserting the words "one hundred and sixty" in each case, by inserting in each case instead thereof the words "two hundred."

Insists upon its amendment inserting the words "mutual life assurance societies and of other" in line 47 of sub-clause (11) of clause 21, but inserts as a further amendment at the end of the sub-clause "except income derived from mortgages."

Insists upon its remaining amendments in the clause.

Insists upon its amendments omitting clauses 47, 48, and 49.

Does not insist upon its amendments made in clause 52.

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Does not insist upon its amendment omitting clause 70, but amends the clause by adding thereto the following proviso:—" Provided that the interest of the lessor in any lands subject to any such agreement made before the commencement of this Act by a lessee to pay the land tax shall for the purposes of contribution under section 12 be calculated upon a basis excluding the value of the reversionary interest."

Amends clause 71 by inserting the following words at the commencement thereof:—" Any person guilty of a breach of the provisions of this Act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, and" and insists upon its amendment omitting the word "fifty" in line 59, and inserting the word "ten" in lieu thereof.

Insists upon the remainder of its amendments in this clause.

Insists upon its amendment omitting from clause 75, sub-clause (c), lines 7 and 8.

Insists upon its amendments omitting original clauses 13, 16, 17, its amendments in clauses 14, 18, 26, 31, 35, 36, 40, 41, and 43, and its omission of clause 61.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 34, line 46, but does not insist upon its other amendment in the said clause disagreed to by the Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd December, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

(2.) Mr. Reid then moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 3rd December, 1895, and also the Report of the Managers on behalf of the Assembly at the Free Conference with the Legislative Council, in reference to the Council's amendments in the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill disagreed to by the Assembly, and insisted on by the Council,—

No longer insists upon its disagreements to the Council's amendments insisted upon by the Council, and agrees to the Council's further amendments in the Bill.

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Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1895.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—George Alexander Cruickshank, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Inverell.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Reid informed the House of the intentions of the Government in relation to the transaction of Public Business during the remainder of the present Session.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Hawkers' Licenses:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many hawkers' licenses were granted during the year to other than Europeans?
- (2.) Out of the number granted, how many were Syrians?
- (3.) What was the nationality of the others?
- (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to deal with this matter early next Session, so as to exclude Syrians and such like from getting hawkers' licenses?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—In asking the Honorable Member to postpone these Questions I may say that it has been impossible to get the information necessary to enable a reply to be given to Questions Nos. 1, 2, and 3. In regard to Question No. 4, I have to inform the Honorable Member that during the whole term of my administration of the Colonial Secretary's Department I have refused to issue certificates of naturalisation to Syrians, and I am now taking steps to prevent their receiving hawkers' licenses.

(2.) Stock Condemned at Homebush Sale-yards:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many head of cattle and sheep have been condemned, through having cancer, at the Homebush Sale-yards, as unfit for food, during the past six months?
- (2.) What was done with those cattle and sheep so condemned?
- (3.) If they are dealt with in any way so that cash is paid for them, to whom do the proceeds go?
- (4.) What was the total amount received for the condemned stock during the past six months?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) It is not possible to say how many animals were condemned for the specific diseases of cancer, but 149 cattle were condemned and destroyed on account of disease from 1st June to 30th November, 1895. No sheep were condemned.
- (2.) Boiled in steam digesters to extract the tallow.
- (3. and 4.) The agents sell the carcasses to a contractor, and the proceeds go to the owner of the cattle.

(3.) Contracting Surveyor, Bynya Forest Reserve—Mr. Forester Condell:—Mr. Watkins asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that one of the contracting surveyors for the survey of the blocks for forest-thinning on the Bynya Forest Reserve has received a Government appointment as supervising overseer or inspector over forest-thinning operations, and that at the time such appointment was made he had not fulfilled his contract, and is now completing his contract while receiving his pay as a Government officer?
- (2.) Will he make inquiries, and, if he finds that such is the case, take steps to punish the officer in question?
- (3.) Is he aware that Mr. Forester Condell, stationed at Narrandera, while paying the forest-thinners their first advance on account, also acted as collector for the Narrandera storekeepers, insisting on being paid up in full, irrespective of the requirements of the men, leaving some of them only a few shillings per man, viz., 7s., to draw, while their wives and families were in a state of starvation hundreds of miles away?

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Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) The circumstances are as follows :—When the contracting surveyor was appointed supervising overseer he had still one day's survey work uncompleted. He was required to take up work as supervising overseer on the 28th October, and so as to allow a day for completion of the survey his appointment was made to date from the 29th of that month. The survey has since been completed in the time allowed, viz., one day.

(2.) Answered above.

(3.) Yes. The Forester guaranteed the men their first supplies by direction, and was authorised to see that the cost of the supplies guaranteed by him were met from the first advance.

(4.) Free Railway Passes issued to Visitors :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many persons have travelled on the New South Wales railways during October and November last as distinguished visitors by virtue of the Railway Act?

(2.) What were their names, if any?

(3.) What was their business?

Mr. Reid answered,—There will be no objection to furnish this information if moved for in the usual way.

(5.) Coal Mines Act of 1876 :—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he yet received any reports from the Inspectors of Collieries concerning the carrying out of the ventilation clauses of the Coal Mines Act of 1876?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of the reports; and will he lay them upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I have given instructions for a test case to be submitted, and therefore do not propose to lay the reports upon the Table at present.

(6.) Tram-line from Burwood to Belmont, Lake Macquarie :—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was Mr. Fisher's estimate of the tram-line from Burwood extended to Belmont, Lake Macquarie?

Mr. Young answered,—The estimate for the line from Burwood extended to Belmont, Lake Macquarie, is £12,351; terminal arrangements, £2,530; total, exclusive of land and compensation, £14,881.

(7.) Mr. F. J. Gibbons's Oyster Leases, Hunter River :—Mr. Griffith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. F. J. Gibbons holds oyster leases along the foreshores of the Hunter River amounting to 19,365 lineal yards, in spite of section 4, subsection (11) of the Fisheries Act, which enacts that "no leased area measured along the foreshore shall exceed 2,000 lineal yards, unless, upon special recommendation of the Commissioners, the Governor shall think fit to enlarge such length"?

(2.) Did the Commissioners make any such recommendation; and, if so, on what grounds?

(3.) If no such recommendation was made, will he, seeing that such leases are illegal, cause their immediate cancellation?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am informed by the Commissioners of Fisheries that Mr. Gibbons has no lease over 2,000 lineal yards.

(8.) Supply of Blue Metal to the Illawarra Land and Lake Harbour Corporation :—Mr. Alexander Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have entered into a contract with and are supplying the Illawarra Land and Lake Harbour Corporation with blue metal, and have thereby defeated private enterprise?

(2.) Does he consider the Commissioners are justified in competing for such work?

(3.) If so, will he see that the price paid is sufficient to allow the men engaged to make reasonable wages?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that the Railway Commissioners have agreed to supply the railway contractor now making a railway near Dapto with ballast from the Bombo Quarry.

(3.) The obtaining of the ballast, crushing, and loading, is carried out by contract, the price paid being that at which the men concerned have contracted to do the work.

(9.) Antidote for Snake-bite for use in Schools :—Mr. Ohanter, for Mr. Rose, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he considered the advisability of supplying the various schools in the country with an antidote for snake-bite?

(2.) If not, will he take the matter into consideration?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) This is a matter which requires very grave consideration, as an antidote in the hands of inexperienced persons might possibly lead to serious results.

(10.) Reappraisal of Special Areas, Murrumburrah :—Mr. Mackay asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that at the Land Court held at Murrumburrah, on 12th November, to consider applications for reappraisal of special areas, the Government Valuers, Messrs. Dillon and Wallace, valued most of the special areas at 50s. per acre, and that their valuations were supported by independent valuers, Messrs. Barnes, Bourke, and others, and that notwithstanding this the Board ignored this evidence, and assessed the value at £3 per acre?

(2.) Will he take steps to have the valuations determined according to the evidence given?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Inquiry will be made into the matters imputed by these Questions, and reply furnished when report received.

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(11.) Reappraisal of James Carter's Special Area, Binalong:—Mr. Mackay asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it true that at the hearing at the Binalong Land Board, on 29th October, of an application made by James Carter for the reappraisal of his special area, the Chairman of the Board told applicant's solicitor that the calling of evidence in support of the application would be a waste of public time?

(2.) Is it true that evidence was given in the case by a Mr. C. J. Dillon, a Government Valuator as to the value of the land, and that the same Mr. Dillon had never seen the land?

(3.) Will he institute an inquiry, with a view of ascertaining whether or not the methods of procedure generally of the Binalong Land Board in connection with special area reappraisements are satisfactory?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—Inquiry will be made into the matters imputed by these Questions, and reply furnished when report received.

(12.) Homestead Selections, Deniliquin:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that, at the recent sitting of the Deniliquin Land Board, several applications for homestead selections were withdrawn on the ground that the land applied for was unfit for settlement?

(2.) If so, will he take immediate steps to have suitable land (not flooded country) placed at the disposal of the public?

(3.) Is he aware that in some instances applications were permitted to be withdrawn upon payment of costs to the Crown, while in other cases withdrawals were allowed without costs?

(4.) What are these costs supposed to cover, and if the principle has his approval will he see that all applicants in such circumstances are subjected to the same treatment?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—Nothing is known in the Department of the matters referred to by the Honorable Member, but inquiry will be made.

(13.) Travelling Stock Reserves:—Mr. Millen asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the area of reserves available for travelling stock in each division of the Colony that is under lease to persons other than the adjacent pastoral lessee?

(2.) The revenue derived from reserves so leased?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—The information should be moved for in the form of a return.

(14.) Crane Contractor at Bullock Island:—Mr. Dick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total amount paid Messrs. Russell & Co. for all work done by them from 1st January, 1895, to 31st October?

(2.) What services did they render for that amount, giving—(a) Number of tons coal shipped;

(b) the rate per ton; (c) the crane lifts; (d) other services rendered by them to the Department?

(3.) Have any stores or material been purchased by Messrs. Russell & Co. from the Department; if so, give particulars in detail?

(4.) What are the names of the tenderers for 1896, and their original rates?

(5.) Why was the contract not given to the lowest tenderers?

(6.) Why was special consideration given to Messrs. Russell & Co. to the disadvantage of tenderers lower than theirs?

(7.) Were the cranes worked in previous years to the satisfaction of the Commissioners; and, if so, were any of the tenderers for 1896 identical with those who worked the cranes previously?

(8.) Is it the intention of the Commissioners to call tenders in the future; and, if so, are the late proceedings to be considered as a precedent?

(9.) What amount of bonds have tenderers to furnish?

(10.) How often were the cranes inspected during 1894, and how often in 1895?

(11.) Are they at present in good working order?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I am informed that the particulars desired would take some time and expense to prepare. The information should be moved for as a return.

(15.) Retirement of Mr. E. Lewis Scott:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the order of this House for the laying upon the Table of all papers referring to the retirement of Mr. E. Lewis Scott from the Public Service, will he direct that the minute of Mr. Coghlan, Government Statistician, upon the Draft Estimates for 1894, recommending Mr. E. Lewis Scott for an increase of salary, be included in such return?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—The return has reference only to the compulsory retirement of Mr. Scott, and it is not usual to include in any return called for by the House matter which is irrelevant to the order. If the Honorable Member wishes for the paper referred to he can move for it in the usual way.

(16.) Land Resumed adjoining New Court-house Site:—*Mr. Watkins*, for Mr. O'Reilly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government has resumed land adjoining the new Court-house site, but belonging to the Friendly Societies Medical Institute?

(2.) Were the trustees of that land communicated with prior to such resumption?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

(1.) It will be resumed in the course of a few days.

(2.) Not as to the resumption. It is not usual to do so prior to the issue of the legal notice.

## 4. PAPERS:—

*Mr. Bruncker* laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands, authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

*Mr. Carruthers* laid upon the Table,—Proposals with respect to the conversion of certain Pastoral Leases (principally in the Land Board District of Dubbo) into Scrub Leases, and with respect to the expenditure of private moneys in the improvement of the land.

Ordered to be printed.

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5. BILLS OF SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Russell Jones moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Jones then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## 6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.  
(2.) Eight Hours Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Schey, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Wednesday next.  
(3.) Referendum Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday next.  
(4.) Cowra Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.  
(5.) Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 17th December.  
(6.) No-liability Mining Companies Bill (No. 2) (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday, 12th December.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wickham, Mr. Fegan, 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 leasing of the cranes at Newcastle."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Mr. Speaker said that, as a Notice of Motion had been given on this subject for To-morrow, the discussion on that Notice could not be anticipated in this way.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

## 8. CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS' RELIEF BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3" instead thereof.

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

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup> with further amendments.

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

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

## 9. JOINT STOCK COMPANIES' ARRANGEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Gould, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Afleck,	Mr. See,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Young,	Mr. Rigg,	
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Morgan,	
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hurley,	
Dr. Gmham,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Wheeler,	
Mr. Storey,	Mr. O'Reilly,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Price,	Mr. McLaughlin,	
Mr. Raymond,	Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Wright,	Mr. McFarlane,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Smalles,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Watson.

*Tellers,*Mr. Hughes,  
Mr. Schey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

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

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

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Transfer of License of the "Burrangong Hotel," George-street, Sydney :—Mr. Schey asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many applicants to the last annual sitting of the Metropolitan Licensing Bench for publicans licenses were refused the same on the ground that they had been guilty of selling adulterated liquor and other offences against the Licensing Act?
- (2.) How many so refused have since been granted transfers, and what are their names?
- (3.) What reason was given in each of such cases for the subsequent grant?
- (4.) Which of such refused applicants have also since been refused transfers?
- (5.) The reason in each case for such refusal?
- (6.) Will he lay upon the Table all papers in connection with the refusal of a transfer of a license to Mr. James Bourke, of the "Burrangong Hotel," George-street, Sydney?
- (7.) If so, when?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-three.
- (2.) Two—Mr. Dougal McDougal and Mr. Michael Ryan.
- (3.) The reasons in such cases are not recorded.
- (4.) Mr. Edward Donohoe and Mr. Richard Leader.
- (5.) As before stated, the reasons in such cases are not recorded.
- (6 and 7.) The Honorable Member had better move for a return in the usual way.

- (2.) Money voted for Harbour Improvement Works :—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the length of coast-line approximately northward from Sydney to the Queensland border?
- (2.) The length of coast-line southward from Sydney to the Victorian border?
- (3.) The total amount of money recently voted by this House on the Estimates, including Loan Estimates, for harbour and river improvement works on the coast northward of Sydney, specifying the respective sums making up such total and the different works for which they were voted?
- (4.) The amount voted on the same Estimates for similar works on the coast southward of Sydney, with like particulars in every respect?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) 428 miles.
- (2.) 275 miles.
- (3 and 4.) A return will be prepared giving the expenditure on the whole of the harbours of the coast, and laid upon the Table of the House.

- (3.) Stock Trucks :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that certain stock agents or other persons have been allowed to engage large numbers of stock trucks without paying the usual deposit of £1 per truck?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that through this being done numbers of stock-owners could not get trucks to bring their sheep and cattle to market?
- (3.) If the above is true, will the Railway Commissioners compel the parties who have so acted to pay full railway charges on trucks so ordered?

Mr.

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Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that no orders for live stock wagons are accepted without the usual deposit being paid, except in the case of two or three agents in the interior who have authorised credit accounts, to which the deposits are debited. It may be added that the stock traffic for some time past has been exceptionally heavy, the average, for instance, for six weeks past being £10,405, as against £5,687 for the corresponding period of 1888, an increase of 82.96 per cent.

- (4.) Forest-clearing at Ganmain and Narrandera:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the men who have been sent forest-clearing to Ganmain and about Narrandera have not received any pay since they were sent to work, now about seven weeks ago, and will he telegraph the proper officer to have all the men paid at once?
  - (2.) Is he aware that many of these men work eleven hours a day, and cannot earn 4s. per day?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) It is known that there have been delays, but it is very difficult to make payments at regular intervals, as the work has to be passed and the area judged in each case before the amount can be calculated; and the officer undertaking these duties has to pass and calculate monthly the work of about 800 men, who are scattered over a district of about 72 by 40 miles. Payments now due will be expedited. A special advance has been lodged in a bank at Narrandera to meet urgent claims for payment.

(2.) It is not known what hours the men work, but the earnings upon five blocks completed to date ranged from 4s. 9d. to 6s. 1d. per man per diem, calculated from date of signing contracts to dates of final payments, but in some of the above cases it can be shown that the men did not work full weeks. A gang returned from Whitton yesterday and applied for further work. They represented their earnings at £2 per week per man; but the receipts to officially substantiate this have not yet been received.

- (5.) Water Supply for Tamworth:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the proposal of a gravitation scheme from Moore Creek been approved of by the Works Department in connection with the water supply for Tamworth?
- (2.) Will it be necessary to place the proposal before the Public Works Committee?
- (3.) If necessary, will he have the matter dealt with before this Session closes?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) It has been recommended by the Department.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes; so far as reference to the Committee is concerned.

- (6.) Wharfage Rates at Newcastle:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is a wharfage rate charged at Newcastle for the shipment of coal and coke; and, if so, how much per ton?
- (2.) Are inward or outward wharfage rates charged at that port for any articles of general merchandise?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.

- (7.) Public Works Committee:—Mr. Ashton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, on the re-assembling of Parliament, after recess, introduce a Bill reducing the fees now payable to members of the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Reid answered,—This matter will receive consideration during the recess.

- (8.) State Children Relief Act:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he, at an early date, bring in a Bill to amend the "State Children Relief Act," so that mothers, when approved by the Inspectors, may be allowed to retain their own children and receive the same weekly money-payments as are now given to strangers who have State children boarded out to them?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The matter referred to by the Honorable Member's Question is one of considerable importance. I have already given it some consideration, but not so fully as to be able to say that the Government will introduce a Bill. I hope in a short period to have information which will enable me to give a definite answer.

- (9.) Selections in the Land District of Deniliquin:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the large number of applications made for selections in the Land District of Deniliquin?
- (2.) Will he, to meet the great demand for land, cause the balance of Crown lands suitable for settlement to be thrown open with the least possible delay?
- (3.) Will he, to still further meet the demand for land, resume some of the leaseholds under the terms and conditions of the Amending Land Act of 1895?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I have directed the District Surveyor to complete and transmit to the Head Office before the close of the year as many homestead selection and settlement leases cases as possible.
- (3.) Some are already being dealt with in this direction.

- (10.) Water Supply for Towns of Molong and Cumnock:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he see that steps are taken to have a report obtained from some competent officer in his Department as to the best method of securing a suitable water supply for the town of Molong; also the town of Cumnock?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—As Molong is a Municipality the question of water supply for it will have to be dealt with by the Secretary for Works under the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Act. A report was received regarding water supply at Cumnock, but has not yet been dealt with.

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2. RAILWAY BETWEEN MOREE AND INVERELL:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Hassall*, presented a Petition from certain residents of the District of Moree, praying the House to take into favourable consideration the desirableness of connecting the Towns of Moree and Inverell by rail.  
Petition received.
3. PAPERS:—*Mr. Young* laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Return to an Order, made on 16th October, 1895,—“Roads and Bridges and Sewerage Branch, Public Works Department.”  
Ordered to be printed.  
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Great Marlow, county of Clarence, for the approaches to bridge over Alamy Creek, at Southgate.  
(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Gordon, county of Cumberland, for the construction of a reservoir for the Gordon Water Supply.
4. IDENTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF HABITUAL CRIMINALS (*Formal Motion*):—*Dr. Graham* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in the Department of Justice relating to the question of identifying and registering habitual criminals, and of adopting in this Colony either the Bertillon or the Galton system.  
Question put and passed.
5. RETIREMENT OF MR. LEWIS SCOTT FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Neild* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the minute of *Mr. Coghlan*, Government Statistician, upon the Draft Estimates for 1894, recommending that an increase of salary be granted to *Mr. E. Lewis Scott*.  
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—  
(1.) Wellington Show Ground Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading; until Tuesday next.  
(2.) Cowra Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday next.  
(3.) Midwifery Nurses Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of *Dr. Graham*, “That this Bill be now read a second time”;—until Thursday next.  
(4.) Capertee Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.  
(5.) Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.  
(6.) Co-operative Colliery Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.  
(7.) Law of Libel Amendment Bill; resumption of the Debate on the motion of *Mr. O'Sullivan*, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”—  
Upon which *Mr. Hogue* had moved, “That this Debate be now adjourned”;—until Wednesday next.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney—*Flinders Division*, *Mr. Nelson*, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—  
“The action of the Government in connection with the weir at Bourke.”  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
*Mr. Nelson* moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
8. CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS' RELIEF BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Reid* moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.  
*Mr. Carruthers* moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That,” and inserting the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3,” instead thereof.  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate ensued.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted.  
*Mr. Moore* moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding the words “and sub-section (d) of clause 6.”  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3, and sub-section (d) of clause 6,—put and passed.  
On motion of *Mr. Carruthers*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
*Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 3<sup>o</sup> with further amendments.  
On motion of *Mr. Carruthers*, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.



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## 9. LAND TAX BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to impose a Tax in respect of Land, of Mortgages on Land, and of Leasehold, and other interests therein*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## LAND TAX BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th December, 1895.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title. Omit "of mortgages on land, and of leasehold, and other interests therein."  
 Page 1, clause 1, line 5. Omit "July" insert "January"  
 Page 1, clause 1, line 6. Omit "five" insert "six"  
 Page 1, clause 1, line 7. After "provisions" insert "of"  
 Page 1, clause 1, line 7. After "exemptions" insert "and deductions"  
 Page 1, clause 1, line 8. Before "Assessment," insert "Land and Income Tax"  
 Page 1, clause 1, line 10. Omit "mortgages and other taxable interests" insert "as"

Examined,—

ARCH. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker said that he had considered the Council's amendments in this Bill, which only made clear the intention of this House, and under the circumstances he suggested that the amendments should be accepted, and a special entry be made in the Votes and Proceedings that the amendments were made merely in furtherance of the Assembly's intention, and that the acceptance by this House should not be drawn into a precedent.

Mr. Reid moved, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only two Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. O'Sullivan and Mr. Chapman.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's amendments.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose a Tax in respect of Land, of Mortgages on Land, and of Leasehold, and other interests therein*," including the amendment in the Title—such amendments having been made to give effect to the intention of the Legislative Assembly; but desires that its agreement may not be drawn into a precedent, so as to warrant any supposition that the Assembly has waived any of its undoubted rights and privileges.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1895.

## 10. INCOME TAX BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to Impose a Tax on Incomes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## INCOME TAX BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th December, 1895.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 5. Omit "July" insert "January"  
 Page 1, clause 1, line 6. Omit "five" insert "six"  
 Page 1, clause 1, line 7. Omit "and subject to the exemptions enacted in" insert "of"  
 Page 1, clause 1, line 8. Before "Assessment" insert "Land and Income Tax"  
 Page 1, clause 1, line 9. Omit "taxable"  
 Page 1, clause 1. At end of clause add "chargeable thereunder"

Examined,—

ARCH. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Mr.

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Mr. Speaker said that his remarks in reference to the Land Tax Bill, just disposed of, would apply equally to this Bill.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's amendments.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose a Tax on Incomes*,"—such amendments having been made to give effect to the intention of the Legislative Assembly; but desires that its agreement may not be drawn into a precedent, so as to warrant any supposition that the Assembly has waived any of its undoubted rights and privileges.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1895.*

11. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for the establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th December, 1895.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 4, line 11. *Omit "passing of this Act" insert "thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five"*  
 Page 2, clause 4, line 13. *Omit "passing of this Act" insert "thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five"*  
 Page 2, clause 7, line 44. *Omit "passing" insert "commencement"*

Examined,—

ARCH. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker stated that his previous remarks relating to the Land Tax Bill and Income Tax Bill, just disposed of, would apply with equal force to this Bill.

Mr. Reid moved, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Brunner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's amendments.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1895, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act for the establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties, and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid*,"—such amendments having been made to give effect to the intention of the Legislative Assembly; but desires that its agreement may not be drawn into a precedent, so as to warrant any supposition that the Assembly has waived any of its undoubted rights and privileges.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th December, 1895, a.m.*

12. CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS' RELIEF BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunner moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Brunner, *passed*.

Mr.

5th December, 1895.

Mr. Brunker then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further promote settlement on lands conditionally-purchased from the Crown by providing for the reduction of the annual payments in respect thereof, and for the reduction of the rate of interest now payable upon certain conditional purchases; to make further provision for the conversion of conditional purchases and conditional leases into homestead selections; and to effect such amendments in such statutes as may be necessary for the aforesaid 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 further promote settlement on lands conditionally-purchased from the Crown by providing for the reduction of the annual payments in respect thereof, and for the reduction of the rate of interest now payable upon certain conditional purchases; to make further provision for the conversion of conditional purchases and conditional leases into homestead selections; and to effect such amendments in such statutes as may be necessary for the aforesaid purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th December, 1895, a.m.*

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 2 to 7, postponed until Tuesday next.

14. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Neild, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to one and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments, including that in the Title.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 3rd December, 1895, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment in the Title.

Disagrees to the amendment in the Preamble, line 4, which omits the words "two years" and inserts "one year,"—because such amendment inaccurately recites one of the provisions of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th December, 1895, a.m.*

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 48.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Proposed Weir at Ewenmar:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Cotton, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the estimated cost of the proposed weir at Ewenmar?  
 (2.) Is it proposed to lock the Macquarie River at that point, or merely to construct an overshot weir?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—It is not usual to give this information after tenders have been invited for the work.

- (2.) Deposit on Application for Land:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a selector applying for land about to be balloted for, and making an application for each block, has to make a separate deposit in each case?  
 (2.) Would he, to facilitate the settlement on the soil of the poorer men, permit one deposit as a cover for all the applications made by one man at one time?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) Yes.

- (3.) Whaling Barque "Chance":—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the sum of £2,000 was sent in 1890 by the American Government to the owners and crew of the whaling barque "Chance," for their rescue of an American whaler?  
 (2.) If so, has the money been paid over to the owners?  
 (3.) If so, what proportion was received by the crew?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

- (1.) Yes; £2,448 7s. 2d.  
 (2.) Yes.

- (3.) No allotment was made by the American Government.

I may inform the Honorable Member that the information now given has been supplied on two previous occasions, viz., 17th September and 1st October last.

- (4.) Coal for the Railway Service:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) On what date did tenders for engine-coal for the Railway Service last close?  
 (2.) Who were the successful tenderers, and at what price per ton?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

- (1.) On 16th September, 1895.  
 (2.) Lithgow Coal Association, 4s. 9d. and 5s. per ton; Cullen Bullen Coal Company, 4s. 3d. per ton; and Metropolitan Coal Company, 5s. 4d. per ton.

- (5.) Proposed Railway to Inverell:—*Mr. W. H. B. Piddington*, for Mr. Collins, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to place any proposal for a railway to Inverell before the Public Works Committee this Session?

*Mr. Young* answered,—No, but I hope to do so early in the next.

- (6.) Conveyance of Mails from Glen Innes to Inverell and Warialda:—*Mr. Sleath*, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Were the tenders for the conveyance of mails from Glen Innes to Inverell and from Inverell to Warialda called for separately?  
 (2.) If they were, why were the two let as one contract?

(3.)

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(3.) Were all the tenderers for the lines separately invited to submit a price for both lines as one, and, if not, why did Richard Alcock (who obtained the contract) receive preferential treatment in the matter?

(4.) Did Richard Alcock, just prior to or just after the closing of the tenders for the line in question, have an interview in Sydney with one of the higher postal officials *re* the matter, and at such interview did he (Alcock) make arrangements to do the two lines for a lump sum?

(5.) Will he give the other tenderers an opportunity of tendering for the two lines as one; and, if not, why not?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Because the amount of the combined tender was less than that of the two cheapest single tenders.

(3.) Neither Mr. Alcock nor any of the other tenderers was invited to submit a price for both lines as one, but it is optional for all tenderers to send in a combined tender for several lines, provided they also send in a separate tender for each line included in the combined tender, and Mr. Alcock was the only tenderer for the lines in question who availed himself of this option.

(4.) No, and the tender was dated 17th October—four days prior to the last date of receipt of tenders—and was opened and initialled by the Board with other tenders in the usual way.

(5.) No; the contract has already been entered into with Mr. Alcock.

(7.) Case of Corporal Vincent:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a Court-martial been recently held at the Victoria Barracks for the trial of Corporal Vincent?

(2.) What were the charges against Corporal Vincent?

(3.) Were all witnesses proffered called and examined at such Court-martial?

(4.) What is the finding of the Court?

(5.) Will he lay all papers connected with the case upon the Table of this House?

(6.) If so, when?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—This case being as yet *sub judice*, I regret I cannot at present answer the Honorable Member's Questions.

(8.) Advertising at Railway Stations by Messrs. Thos. Cook and Sons:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are Messrs. Cook and Sons permitted to use the black boards, &c., at railway stations for the purpose of advertising their business?

(2.) Has a similar concession been refused to other persons or firms in a similar line of business, although the latter have offered to pay for the privilege at the same rate as Messrs. Cook and Sons?

(3.) What is the reason assigned for the different treatment extended to different persons in this regard?

(4.) Referring to the last clause of the agreement between the Railway Commissioners and Messrs. Cook and Sons, how much of the cost of advertising and printing has been paid by Messrs. Cook and Sons, and what is the amount of such payments?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners to renew the contract at the end of the present period?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) I am informed that Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son are allowed to exhibit notices at railway stations referring to tourist traffic generally.

(2 and 3.) There are no other persons or firms carrying on a similar business on the same lines as Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son.

(4.) The Railway Commissioners are informed that the cost of maintaining a Sydney office, printing, advertising, &c., by Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son, is about £1,200 per annum.

(5.) Yes.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Rates for the transmission of Telephone Messages between Nowra and Bomaderry Railway Station.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 11th September, 1895,—“*Temora* “*Holding, Eastern Division.*”

Ordered to be printed.

3. STEAM SERVICE BETWEEN SYDNEY AND VANCOUVER:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cook, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HAMPDEN,

Governor.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the continuation of a subsidy towards the monthly steam service now being performed between Sydney and Vancouver by Mr. James Huddart.

Government House,

Sydney, 9th December, 1895.

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

4. JOINT STOCK COMPANIES' ARRANGEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Gould, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Gould then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend section 3 of the ‘Joint Stock Companies’ Arrangement Act, 1891.*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend section 3 of the 'Joint Stock Companies' Arrangement Act, 1891,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th December, 1895.*

## JOINT STOCK COMPANIES' ARRANGEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10th December, 1895.*

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, clause 1, line 5. *Omit* "The proviso to" *insert* "That"  
Page 1, clause 1, line 6. *Omit* "is hereby repealed" *insert* "shall be and the same is hereby  
" continued for a further period of two years from the first day of January, one thousand  
" eight hundred and ninety-six, notwithstanding the proviso to the said section or any-  
" thing therein contained."

Examined,—

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Chairman of Committees.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Thursday, 12th December:—  
(1.) Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Affleck, "That this Bill be now read a second time."  
(2.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. STATE ADVANCES TO FARMERS, SELECTORS, AND OTHERS:—Mr. W. H. B. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That, owing to the high rates of interest and charges for mortgage on land, it is, in the opinion of this House, expedient that the State should make advances to farmers or selectors engaged in pastoral or agricultural pursuits.  
(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Affleck moved, That the Question be amended by inserting at the end of paragraph (1) the words "and also to others who are prepared to give good freehold security."  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.  
Debate continued.

*And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on  
15th August, 1895.*

7. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1895-6:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HAMPDEN,  
Governor.

*Message No. 8.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th Section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Additional Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1895-6.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd December, 1895.*

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 6th December, 1895, in reference to the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Bill,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th December, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

9. PAPER:—Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Statement of Payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of November, 1895.  
Ordered to be printed.

10. SCRUB LEASES, WEST BOGAN:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this "House" approves of the proposals of the Government relating to the West Bogan scrub country, as disclosed by the papers laid upon the Table of this House on the 4th December, 1895.  
Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "House," and inserting the words "considers the proposals of the Government relating to the West Bogan scrub country, as disclosed by the papers laid upon the Table of the House on the 4th December, 1895, should be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.

" (2.)

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"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Millen, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Greene, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Reymond, Mr. Watson, Mr. Chapman, and Mr. O'Sullivan, with power to sit during the recess, and visit the district,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

Mr. Hogue moved, That the Question be amended by adding the words "with a modification of the provisions relating to rent and cost of scrub-clearing, so as to provide for a more liberal adjustment of the same by the Minister for Lands."

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

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question,—That this House approves of the proposals of the Government relating to the West Bogan scrub country, as disclosed by the papers laid upon the Table of this House on the 4th December, 1895,—put and passed.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only fifteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Anderson, Mr. Black, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Millard, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Wheeler,—

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Vessels at Wollongong, Bellambi, and Port Kembla:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the number of arrivals of vessels at Wollongong, Bellambi, and Port Kembla, respectively, during the years 1893 and 1894; also to 30th September, 1895?

(2.) The total tonnage represented by those arrivals in each instance?

(3.) The amount of harbour and tonnage dues collected respectively at the shipping places mentioned within the time stated?

Mr. Reid answered,—I shall presently lay a return upon the Table showing the required information.

- (2.) Illawarra Collieries:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the total output of coal from the Illawarra Collieries (exclusive of the Metropolitan Mine) during the years 1893 and 1894 respectively?

(2.) What was the estimated value of the said quantities of coal?

(3.) What was the total quantity and value of the coal raised from those collieries to the 30th September, 1895?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) 1894, 680,083 tons 10 cwt.; 1893, 679,900 tons.

(2.) 1894, £170,256 13s.; 1893, £184,538 18s. 6d.

(3.) This Question cannot be answered as the Department will not be in possession of the information till after the close of the year.

- (3.) Pitt Town Settlement:—Mr. McGowen asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What arrangements have been made with regard to the Pitt Town Settlement?

(2.) Is it a fact that a Mr. Waite has been appointed to take charge of plant, stock, &c., on behalf of the Government?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The twenty-four enrolled members remaining on the Settlement are employed in cutting and carting wood for sale, the proceeds being applied to the support of the men and their families, the payment of cost of forage for the horses, and of a small allowance to the overseer.

(2.) Mr. Waite has been given the charge of the plant and stock, and also acts as working overseer.

- (4.) "New Channel," Macleay River:—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the work be commenced for carrying out proposed improvements at the "New Channel," Macleay River?

(2.) Is it intended to call for tenders for this work, or to carry it out by day labour?

(3.) If the latter method, will he cause instructions to be issued to his officers to give the preference to the indigent unemployed of the district?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) A portion of the work, *i.e.*, blocking up Spencer's Creek, is now in progress.

(2 and 3.) It has not yet been decided how the protection of the banks by stone work will be carried out. It is more than likely, however, that it will be found advantageous to do it by day labour; if so, the local men will get their fair share of the work.



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- (5.) Revenue of the Colony :—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he expects to receive an excess of revenue of £100,000 consequent upon the alteration in date for the removal of Customs duties?
  - (2.) Is it his intention to apply £50,000 of this sum towards subsidising the Railway Department, so that the rate of freight on railway lines may be reduced?
  - (3.) If so, does he intend to apply the balance towards subsidising private steamship companies and carriers.
  - (4.) If not, how does he propose to compensate producers living in districts which have not the advantage of Government railway carriage?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) That is scarcely the correct way of putting it, for, although the Customs Revenue will be £100,000 better because of the alteration of date, the income from Land and Income Taxes will be over £250,000 less, owing to a like alteration of date to 1st January.
  - (2.) The proposal referred to stands upon its own merits.
  - (3.) Answered by No. 1. Besides I have always understood from gentlemen opposite that the cheapness of water carriage is killing the development of our producing industries in the interior.
  - (4.) By extending railway communication, unless water carriage is cheaper and more available. The Honorable Member seems oblivious of the difference between settlement hundreds of miles from water carriage and settlements on the coast. We propose to show proper consideration for settlers on the coast by every proper expenditure for improving river navigation.
- (6.) Centennial Park, Woolloomooloo, and Rozelle Bay Works :—Mr. Rose asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) The number of men employed by the Government in forest-clearing in various parts of the Colony?
  - (2.) The number of men employed by the Government at Shea's Creek?
  - (3.) Similar information *re* Centennial Park, Woolloomooloo, and Rozelle Bay?
  - (4.) The total weekly expenditure incurred by the Government on the works enumerated?
  - (5.) The amount of public money expended in the Newcastle district, inclusive of Greta, to relieve distress during 1895?
  - (6.) The same information for Maitland?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—The preparation of Answers to the Honorable Member's Questions will cost a considerable sum of money, and I would therefore ask him to move for the information in the form of a return.
- (7.) Loan Money :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Are the Government using any loan money for providing work for the unemployed exclusive of the expenditure incurred in forest-thinning?
- Mr. Reid answered,—None, except for the ordinary public works. I may point out that the works at Randwick are being constructed out of the Church and School Estates Fund, and that the work at Centennial Park is chargeable to the account for that Park, being for the improvement of building sites set apart for sale.
- (8.) Survey of Railway, Glen Innes to Inverell :—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the survey of railway, Glen Innes to Inverell, been completed?
  - (2.) If so, will he state the estimated cost of the work per mile, and the total cost?
  - (3.) Will he, in accordance with his Answer to Mr. Wright's Question of 19th September, submit this line for the consideration of the Cabinet?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Estimated cost per mile, £6,100. Total estimated cost, £319,100.
  - (3.) I have already done so, but the Honorable Member is aware that another proposal is being investigated for reaching Inverell from a different direction. Until the inquiries relative to the latter route are completed no definite decision can be come to.
- (9.) Powers vested in Coroners :—Mr. Smailes asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have coroners invested in them the power to order the interment of corpses in cases where the relatives of the deceased are destitute of the means to bury them?
  - (2.) If such power is not held by them, will he invest them with it?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am informed that coroners already possess this power.
- (10.) Usurers and Money-lenders :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government, during next Session of Parliament, to introduce a Bill for the purpose of dealing with and controlling by Act of Parliament usurers and money-lenders, and preventing them from charging an exorbitant rate of interest?
- Mr. Reid answered,—The whole question of banking will be considered during the recess.
- (11.) Alteration of Grab Dredges into Sand-pump Dredges :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that £12,000 is available for the alteration of grab dredges into sand-pump dredges in connection with the Harbours and Rivers Department?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to call for tenders for the said work, with a view to relieve the present depressed state of the iron trades?
  - (3.) Will he, as soon as practicable, call for tenders for any other ironwork required by the Government, with a view of relieving the depression alluded to?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2 and 3.) The alterations necessary to the hull of the dredges are being carried out at the Fitzroy Dock. Tenders have been invited for the necessary engines and boilers, and are now under consideration.

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## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 5th December, 1895,—“Identification and Registration of Habitual Criminals.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return respecting arrivals of vessels at Wollongong, Bellambi, and Port Kembla, and harbour and tonnage dues collected since 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations Nos. 72 and 133, and Amended Form No. 20, under the Crown Lands Acts.

Ordered to be printed.

3. STEAM SERVICE BETWEEN SYDNEY AND VANCOUVER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cook moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions:—

(1.) That this House approves of the continuation of a subsidy at a rate not exceeding £10,000 per annum for three years, from May, 1896, towards the monthly steam service between Sydney and Vancouver by Mr. James Huddart.

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

Question put and passed.

## 4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Schey, “That the Eight Hours Bill be now read a second time,” postponed until Wednesday next.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Canterbury, Mr. Parkes, 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 admission of speeches made in Parliament as evidence in the Law Courts against Members of Parliament.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

## 6. TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HAMPDEN,

*Message, No. 9.*

*Governor.*

It being found expedient to raise an amount of money not exceeding one million one hundred and seventy-four thousand seven hundred pounds, to cover the deficiency debt of the Colony up to the 30th day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and it being considered advisable to provide such amount by the issue of Treasury Bills, the Governor submits the subject to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, and recommends that provision be made accordingly.

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*Sydney, 11th December, 1895.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

## 7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with five Members of the Legislative Council, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, as provided for by the Public Works Act of 1888, namely:—George Black, Esquire, Angus Cameron, Esquire; Henry Clarke, Esquire; John Lionel Fegan, Esquire; James Hayes, Esquire; Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire; Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire; John Cash Neild, Esquire.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Price requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—

Question,—That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with five Members of the Legislative Council, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, as provided for by the Public Works Act of 1888, namely,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to Ballot; and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Henry Clarke, Esquire; Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire; John Lionel Fegan, Esquire; Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire; Angus Cameron, Esquire; Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire; George Black, Esquire; and Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire.

## 8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Deviation at Locksley, Great Western Railway*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice,—That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a deviation at Locksley, on the Great Western line of railway.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Tramway from Woolwich to the Field of Mars Common*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of tramway from Woolwich to the Field of Mars Common.

Debate ensued.

And

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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1895, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Brunker,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Smailes,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Russell Jones,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Bull,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Wheeler.	

Noes, 50.

Mr. Price,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Gornly,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. F. Clarke,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Robert Jones.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

And so it passed in the negative.

- (3.) *Water Supply for the Town of Tamworth*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing works of water supply for the town of Tamworth, in lieu of the scheme already approved by the said Committee and authorised by Parliament.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- (4.) *Railway from Bourke to Barrington*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Bourke to Barrington.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
- (5.) *Railway from Nevertire to Warren*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Nevertire to Warren.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- (6.) *Railway from Tamworth to Manilla*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Tamworth to Manilla.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Reid,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Law,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Dacey.
Mr. Fegan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. See,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Lyne.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Miller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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- (7.) *Electric Tramway from Circular Quay to Redfern Railway Station, and also along Harris-street*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of electric tramway from Circular Quay, Sydney, to the Redfern Railway Station; and also along Harris-street to the intersection of John-street.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance and tedious repetition on the part of Mr. Carroll, the Honorable Member for The Lachlan, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes 26.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Lee.

Noes 26.

Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McEihone,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Millen.
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackay,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Perry.

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker, stating that he would be guided by the usual practice, and vote in favour of further consideration, gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

- (8.) *Erection of Buildings at Rookwood for Infirm and Destitute Persons*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of erecting buildings at Rookwood for the accommodation of infirm and destitute persons, in place of the buildings now used for such purpose at Parramatta, Liverpool, and elsewhere.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the better regulation of the Public Service; and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th December, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th December, 1895.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *Omit* "Upon the passing" *insert* "After the commencement"
- Page 2, clause 2, lines 10 and 11. *Omit* "thirty-eight and thirty-nine" *insert* "thirty-seven and thirty-eight"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 12. *Omit* "twenty" *insert* "nineteen"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 15. *After* "employed" *insert* "Comptroller-General of Prisons, Inspector-General of Insane, and the Sheriff of New South Wales."
- Page 2, clause 3, line 23. *After* "Courts" *insert* "Master in Equity or Lunacy, or to persons appointed by the Senate of the Sydney University, Wardens of Colleges affiliated thereto, Teachers of the Sydney Grammar School, or Crown Prosecutors."
- Page 2, clause 3, line 28. *After* "1862" *insert* "or to any officer of either House of Parliament or person employed in connection with the Parliament of New South Wales."
- Page 2, clause 3, line 30. *After* "statute" *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 2, clause 5, line 48. *Omit* "seven" *insert* "ton"
- Page 3, clauses 6 and 7. *Omit* clauses 6 and 7 *insert* the following new clause:—

"(1) A member of the Board may be removed for misbehaviour or incompetence:—

"(a) A member of the Board may be suspended from his office by the Governor for misbehaviour or incompetence, but shall not be removed from office except as hereinafter provided. The Minister shall cause to be laid before Parliament a full statement of the grounds of suspension within seven days after such suspension if Parliament be in Session and actually sitting, and when Parliament is not in Session or not actually sitting within seven days after the commencement of the next Session or sitting.

"(b) A member of the Board suspended under this section shall be restored to office unless each House of Parliament shall, within twenty-one days from the time when such statement shall have been laid before it, declare by resolution that the said member ought to be removed from office, and if each House of Parliament shall, within the said time so declare, the said member shall be removed by the Governor accordingly.

Tenure of office  
of members of  
Board.

"(11)

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Office how other-  
wise vacated.

- (II) A member of the Board shall be deemed to have vacated his office,—  
 (a) If he shall engage in New South Wales during his term of office in any paid employment outside the duties of his office.  
 (b) If he shall become bankrupt, or shall compound with his creditors, or make an assignment of his salary for their benefit.  
 (c) If he shall absent himself from duty for a period of thirty consecutive days except on leave granted by the Governor (which leave he is hereby authorised to grant), or shall become incapable of performing his duties.  
 (d) If he shall resign his office, by writing under his hand, addressed to the Governor."

- Page 4, clause 9, line 11. *Omit "one"*  
 Page 4, clause 10, line 18. *Omit "two" insert "one"*  
 Page 4, clause 11, lines 25 and 26. *Omit "to the approval of the Governor and"*  
 Page 4, clause 12, line 36. *Omit "in Council"*  
 Page 4, clause 12, line 41. *After "permanent" insert "and that the services of such person should be retained"*  
 Page 4, clause 12, line 44. *After "Governor" omit remainder of clause.*  
 Page 5, clause 13, line 26. *Omit "one"*  
 Page 5, clause 13, line 31. *Omit "one"*  
 Page 5, clause 13, line 44. *Omit "one"*  
 Page 5, clause 14, line 59. *Omit "eleven" insert "ten"*  
 Page 6, clause 14, line 1. *Omit "with the approval of the Governor"*  
 Page 6, clause 18. *At end of clause add "but the decision on the case shall be determined by a majority of the Board"*  
 Page 6, clause 19, line 40. *After "service" insert "and of their proceedings"*  
 Page 6, clause 20, line 59. *Omit "four" insert "three"*  
 Page 7, clause 20, line 7. *After "leave" insert "subject to any rights already acquired under the Civil Service Act of 1884"*  
 Page 7, clause 20, line 46. *After "penalty" insert "not exceeding fifty pounds"*  
 Page 7, clause 21, line 56. *Omit "in Council"*  
 Page 7, clause 21, line 56. *Omit "Government"*  
 Page 7, clause 21, line 57. *Omit "the same" insert "full"*  
 Page 7, clause 21, lines 57 and 58. *Omit "as if the provisions thereof were enacted herein"*  
 Page 8, clause 24, line 53. *After "prescribed" insert "Provided that with the permission of the Governor a person not a natural born or naturalised subject of Her Majesty may be so admitted"*  
 Page 8, clause 24, line 53. *After "provided" insert "also"*  
 Page 9, clause 29, line 24. *Omit "one"*  
 Page 9, clause 31, line 50. *Omit "four" insert "three"*  
 Page 10, clause 35, line 23. *After "shall" insert "except with the approval of the Governor in writing"*  
 Page 10, clause 35, line 23. *After "to" insert "or promoted in"*  
 Page 10, clause 35, lines 25 to 29. *Omit "but nothing in this section shall be construed as applying to or affecting the right to promotion of any officer already in the Public Service at the date when any person to whom he may be related by blood or marriage shall be appointed a member of the Board"*  
 Page 10, clause 38, line 49. *Omit "twenty" insert "nineteen"*  
 Page 11, clause 40, line 22. *After "hospital" insert "or receiving-house"*  
 Page 12, clause 44, line 26. *Omit "three" insert "two"*  
 Page 14, clause 51, line 46. *Omit "fifty" insert "forty-nine"*  
 Page 15, clause 54, lines 12 to 18. *Omit "All officers upon the hearing by the Board or by any persons appointed under the authority of the last preceding section of any charge against them which is punishable by dismissal from the Public Service, shall be entitled (if they so desire) to be represented by counsel, attorney, or agent, who shall be at liberty to examine witnesses and address the Board or such persons (as the case may be) in their behalf"*  
 Page 15, clause 54, line 19. *Omit "fifty" insert "forty-nine"*  
 Page 15, clause 54, line 20. *Omit "such"*  
 Page 15, clause 56. *Omit clause 56, insert the following new clause:—*  
 "Where, at the date of the commencement of this Act, any Act or the regulations under any Act other than the Civil Service Act of 1884, specifically imposed or conferred upon any officer in the Public Service, any duty, power, or authority to be exercised in connection with any Department of the Service, such duty, power, or authority, and any obligation or right to exercise the same, shall remain unaffected by this Act, except in so far as such duty, power, or authority shall or may have relation to the classification, salary, and allowances of officers or persons employed in the Public Service."  
 Page 15, clause 57, line 50. *Omit "one"*  
 Page 15, clause 59, line 58. *Omit "or to dismiss"*  
 Page 16, clause 61, line 27. *After "service" insert "from the date of his permanent appointment"*  
 Page 16, clause 61, line 28. *Before "employment" insert "permanent"*  
 Page 16, clause 61, line 35. *After "service" insert "from the date of his permanent appointment"*  
 Page 16, clause 61, line 37. *Before "employment" insert "permanent"*  
 Page 16, clause 61, subsection (III). *Omit subsection (III).*  
 Page 16, clause 62, line 48. *After "emoluments" omit remainder of clause, insert "other than forage, equipment, or travelling allowances; and, from and after the commencement of this Act, the four per centum deductions referred to in section fifty-three of the Civil Service Act of 1884, shall be made from the total value of salary and emoluments other than forage, equipment, or travelling allowances."*

"Statutory powers and duties of Officers confirmed in certain cases."

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Page 17, clause 63, line 8. *Omit* "one"

Page 17, clause 64. At end of clause *add* " Provided that if such person shall be unable to insure his life, or shall be unable to insure his life without a loading of five years or more being made upon his age, and in such latter case shall be unwilling to insure his life, he shall not thereby be disqualified for appointment or promotion, but a prescribed deduction shall be made at prescribed times from such person's salary, which deductions shall be invested and accumulated in the prescribed manner, and such accumulations shall be protected as hereinbefore provided with respect to policies of insurance, and shall be paid in full, without any deduction, and with all interest accumulated thereon, to such person on his leaving the Public Service, or to his representatives on his death, which ever shall first happen."

Page 17, clause 65, line 40. *Omit* "Government"Page 17, clause 65, line 49. *After* "profession" *omit* remainder of clause. *Insert*

"And if any officer is the holder of any office or is engaged in any employment whatsoever other than in connection with the duties of his office or offices under the Crown, he shall at once notify the fact to the Board, and if in the opinion of the Board it interferes with the due and proper discharge of his public duties, the Board shall require such officer to resign such first-mentioned office or to abstain from engaging in any such employment other than in connection with his duties under the Crown, and any officer failing to comply with the requirement of the Board shall be deemed guilty of misconduct within the meaning of section forty-nine of this Act: Provided that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent any officer from accepting and continuing to hold any office in any society founded under the law relating to friendly societies for the benefit of public servants only."

Page 19, clause 70, line 4. *Omit* "one"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

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

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lee reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. Mr. Lee also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

Mr. Lee then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(9.) *Resolved*,—That, to enable the Government to raise a sum of money to cover deficiencies in the Public Revenues of the Colony up to 30th June, 1895, it is expedient to authorise any number of Treasury Bills to be made out at the Colonial Treasury for any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole one million one hundred and seventy-four thousand seven hundred pounds.

(10.) *Resolved*,—That all principal moneys to be contained in such Treasury Bills shall be chargeable upon and payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(11.) *Resolved*,—That all sums of money raised by such Treasury Bills shall be carried to and form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(12.) *Resolved*,—That all such Bills shall bear interest, payable half-yearly, at a rate not exceeding £4 per centum per annum in respect of the whole moneys contained therein, and that such interest shall be chargeable upon and payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(13.) *Resolved*,—That for the purposes of the redemption of such Treasury Bills, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds set apart annually, under section six of the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889, shall after the extinction of the Bills issued under such Act be available for the redemption of the Bills issued under this authority in addition to any sums which may have been appropriated for a similar purpose, and that such sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds shall be available for the purposes of redemption on the thirtieth day of September in each year after such extinction, anything in the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889 to the contrary notwithstanding.

(14.) *Resolved*,—That all such Bills may be renewed from time to time until the whole of them shall have been redeemed.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

## 11. TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 9 to 14), to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency Debt up to 30th June, 1895; to provide for the redemption of such Bills; to enable trustees and others to invest therein; to amend the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889; and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency Debt up to 30th June, 1895; to provide for the redemption of such Bills; to enable trustees and others to invest therein; to amend the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889; and for other purposes,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Coal for the Railway Service:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to Answers given to Mr. Schey's Question No. 4, of 10th December, will he please say,—

(1.) Did Messrs. T. and T. Gleeson, of the Ironodal Colliery, at Piper's Flat, tender to supply 25,000 tons of coal at 3s. 9d. per ton?

(2.) If yes, for what reason was their tender declined, seeing that successful tenderers received from 6d. to 1s. 3d. per ton above that price for each and every ton they supply?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am informed their tender was declined as the coal was reported to be unsatisfactory for railway requirements.

(2.) Hawkers' Licenses:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Minister of Justice:—In view of the many reports in the press and otherwise, of intimidation, &c., practised by Syrian, Afghan, and other coloured hawkers, will he consult with the Stipendiary Magistrates of the Metropolitan Courts as to the undesirability of granting hawkers' licenses to such coloured aliens during the ensuing year?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—The power of granting or refusing hawkers' licenses is by Statute entirely within the discretion of the Benches of Magistrates. I will, however, forward a copy of the report of the deputation which recently waited upon my honorable colleague, the Chief Secretary, with reference to this matter, to the Stipendiary Magistrates, and have their attention drawn to the necessity of requiring a strict compliance with the requirements of the law when dealing with applications for hawkers' licenses.

(3.) Revenue received for the year 1895:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total approximate increase or decrease of revenue received during the year 1895 compared with the year 1894?

(2.) What is the approximate increase or decrease of revenue in each respective Department?

(3.) For the period from 1st July to 10th December, 1895, what has been the total increase or decrease of revenue compared with the corresponding period of last year?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

(1.) The revenue for the year 1894 amounted to the sum of £9,478,042; to 30th November it was £8,663,546. From 1st January to 30th November, 1895, it amounted to £8,608,922.

(2.) I shall presently lay upon the Table a return showing the increase or decrease under each head of Revenue from 1st January to 30th November, 1894, and 1895 respectively.

(3.) Increase for 1895, £13,925.

(4.) Repairs at the Government Printing Office:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many men has he employed on day labour to make certain repairs to the Government Printing Office?

(2.) What is the rate of wage paid?

(3.) Is the progress of the work so far satisfactory?

(4.) Does he intend to recommend an extension of the day-labour principle under Government?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

(1.) For fortnight ending 4th December, sixty-five men.

(2.) Carpenters, 9s. per diem; bricklayers, 10s. per diem; stonemasons, 10s. per diem; labourers, 7s. (when carrying bricks, 8s.) per diem; engine drivers, 9s. per diem; plumbers, 10s. per diem; painters, 9s. per diem.

(3.) Yes. Little or no inconvenience is caused to the staff of the Government Printer.

(4.) As I before explained, each case will be dealt with on its merits; no general rule can be laid down.

(5.)

12th December, 1895.

(5.) Supply of Sleepers for the Parkes-Condobolin Railway:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has an offer been recently made by the Dubbo Sleeper-cutters' Union to supply sleepers for the Parkes-Condobolin Railway at 2s. 3d. per sleeper?
- (2.) Is he aware that this is 3d. per sleeper less than stated by Mr. Deane in his evidence before the Public Works Committee on the construction of that line?
- (3.) Is it now intended to call for tenders for the construction of the line which will include the cutting of sleepers?
- (4.) Have not former contracts undertaken by this union for the Government been satisfactorily carried out; if so, what is the cause of the refusal?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) An offer has been made by Messrs. Hodgson and Snelling, representing the Dubbo Sleeper-cutters' Union, to supply sleepers at 2s. 3d. each at certain stations on the Molong to Forbes Line.
- (2.) No. Mr. Deane's estimate for sleepers was 2s. 6d. each put into the road. This involves picking up at site of delivery, carriage, adzing, and fixing in the road, which additional expenditure would bring the sleepers offered by Messrs. Hodgson and Snelling to a higher figure than Mr. Deane's estimate.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Yes; but in those cases the Department was not ready to call for tenders for the main work, and therefore, in order to find profitable employment for a large number of sleeper-getters, offers were accepted for that particular portion of the work, but in this case the Department is ready to invite tenders for the whole work, and therefore there is no occasion to depart from the usual custom to include the sleepers in the general specification. In each case the object contemplated by the Honorable Member is accomplished, viz., finding employment for a large number of men in this particular industry.

(6.) Expenses to Witnesses in the Crick-Meagher Conspiracy Trial:—Mr. Perry, for Mr. Ferguson, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the admission of one Smith, a chemist, in his evidence before Judge Cohen in the Crick-Meagher conspiracy trial, to the effect that his rail fare to and his hotel expenses at Bowral were paid by the Crown?
- (2.) Has his attention also been called to Gail's admission *re* expenses in the same trial?
- (3.) Is it the usual custom for the Crown to pay expenses to witnesses other than those actually incurred in the discharge of their duties as witnesses?
- (4.) Did these expenses come under the heading of witnesses fees; if not, why were they paid?

Mr. Gould answered,—As these Questions have reference to a case now under trial, I must ask the Honorable Member to postpone them until the conclusion of that trial, when I shall be happy to afford him the required information.

(7.) Deaths from Typhoid Fever in Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that several deaths have lately taken place in Molong, as alleged, from typhoid fever, and will he see that steps are taken to obtain a report from some competent officer of the Board of Health as to the cause and prevalence of this epidemic, and the sanitary state of the town?
- (2.) The number of deaths that have taken place from typhoid fever in Molong during the last ten years?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) A report will at once be called for.
- (2.) This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

(8.) Establishment of Home for Destitute Children:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that a large number of children in the city are in a state of destitution and homeless, and will the Government during the recess take into consideration the necessity of providing some home or making some provision for the rescue of these unfortunate street urchins in the shape of establishing a Ragged Boys' Home (other than what is provided in the "Sobraon"), in order to remove them from demoralising surroundings and criminal tendencies?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed that the Police have not observed any unusual number of neglected children about the city or suburbs, or who are homeless. Any whose condition would justify their being dealt with under the Industrial Schools Act are taken charge of by the Police, and brought before the Bench. There being, however, a considerable amount of destitution from want of employment, children naturally exhibit a neglected appearance.

(9.) Model Farms at Salisbury, Uralla:—Mr. W. H. B. Piddington asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that the Government intend cancelling the reserve for model farm at Salisbury, Uralla, and throwing the same open for selection?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—It has not been decided to cancel this reserve. The matter is now under consideration.

(10.) Accommodation at the Water Police Court:—Mr. Thomas, for Mr. Hughes, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he provide accommodation for witnesses and others engaged at the Water Police Court?

Mr. Gould answered,—No complaints have been received in reference to this matter, but I will cause inquiry to be made.



## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

12th December, 1895.

2. CITY AND NORTH SYDNEY RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McCourt*, for *Mr. Parkes*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the City and North Sydney Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Cameron*, *Mr. Chapman*, *Mr. Watson*, *Mr. Fegan*, *Mr. Harris*, *Mr. Howarth*, *Mr. Lyne*, *Mr. W. H. B. Piddington*, *Mr. Waddell*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on motion of *Mr. Affleck*, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Tuesday next.

(2.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday next.

(3.) Referendum Bill; second reading;—until Thursday next.

(4.) Party Government—Election of Ministers; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of *Mr. Schey*, "That, in the opinion of this House, the present system of party government has a direct tendency to waste time and energy, delay legislation, degrade representative institutions, and deprive the country at times of the services of some of its ablest citizens, and that consequently it is desirable that the Constitution be so amended as to provide that Ministers shall be elected separately by the whole House at the commencement of each Parliament";—until Thursday next.

4. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable New South Wales to take part in the framing, acceptance, and enactment of a Federal Constitution for Australasia*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th December, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th December, 1895.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 15, lines 28 to 30. Omit "by the Elections and Qualifications Committee of the Legislative Assembly if Parliament is sitting and if not sitting"

Page 3, clause 15, line 33. Omit "Committees respectively" insert "Committee"

Page 4, clause 30. Omit clause 30.

Examined—

ARCH. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

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

5. RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to repeal so much of the 'Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Act of 1867' as relates to the Randwick Cemetery, and to the interment of bodies therein, and to prohibit burials in the said cemetery*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th December, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 12th December, 1895.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1. At end of clause add "except in any case where there is on such day an exclusive right of interment in any vault or enclosure in the said burial-ground, purchased or acquired, in which any body intended to be interred shall be encased in a leaden coffin, the lead weighing not less than six pounds to the square foot."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

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

6. PAPERS:—*Mr. Brunker* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Comparative Statement of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, paid into the Treasury during the period from 1st January to 30th November, 1894 and 1895 respectively, showing the increase or decrease under each head thereof.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 14th November, 1895,—"*Fees to Barristers who are Members of the Legislative Council.*"

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) By-laws of the Borough of The Glebe.

12th December, 1895.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Paddington, Mr. Neild, 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 Sweating System now existing in the Colony.”  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Neild moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to {continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Rose, the Honorable Member for Argyle, directed him to discontinue his speech.  
Debate continued.  
Question put and negatived.

8. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill:—

HAMPDEN,

Message No. 10.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled, “*An Act to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a Tax on Land and a Tax on Income; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 12th December, 1895.

- (2.) Land Tax Bill:—

HAMPDEN,

Message No. 11.

Governor.

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

Government House,  
Sydney, 12th December 1895.

- (3.) Income Tax Bill:—

HAMPDEN,

Message No. 12.

Governor.

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

Government House,  
Sydney, 12th December, 1895.

- (4.) Customs Duties Bill:—

HAMPDEN,

Message No. 13.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act for the establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 12th December, 1895.

- (5.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Bill:—

HAMPDEN,

Message No. 14.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend sections one and thirty of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act of 1890, and to extend the time for the completion of the works mentioned in sections one and thirty of such Act, and to provide for public roads to be opened across the railway of the Corporation,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to be proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 12th December, 1895.

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9. JOINT STOCK COMPANIES' ARRANGEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend section 3 of the 'Joint Stock Companies' Arrangement Act, 1891.'*"

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th December, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1895, A.M.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR PERIOD FROM 1ST JANUARY TO  
30TH JUNE, 1895, AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1893 and Previous Years.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,545 2s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1893 and previous years."

Services of 1894.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,534 10s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1894."

Services of period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45,223 8s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1895-6.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,580, for His Excellency the Governor, for the year 1895-6.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,178, for Executive Council, for the year 1895-6.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,832, for Legislative Council, for the year 1895-6.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,165, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1895-6.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,476, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1895-6.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,013, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1895-6.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,972, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1895-6.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,592, for Chief Secretary, for the year 1895-6.

(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,485, for Auditor-General, for the year 1895-6.

(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,591, for Registrar-General, for the year 1895-6.

(37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1895-6.

(38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,690, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1895-6.

(39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £325,013, for Police, for the year 1895-6.

(40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £99,710, for Lunacy, for the year 1895-6.

(41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,855, for Master in Lunacy, for the year 1895-6.

(42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £185, for Medical Board, for the year 1895-6.

(43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33,253, for the Medical Adviser to the Government, for the year 1895-6.

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- (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,359, for Government Statistician, for the year 1895-6.
- (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,664, for Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1895-6.
- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £57,331, for Charitable Institutions—Government Asylums, for the year 1895-6.
- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40,953, for Charitable Institutions—State Children's Relief Board, for the year 1895-6.
- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,958, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1895-6.
- (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,203, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1895-6.
- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,136, for Civil Service Board, for the year 1895-6.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for Re-organisation of the Public Service, for the year 1895-6.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,077, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1895-6.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £885, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1895-6.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,268, for Government Domains, for the year 1895-6.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,100, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1895-6.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,330, for Centennial Park, for the year 1895-6.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,200, for Military Secretary, for the year 1895-6.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,936, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Head-quarter Staff, for the year 1895-6.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,224, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Pay Branch, for the year 1895-6.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,977, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Ordnance Branch, for the year 1895-6.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,464, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Mounted Brigade, for the year 1895-6.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £53,641, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—New South Wales Artillery, for the year 1895-6.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,681, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Partially-paid Artillery, for the year 1895-6.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,558, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Staff Office for Engineer Services, for the year 1895-6.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,000, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Military and Defence Works, for the year 1895-6.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,772, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Permanent Engineer Corps—Submarine Miners, for the year 1895-6.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,513, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Partially-paid Engineers, for the year 1895-6.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,210, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Partially-paid Submarine Miners, for the year 1895-6.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,173, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Partially-paid Engineers—Electricians, for the year 1895-6.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,394, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Infantry, 1st Regiment, for the year 1895-6.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,194, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Infantry, 2nd Regiment, for the year 1895-6.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,815, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Infantry, 3rd Regiment, for the year 1895-6.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,658, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Infantry, 4th Regiment, for the year 1895-6.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Infantry, 5th Regiment, for the year 1895-6.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,196, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Permanent Medical Staff Corps, for the year 1895-6.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,296, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Partially-paid Medical Staff Corps, for the year 1895-6.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,677, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Army Service Corps, for the year 1895-6.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,656, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Barrack Section, for the year 1895-6.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £289, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Veterinary Department, for the year 1895-6.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,161, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—General Contingencies, for the year 1895-6.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,734, for Naval Forces—Naval Brigade, for the year 1895-6.

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- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,386, for Naval Forces—Volunteer Naval Artillery, for the year 1895-6.  
 (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,545, for Naval Forces—Torpedo Defence, for the year 1895-6.  
 (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £52,630, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1895-6.  
 (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £60,438, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1895-6.

## No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,571, for Treasury, for the year 1895-6.  
 (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,311, for Stamp Duties, for the year 1895-6.  
 (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £72,077, for Customs, for the year 1895-6.  
 (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1895-6.  
 (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1895-6.  
 (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £81,516, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1895-6.  
 (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120,520, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1895-6.  
 (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,437, for Mercantile Explosives Department, for the year 1895-6.  
 (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,262, for Board of Health, for the year 1895-6.  
 (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £140, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1895-6.  
 (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,595, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1895-6.  
 (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £49,187, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1895-6.  
 (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for Lifeboats, for the year 1895-6.  
 (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,347, for Public Wharfs, for the year 1895-6.  
 (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £171,258, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1895-6.  
 (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for New System of Direct Taxation, for the year 1895-6.  
 (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

## IV.—RAILWAYS.

- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,760,703, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines, Working Expenses, for the year 1895-6.  
 (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,500, for Railways and Tramways—Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1895-6.

## No. V.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,188, for The Attorney-General, for the year 1895-6.  
 (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,052, for Parliamentary Draftsmen, for the year 1895-6.  
 (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,757, for Crown Solicitor, for the year 1895-6.  
 (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,256, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1895-6.

## No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £72,214, for Department of Lands, for the year 1895-6.  
 (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,550, for Minor Roads, for the year 1895-6.  
 (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,463, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1895-6.  
 (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,119, for Land Appeal Court, for the year 1895-6.  
 (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,900, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1895-6.  
 (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £164,273, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1895-6.  
 (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,260, for Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony, for the year 1895-6.

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- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,047, for Special Services—Detail Surveys of Cities, Towns, and Suburbs, for the 1895-6.  
 (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for Special Services—Labour Settlements, for the year 1895-6.

## No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £56,920, for Establishment, for the year 1895-6.  
 (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £639,938, for Public Works and Services, for the year 1895-6.  
 (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,495, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1895-6.  
 (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £68,932, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1895-6.  
 (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,370, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1895-6.

## No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,392, for Department of Justice, for the year 1895-6.  
 (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,391, for Master-in-Equity, for the year 1895-6.  
 (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,111, for Prothonotary, for the year 1895-6.  
 (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £216, for Divorce Court, for the year 1895-6.  
 (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,591, for Curator, for the year 1895-6.  
 (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,915, for Sheriff, for the year 1895-6.  
 (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,780, for Bankruptcy Court, for the year 1895-6.  
 (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,850, for Probate Office, for the year 1895-6.  
 (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,798, for District Courts, for the year 1895-6.  
 (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,523, for Coroners, for the year 1895-6.  
 (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £82,852, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1895-6.  
 (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £117,640, for Prisons, for the year 1895-6.  
 (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,701, for Patents and Copyright, for the year 1895-6.  
 (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,406, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1895-6.

## No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR AND INDUSTRY.

- (137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £684,418, for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23, for the year 1895-6.  
 (138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,853, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1895-6.  
 (139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,088, for Observatory, for the year 1895-6.  
 (140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,109, for Museum, for the year 1895-6.  
 (141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,490, for Free Public Library, for the year 1895-6.  
 (142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,026, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1895-6.  
 (143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,900, for Labour and Industry, for the year 1895-6.  
 (144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,000, for Centennial Park (Suspense Account), for the year 1895-6.  
 (145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,550, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1895-6.

## No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

- (146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £70,027, for Department of Mines, for the year 1895-6.  
 (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,555, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1895-6.  
 (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,584, for Imported Stock, for the year 1895-6.  
 (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,871, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1895-6.

(150.)

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- (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £130, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1895-6.  
 (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,588, for Public Watering-places and Artesian Boring, for the year 1895-6.  
 (152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £34,026, for Agriculture and Forestry, for the year 1895-6.  
 (153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1895-6.  
 (154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,334, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1895-6.  
 (155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,640, for Water Conservation and Irrigation, for the year 1895-6.

## NO. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- (156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £709,951, for Postal and Electric Telegraph Department, for the year 1895-6.

## ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES—1895-6.

## NO. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Council and Assembly."

## NO. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

- (158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10, to defray additional charge under the head "Chief Secretary."  
 (159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray additional charge under the head "Fisheries Commission."  
 (160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £460, to defray additional charge under the head "Government Domains."  
 (161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,264, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces."  
 (162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,300, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."  
 (163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,015, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

## NO. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, to defray additional charge under the head "Treasury."  
 (165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £207, to defray additional charge under the head "Customs."  
 (166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22, to defray additional charge under the head "Board of Health."  
 (167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge under the head "Public Wharfs."  
 (168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,162, to defray additional charge under the head "Board of Exports."  
 (169.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,703, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

## NO. V.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (170.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £57, to defray additional charge under the head "Attorney-General."  
 (171.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge under the head "Parliamentary Draftsmen."

## NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (172.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Lands."  
 (173.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,509, to defray additional charge under the head "Land Agents, Appraisers, and Others."  
 (174.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,833, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

## NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (175.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,028, to defray additional charge under the head "Public Works and Services."

## NO. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (176.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray additional charge under the head "Prothonotary."  
 (177.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,004, to defray additional charge under the head "District Courts."  
 (178.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £138, to defray additional charge under the head "Petty Sessions."

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(179.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £67, to defray additional charge under the head "Prisons."

(180.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £239, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

NO. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

(181.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Public instruction."

(182.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray additional charge under the head "Free Public Library."

(183.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £757, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

NO. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(184.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75, to defray additional charge under the head "Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring."

(185.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,300, to defray additional charge under the head "Agriculture and Forestry."

NO. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

(186.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £329, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

In Anticipation of and Chargeable to Loan Votes.

NO. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(187.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Railways."

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(188.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,500, to defray additional charge under the head "Public Works and Services."

(189.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage."

NO. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

(190.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

(15.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary service for period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895 and previous years, the sum of £64,303 2s. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(16.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1895-6 the sum of £6,705,697 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

12. **APPROPRIATION BILL** :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. 15 and 16, 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, 1895, to the 30th day of June, 1896, inclusive of both dates, and for the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1895, inclusive of both dates, and for previous years; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1895, to the 30th day of June, 1896, inclusive of both dates, and for the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1895, inclusive of both dates, and for previous years; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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



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## 13. POSTPONEMENTS :—

(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 3 to 6, postponed until Tuesday next.

(2.) The Orders of the Day of General Business, Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9, postponed until Tuesday next.

## 14. WELLINGTON SHOW GROUND BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Haynes 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. Haynes, 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. Haynes, the report was adopted.

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

## 15. COWRA PASTORAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

## 16. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-seven minutes after Five o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,

*Speaker.*

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Hawkers Licenses:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many hawkers licenses were granted during the year to other than Europeans?
- (2.) Out of the number granted, how many were Syrians?
- (3.) What was the nationality of the others?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—As the books of the Petty Sessions offices do not show the nationality of those to whom hawkers licenses are granted, the information asked for cannot be supplied.

(2.) The Chief Railway Commissioner:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of expenses paid to the Chief Railway Commissioner in connection with his recent trip to England?
- (2.) The source from which such expenses were paid?
- (3.) The amount of salary paid to the Chief Commissioner during his recent absence from the Colony?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) The "recent trip to England" alluded to was the representation of New South Wales at the most important Railway Congress ever held. The total amount of expenses was £750.
- (2.) Railway Working Expenses, 1895, under Executive Minute.
- (3.) The usual salary was paid. It is only fair to add that, in addition to the practical utility of the Congress itself, this arrangement was in recognition of two things:—(1.) Mr. Eddy's expectation, founded upon the papers connected with his original appointment, that if his services proved satisfactory his salary for the first term would be supplemented. (2.) The strong desirability, in the opinion of the Government, of securing Mr. Eddy's services for a second term.

(3.) Training Wall at Lawrence, Clarence River:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any decision respecting the construction of a training-wall at Lawrence, Clarence River?

Mr. Young answered,—No; but I hope to be able to do so very shortly.

(4.) Coal for Desiccating Works, Glebe Island Abattoirs:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that tenders have been called by the Board of Health for the supplying of coal at the Desiccating Works, Glebe Island Abattoir, from the 1st January to 31st December, 1896?
- (2.) Are these tenders confined to the supply of southern coal only?
- (3.) If so, what is the cause of other coal being objected to?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Southern coal has been proved to be the best kind for the purposes required.

(5.) Subsidy to the Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to subsidise the Railway Commissioners to the extent of £100,000 out of the Consolidated Revenue?
- (2.) If so, will he pledge himself not to make the appropriation before obtaining the consent of Parliament?

Mr. Reid answered,—This matter is postponed.

(6.) Working Hours of Tramway Employees:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the eight-hour system has practically been in operation amongst the tram conductors since the trams started?
- (2.) Has such custom been altered lately? (3.)

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(3.) Has the following order been issued lately, viz:—"The full working hours for employees, "Traffic Branch, will be nine hours ten minutes per day, week-days, and on Sundays the pay "will be for the number of hours worked at the rate of eight hours per day, and at the usual "daily rate. No overtime will be allowed unless over 110 hours per pay period has been worked. "The time-allowance after finishing at night at outside terminus refers only to those men living "a distance away from such terminus. If a man is living at a terminus at which he finishes "no time-allowance will be made?"

(4.) Was it the custom to pay Sunday's work independent of the week's work?

(5.) By the above-quoted order—(a) is Sunday's work counted with the week's work; (b) are the men only paid the actual time on duty?

(6.) Does it often happen when the men are making up the day's work by being called back that they are fourteen or fifteen hours doing it?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the eight-hour system has not been in operation.

(2.) An alteration in the arrangement of working has been made, as indicated in a reply to the Honorable Member's Questions on the 31st October last.

(3.) The instruction quoted by the Honorable Member has been issued by the Tramway Manager.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) (a) No; (b) the men are paid for the actual time on duty on Sundays.

(6.) It is not a fact that men are often called back to make up time and work continuously for fourteen or fifteen hours to do so.

(7.) Fees Paid to Medical Practitioners:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Dick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What fee is paid to a medical gentleman who, after examination, certifies to the insanity of a confinee in a lock-up?

(2.) What fee is paid to a medical gentleman who, called in to examine the mental condition of a confinee in a lock-up, pronounces him sane?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) One guinea.

(2.) The fee allowed to a medical man who examines a confinee in a lock-up as to his mental condition, and afterwards gives evidence that he is unable to certify to the insanity of the confinee, is one guinea.

(8.) Special Endowment to Municipalities:—Mr. Anderson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he grant to Municipalities a special endowment pending the passing of a Local Government Bill?

Mr. Reid answered,—I do not see my way to do so this year.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Deviation at Locksley, Great Western Railway*):—Mr. Ewing, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the proposed deviation at Locksley, Great Western Railway. Ordered to be printed.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Agreement with the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company (Limited), as to cablegram rates to and from Australia and between Australia and New Zealand, and guarantee, dated 1895.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Reply to the Auditor-General's comments on the registration of conditional purchases at the Treasury, and the audit of the Expenditure Accounts.

Ordered to be printed.

4. WELLINGTON SHOW GROUND BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Haynes, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Haynes then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the trustees of certain lands dedicated for the use of the Wellington Pastoral and Agricultural Society to mortgage and sell the said lands, and to purchase other lands in the town or in the vicinity of the town of Wellington for the use of the said Society; to raise money on mortgage of the lands so purchased; and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the trustees of certain lands dedicated for the use of the Wellington Pastoral and Agricultural Society to mortgage and sell the said lands, and to purchase other lands in the town or in the vicinity of the town of Wellington for the use of the said Society; to raise money on mortgage of the lands so purchased; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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*Sydney, 17th December, 1895.*

5. COWRA PASTORAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to empower the trustees of the Cowra Agricultural and Horticultural Association to mortgage the lands and properties of the said Association, and to authorise the trustees to raise the sum of one thousand pounds sterling by way of mortgage for the purpose of enabling the said trustees to pay off liabilities incurred in erecting present buildings, and to carry out future improvements upon the lands of the said Association.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the trustees of the Cowra Agricultural and Horticultural Association to mortgage the lands and properties of the said Association, and to authorise the trustees to raise the sum of one thousand pounds sterling by way of mortgage for the purpose of enabling the said trustees to pay off liabilities incurred in erecting present buildings, and to carry out future improvements upon the lands of the said Association,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 17th December, 1895.*

6. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Native Flora Protection Bill postponed until this day four weeks.
7. **RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Storey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to the Council's amendment.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's message, dated 12th December, 1895, requesting its concurrence in an amendment made by the Council in the Randwick Cemetery Bill,—

Disagrees to such amendment,—

- (1.) Because the Legislative Assembly in two Parliaments, by large majorities, has agreed to the closing of the cemetery absolutely.
- (2.) Because, in the interests of public health, it is necessary that the cemetery should be closed absolutely.
- (3.) Because the greater danger arises from the opening of vaults, and that was the principal reason the Assembly had for passing the Bill.
- (4.) Because the provision in the amendment allowing bodies to be interred in vaults if encased in leaden coffins would have the effect of interments taking place, and the opening of old vaults, with all the attendant risks to the health of the residents of Randwick.
- (5.) Because the provision allowing interments to take place under certain conditions gives facilities to those persons who have plenty of means as against those persons who own land in the cemetery but have not the means to use leaden coffins, and therefore would be class legislation.

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*Sydney, 17th December, 1895.*

8. **FRANCHISE EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hogue 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. Hogue, 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. Hogue, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
9. **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

	Ayes, 55.	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. F. Clarke,	Mr. Newman,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. A. B. Piddington,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Mackay,	
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Mahony,	Tellers,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Griffith.

Noes, 7.

Mr. McElhone,  
Mr. Copeland,  
Mr. Hassall,  
Mr. McMillan,  
Mr. Dugald Thomson.

Tellers,

Mr. Collins,  
Mr. Rose.

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

*And*

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And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 15th August, 1895.

10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Deviation at Locksley, Great Western Railway*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a deviation at Locksley, on the Great Western Line of Railway, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

11. LOCKSLEY DEVIATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HAMPDEN,

Message No. 15.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a deviation at Locksley, on the Great Western Line of Railway, and to constitute the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales the Constructing Authority thereof within the meaning of the Public Works Act of 1888.

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

12. APPROPRIATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be "now" read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "now" and adding the words "this day week."  
Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Brunker,  
Mr. Lonsdale,  
Mr. Gould,  
Mr. Reid,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Sydney Smith,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Storey,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. McCourt,  
Mr. Harvey,  
Mr. McLaughlin,  
Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Whiddon,  
Mr. Morgan,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Cameron,

Mr. Bull,  
Mr. Neild,  
Mr. Wheeler,  
Mr. J. C. J. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. McMillan,  
Mr. Griffith,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. Smailes,  
Mr. Alleck,  
Mr. Robert Jones,  
Mr. Phillips,  
Mr. Dugald Thomson,  
Mr. Howarth,  
Mr. Black,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Morton,

Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. Hawthorne,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Hughes,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Rigg,  
Mr. James Thomson,  
Mr. Cotton,  
Mr. Bavier,  
Mr. Newman,  
Mr. Russell Jones.  
  
Tellers,  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Cruickshank.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Chanter,  
Mr. Mackay,  
Mr. Copland,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Schey,  
Mr. Lyne,  
Mr. Wood.  
  
Tellers,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Perry.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, passed.

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1895, to the 30th day of June, 1896, inclusive of both dates, and for the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1895, inclusive of both dates, and for previous years; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1895, to the 30th day of June, 1896, inclusive of both dates, and for the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1895, inclusive of both dates, and for previous years; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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13. **TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid 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. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
14. **AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to two and disagreed to the other of the Council's amendments.  
Mr. Reid moved, That the report be now adopted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
15. **TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, *passed*.  
Mr. Reid then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency Debt up to 30th June, 1895; to provide for the redemption of such Bills; to enable trustees and others to invest therein; to amend the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889; and for other purposes.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency Debt up to 30th June, 1895; to provide for the redemption of such Bills; to enable trustees and others to invest therein; to amend the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th December, 1895, a.m.*
16. **LOCKSLEY DEVIATION BILL:**—  
(1.) Mr. Young moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that a Bill to sanction the construction of a Deviation at Locksley, on the Great Western Line of Railway, and to constitute the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales the Constructing Authority thereof within the meaning of the Public Works Act of 1888, should be passed through all its stages on this day.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Young then moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill to sanction the construction of a Deviation at Locksley, on the Great Western Line of Railway, and to constitute the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales the Constructing Authority thereof within the meaning of the Public Works Act of 1888, through all its stages in one day.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
(3.) Whereupon Mr. Young moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a Deviation at Locksley, on the Great Western Line of Railway, and to constitute the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales the Constructing Authority thereof, within the meaning of the Public Works Act of 1888.  
Debate ensued.  
*Point of Order:*—Mr. Copeland submitted that the Bill was irregular, as it inferentially amended the Public Works Act.  
Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was not out of order.  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved,*—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a Deviation at Locksley, on the Great Western Line of Railway, and to constitute the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales the Constructing Authority thereof within the meaning of the Public Works Act of 1888.  
On motion of Mr. Young, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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(4.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a Deviation at Locksley, on the Great Western Line of Railway, and to constitute the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales the Constructing Authority thereof within the meaning of the Public Works Act of 1888,*"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Young moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time  
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(5.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. Young then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Deviation at Locksley, on the Great Western Line of Railway, and to constitute the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales the Constructing Authority thereof within the meaning of the Public Works Act of 1888.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Deviation at Locksley, on the Great Western Line of Railway, and to constitute the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales the Constructing Authority thereof within the meaning of the Public Works Act of 1888,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 18th December, 1895, a.m.*

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Five o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Witnesses' Expenses in the Crick-Meagher Conspiracy Trial:—Mr. Ferguson asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the admission of one Smith, a chemist, in his evidence before Judge Cohen, in the Crick-Meagher conspiracy trial, to the effect that his rail fare to and his hotel expenses at Bowral were paid by the Crown?

(2.) Has his attention also been called to Gail's admission *re* expenses in the same trial?

(3.) Is it the usual custom for the Crown to pay expenses to witnesses other than those actually incurred in the discharge of their duties as witnesses?

(4.) Did these expenses come under the heading of witnesses' fees; if not, why were they paid?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—As the case to which this Question has reference has not yet concluded, the Question might be again postponed.

(2.) Court-room and Police Stables at Minmi:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. H. H. Brown, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has the tender of Southern Bros. been accepted for the erection of Court-room and police stables at Minmi?

(2.) If so, was not the tender of John R. Burgh the lowest by £30, and why was that not accepted?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Department of Public Works:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) J. R. Burgh's tender was the lowest received, but being informal, owing to no deposit having been forwarded, was not considered.

(3.) The Harbour Ferry Traffic:—Mr. Dugald Thomson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What has been done in the way of adopting extra precautions for the safety of the harbour ferry traffic, as promised a recent deputation from the Municipal Councils of Mosman, Manly, North Sydney, and Willoughby?

(2.) Have experiments been made to ascertain whether effective means can be devised to prevent the present class of boat sinking after collision?

(3.) If not, will he, in view of the many lives which may be sacrificed for want of such provision, at once place the Marine Board in a position to experiment?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

(1.) The subject referred to by these deputations was transmitted to the Marine Board, and my honorable colleague understands that that body has this important matter under consideration.

(2.) Several cases of collision have occurred, and experience has shown that the bulkheads insisted on by the present regulations have prevented ferry steamers from sinking immediately, thereby giving time to save the passengers and crew.

(3.) The Marine Board informs me that they are keenly alive to this important subject, and are doing all they can to conserve the safety of the travelling public. It is happily on record that not a single life during the past twenty-five years has been sacrificed in Port Jackson by the sinking of a ferry steamer.

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(4.) School Furniture:—Mr. Rose asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When were tenders last called for the supply of school furniture?
- (2.) For what period was the contract entered into?
- (3.) The name of the last successful tenderer?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

- (1.) 30th May, 1893.
- (2.) Two years from 1st July, 1893. The time was extended for a period of one year in accordance with the terms of the contract.
- (3.) John W. Eaton.

(5.) Trustee for Blacktown and other Road Trusts:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any person been nominated as trustee for Blacktown and other road trusts in place of the late Mr. Joseph Onus, of Richmond?
- (2.) If so, is the gentleman nominated engaged in business in the district, and what is his name?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Minister to appoint the person nominated to the position named?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am not aware, but presume he must have some business. His name is Mr. George Cobcroft.
- (3.) Yes, unless some substantial objection to this course is made apparent to me.

(6.) Major Gilchrist, Second Regiment of Infantry:—Mr. Carroll asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) On what date was Captain, now Major, Alexander Gilchrist, of the Second Regiment of Infantry, retired from the Service?
- (2.) Was he not given promotion in rank on retirement, with the right of wearing the uniform of his regiment?
- (3.) How many years has he served as a private in the ranks, and how many years as a commissioned officer in the New South Wales Defence Force?
- (4.) Does not the time served in the ranks count on the basis of two years for one of commissioned service in qualifying for the Volunteer officers' decoration awarded by Her Majesty to officers who have served twenty years in commission, or partly as a commissioned officer, and in the ranks for the same period?
- (5.) On what grounds was his name omitted by the Major-General Commanding from the list of officers recommended by him to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as being qualified to receive the Volunteer officers' decoration, as gazetted on 19th November, 1895?
- (6.) Will he direct the Major-General Commanding to reply in definite terms to the foregoing Questions, and not merely to say that he regrets that he is unable to comply with Major Gilchrist's request, and recommend his name for this mark of Her Majesty's favour?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—It will take some time to collect the information asked for, and I therefore ask the Honorable Member to postpone the Questions until to-morrow. The Major-General informs me that he will try and have it ready by that time.

(7.) Working Hours of Tramway Employees:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that immediately prior to the passing of the Act 51 Victoria No. 35, in May, 1888, the employees on the Government tramways worked upon and enjoyed the privileges of the eight-hour system?
- (2.) Is he aware that section 77 of the said Act provides that "No regulation which the Commissioners are by this Act empowered to make, in any way altering or annulling any privileges or immunities which their servants have previously enjoyed, or dealing in any way with hours of work or wages, shall have any force or effect until the same is confirmed by the Governor, nor until the said regulation has been published in the *Gazette* one week?"
- (3.) Is it not a fact that the hours of the tramway employees have been recently altered from eight hours per diem to nine hours and upwards per diem?
- (4.) Upon what date was such alteration of the "hours of work confirmed by the Governor," and upon what date or dates was the same "published in the *Gazette*?"

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—My honorable colleague is informed that it is not a fact that immediately prior to the passing of the Government Railways Act the tramway employees enjoyed the eight-hour system. An alteration has recently been made in the arrangement of the working hours of the tramway conductors, in connection with which no regulations existed. The object of the alteration was to regulate the work on similar lines to the working of the guards in the railway.2. APPLICATION OF JAMES BOURKE FOR LICENSE OF "BURREANGONG HOTEL" (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Schey* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all documents relating to an application by one James Bourke for a publican's license for the "Burrangong Hotel," George-street, Sydney, together with the police report upon the said application.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of *Mr. Schey*, "That the Eight Hours Bill be now read a second time,"—postponed until To-morrow.4. APPLICATION OF *Mr. J. F. CONNELLY* TO MINE IN THE PARISH OF CURRAJONG:—*Mr. Neild*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 15th October, 1895; together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

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5. PAPERS :—Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.  
 (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney—Fitzroy Division, Mr. McElhone, 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 Police preventing boys from playing cricket on Cook Park and other public parks.”  
 And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
 Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and negatived.
7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Additions to the Treasury Building*) :—  
 Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of carrying out additions to the Treasury building, Macquarie-street, Sydney.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—  
 (1.) Municipal Loans Validation Bill :—  
 MR. SPEAKER,—  
 The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to validate certain loans contracted and securities given by the Councils of certain Municipalities,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
 Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN LACKEY,  
 Sydney, 18th December, 1895. President.
- (2.) Appropriation Bill :—  
 MR. SPEAKER,—  
 The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1895, to the 30th day of June, 1896, inclusive of both dates, and for the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1895, inclusive of both dates, and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
 Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN LACKEY,  
 Sydney, 18th December, 1895. President.
9. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL :—Mr. Reid moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—  
 MR. PRESIDENT,—  
 The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council’s Message, dated 12th December, 1895, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Australasian Federation Enabling Bill,—  
 Agrees to the amendments in clause 15.  
 Disagrees to the amendment which omits clause 30,—  
 (1.) Because uniformity of legislation in this matter is most desirable, and a similar clause is in every Bill before the other Australian Parliaments, and has already passed one of those Parliaments, in pursuance of the agreement arrived at between the respective Governments.  
 (2.) Because the proposal in the Bill is based upon a system of payment to elected representatives of the people, which is the law of all the colonies concurring in this measure.  
 (3.) Because the choice for service in the proposed Australasian Convention should not be narrower than the choice of the electors for less important legislative duties in the respective colonies.  
 (4.) Because, especially if the Convention sits in another Colony, attendance at the Convention may involve serious pecuniary expense and loss to the representatives of the Colony, and, although in the case of men of ample means the sacrifice would be nominal, in the case of men—and they form the vast majority of colonists—whose means are limited, it might debar eligible persons from submitting themselves for election, and such a result, it is submitted, would be undesirable on a point not concerning either personal worth or the capacity for patriotic service.  
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 Sydney, 18th December, 1895.
- Mr. Neild moved, That the Message be amended by adding thereto the words “(5.) Because the amendment infringes the rights and privileges of this House.”  
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and negatived.  
 Original Question then put and passed.

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

(1.) Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency Debt up to the 30th June, 1895, to provide for the redemption of such Bills; to enable trustees and others to invest therein; to amend the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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President.

(2.) Locksley Deviation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Deviation at Locksley, on the Great Western Line of Railway, and to constitute the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales the Constructing Authority thereof within the meaning of the Public Works Act of 1888,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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President.

(3.) Wellington Show Ground Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the trustees of certain lands dedicated for the use of the Wellington Pastoral and Agricultural Society to mortgage and sell the said lands, and to purchase other lands in the town or in the vicinity of the town of Wellington for the use of the said Society; to raise money on mortgage of the lands so purchased; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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11. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed to some, and amended others of the Council's amendments.

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

Mr. Brunner moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Council's amendments be recommitted for the reconsideration of those in clause 12" instead thereof.

Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived. Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Council's amendments be recommitted for the reconsideration of those in clause 12;—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to further amendments in the Council's amendments in clause 12.

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

12. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated 18th December, 1895, in reference to the "*Australasian Federation Enabling Bill,*"—

Insists upon its amendment which omits clause 30 disagreed to by the Assembly,—

Because this House is of opinion that there can be found in New South Wales a sufficient number of Representatives to the Convention willing to discharge effectively the patriotic duty expected of them without remuneration.

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Sydney, 18th December, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole To-morrow.

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13. STEAM SERVICE BETWEEN SYDNEY AND VANCOUVER :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cook, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions :—
- (1.) That this House approves of the continuation of a subsidy at a rate not exceeding £10,000 per annum for three years, from May, 1896, towards the monthly steam service between Sydney and Vancouver by Mr. James Huddart.
- (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and *Mr. Frank Farnell* reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.
- Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, that the report be *now* received.
- Mr. Farnell* then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—
- Resolved*,—(1.) That this House approves of the continuation of a subsidy at a rate not exceeding £10,000 per annum for three years, from May, 1896, towards the monthly steam service between Sydney and Vancouver by Mr. James Huddart.
- (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- On motion of Mr. Cook, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.
14. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at eleven minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.
- F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*
- J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*
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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1895.

## 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, and read a letter from him, stating that he had been too ill all day to leave his room, and was unable to attend the House to-day.

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

## 2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Shea's Creek Works:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Archibald Campbell, asked the Secretary for Public Works.—

(1.) What is the total amount that has been expended on the Shea's Creek works up to the latest date to which such information can be given?

(2.) Has any estimate been made as to the probable additional expenditure that will require to be incurred to complete those works?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

(1.) Total amount expended on Shea's Creek, including Cook's River and Muddy Creek reclamations, to 16th December, 1895, £214,969 1s. 1d.

(2.) To extend the Shea's Creek Canal works to Buckland-street will involve a further expenditure, it is estimated, of £235,530, including cost of resumptions. This, however, has not yet been decided on.

(2.) Milk, Cream, and Butter conveyed to Sydney by the Illawarra Railway:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Archibald Campbell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many gallons of milk were conveyed to Sydney by the Illawarra Railway during the year 1894, stating the different quantities from the respective stations and platforms?

(2.) Similar particulars concerning the cream so conveyed?

(3.) Also regarding the quantity of butter?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—This should be moved for in the usual way in the form of a return.

(3.) Commissioners under the Public Service Act:—*Mr. Wilks* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government, in the appointment of the Commissioners required for the administration of the Public Service Act, to observe the principle of retirement at 60 years of age, as prescribed by the Civil Service Act, 1884?

(2.) If so, will they determine that no Commissioner at the date of appointment shall exceed the age of 45 years, so as to permit the appointee taking a second term of office.

*Mr. Reid* answered,—This matter has not yet been considered.

(4.) Major Alexander Gilchrist:—*Mr. Carroll* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) On what date was Captain, now Major, Alexander Gilchrist, of the Second Regiment of Infantry, retired from the Service?

(2.) Was he not given promotion in rank on retirement, with the right of wearing the uniform of his regiment?

(3.) How many years has he served as a private in the ranks, and how many years as a commissioned officer in the New South Wales Defence Force?

(4.) Does not the time served in the ranks count on the basis of two years for one of commissioned service in qualifying for the Volunteer officers' decoration awarded by Her Majesty to officers who have served twenty years in commission, or partly as a commissioned officer, and in the ranks for the same period?

(5.) On what grounds was his name omitted by the Major-General Commanding from the list of officers recommended by him to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as being qualified to receive the Volunteer officers' decoration, as gazetted on 19th November, 1895?

(6.)

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(6.) Will he direct the Major-General Commanding to reply in definite terms to the foregoing Questions, and not merely to say that he regrets that he is unable to comply with Major Gilchrist's request, and recommend his name for this mark of Her Majesty's favour?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—

(1.) 23rd October, 1894.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Twenty years five months five days as a commissioned officer.

(4.) Yes, so far as the required qualification for length of service is required.

(5 and 6.) The Major-General Commanding the Forces does not consider that the services rendered by Major Gilchrist are of the description laid down in the Royal Warrant, and does not recommend the officer in question for this special mark of Her Majesty's favour.

(5.) Marrickville Public School :—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. McGowen*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that an order was issued lately in one of our Public Schools in Marrickville to the effect that the girls bring clean aprons on the following day, and clean all the school-desks and all the ink-wells in the girls' department?

*Mr. Young* answered,—I am not aware, and, the schools being closed for the vacation, I am unable at present to obtain information on the subject.

(6.) Major Donald Fraser—Major Chapman :—*Mr. Perry* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) On what date was Captain, now Major, Donald Fraser, of the 2nd Regt. of Infantry, retired from the Service?

(2.) Was he given a step in rank on retirement, with the right to wear the uniform?

(3.) How many years had he served as a commissioned officer?

(4.) How many years had he served in the ranks and as a non-commissioned officer prior to receiving a commission?

(5.) Does the time spent as a non-commissioned officer and private count at the rate of two years for one of commissioned service in the qualifying period for the Volunteer officers' decoration, granted by Her Majesty to Volunteer officers who have served for twenty years as a commissioned officer, or partly as a commissioned officer and partly in the ranks for the necessary time?

(6.) For what reason was Major Fraser's name omitted by the Major-General Commanding from the list of officers of like qualifications submitted by that officer to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for that decoration, as published in the *Gazette* of 19th November, 1895?

(7.) As it is so near the prorogation of Parliament, will he, as Minister for Defence, please to direct the Major-General to reply in definite terms to the last Question, and not by merely saying "he does not consider" that Major Donald Fraser satisfies the conditions for receiving so high a mark of Her Majesty's favour?

(8.) Will he give the like information with reference to Major Chapman?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—

As regards Major Fraser,—

(1.) 5th October, 1893.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Nineteen years ten months three days.

(4.) Five years.

(5.) Yes, so far as the required qualification for length of service is required.

(6 and 7.) The Major-General Commanding the Forces does not consider that the services rendered by Major Fraser are of the description laid down in the Royal Warrant, and does not recommend the officer in question for this special mark of Her Majesty's favour.

As regards Major Chapman,—

(1.) 28th September, 1893.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Twenty years one month seventeen days.

(4.) Nil.

(5, 6, and 7.) The Answers given as regards Major Fraser apply also to this officer.

(7.) Establishment for Storage of Mercantile Explosives :—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total annual cost of maintaining the establishment for the storage of mercantile explosives?

(2.) The total annual revenue from storage charges on such mercantile explosives, showing powder and dynamite separately?

(3.) The amount annually received for explosive licenses and registrations?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) 1894, £8,846 18s.

(2.) Revenue from store rent and carriage, £6,300. It is impossible to show the revenue from the storage of different classes of explosives separately at such short notice, as information of this nature is not kept ready compiled.

(3.) £800 to £900.

(8.) William Creswell, patient in Parramatta Lunatic Asylum :—*Mr. Hughes*, for *Mr. McGowen*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he received a letter, dated the 3rd December, from a well-known firm of solicitors in Sydney, asking for permission to examine a patient in a lunatic asylum named William Creswell?

(2.) Has he answered such letter; if not, why not?

(3.) What is the reason for refusing the opportunity to two duly-qualified medical men to visit the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum, with the object of verifying or otherwise Dr. Kelly's assertion that certain marks are on a patient known as William Creswell, such marks being known to have been on Sir Roger Tichborne?

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Mr. Brunker answered,—Considering that the patient William Creswell has been fully examined on numerous occasions—that his identity has been clearly established—that the Medical Superintendent of the hospital at Parramatta has been for years past in communication with his relations in England, one of whom visited the patient some years ago—and considering also that the patient is much angered and annoyed and made worse in mind by examination,—it is not desirable under the circumstances to allow him to be interviewed.

(9.) Senior-constable Stackpole, of Broadwater :—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Senior-constable Stackpole, of Broadwater, has been promoted over the heads of other officers of longer service?
- (2.) Has Senior-constable Stackpole had two promotions within twelve months?
- (3.) Will he have any objection to state if any influence has been used to obtain these promotions?

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

- (1.) Yes ; on the recommendation of his Superintendent for exceptional efficiency.
- (2.) He was promoted to first-class, August, 1894 ; Senior-constable, October, 1895.
- (3.) None, except as mentioned in reply to Question No. 1.

(10.) Retirement of Civil Servants upon Pension :—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are the Civil servants over 60 years of age, and who are entitled, under the Civil Service Act of 1884, to retire upon a pension of two-thirds of salary, in any way affected by the pension clauses of the Public Service Act of 1895?
- (2.) If so, in what way are they affected?

Mr. Reid answered,—No.

(11.) Captain Murray, Rookwood Reformatory :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a painter from the Reformatory was sent by rail on a free pass or voucher a few days ago to paint Captain Murray's private house, and that the said pass or voucher was exchanged for a railway ticket?
- (2.) Is it usual to give free passes or vouchers to carry workmen free to do the private work of persons in Government employ?
- (3.) What position does Captain Murray hold in the Government Service, and will he give instructions to compel Captain Murray to pay for the railway fare of the man sent to Wentworth Falls to paint his house?
- (4.) Is it customary for the Railway Commissioners or those under them to give free passes?

Mr. Reid answered,—I regret I have not been able to get the information in time to give an answer to-day. The matter I may add is not in my Department but that of the Colonial Secretary. Full inquiry will be made.

(12.) Mr. Coghlan, Government Statistician :—*Mr. Barnes*, for Mr. Travers Jones, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What salary does Mr. Coghlan receive as Government Statistician?
- (2.) What amount of fees as Registrar of Friendly Societies?
- (3.) Was Mr. Coghlan not appointed Registrar without remuneration?
- (4.) If so, how does he get those fees?
- (5.) Did he not insert Mr. Oliver's fees as Registrar in the Blue Book?
- (6.) Did he insert his own when made Registrar?
- (7.) What amounts have been paid to Mr. Coghlan as bonuses since his appointment as Statistician ; and for what reasons?
- (8.) Did he receive £250 for preparation of a report on the Civil Service Fund?
- (9.) Is it not a fact that that report was prepared by a competent actuary, who died soon after?
- (10.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Coghlan is not an actuary, but that Mr. Davis does the office actuarial work?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I regret that in the limited time at my disposal I have not been able to obtain the information necessary to enable me to answer this Question.

(13.) Oyster Fisheries of the Colony :—Mr. Howarth asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a sum of money is due to the Fisheries Department as arrears of rent on oyster leases?
- (2.) Have such arrears been accumulating in some instances for from four to seven years ; if yes, is it in accordance with the Oyster Act?
- (3.) What amount is really due as arrears ; and what official is responsible for the non-collection of such rents?
- (4.) Is he aware that our oyster fisheries generally are in a ruined condition, and that this valuable industry is being destroyed by mismanagement on the part of the Fisheries Department?
- (5.) When will new fisheries legislation be dealt with?

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

- (1 and 2.) Yes.
- (3.) £2,645 12s. 8d. If the lessees cannot pay it is impossible to obtain the money from them, and where lessees are in a position to pay action has been taken against them. Where they have no means, and it would be throwing away time and money to sue them, their leases have been cancelled for non-payment of rent.
- (4.) So far from the oyster fisheries being in a ruined condition generally, many of them are thriving, and when the leases are in the hands of intelligent men who look after them properly they are a source of profit to the owners and yield a fine supply of oysters for the markets.

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(14.) Seizure of Fishing-net from James Ross, Hawkesbury River:—Mr. Howarth asked the Colonial Secretary,—Was a fishing-net seized from a James Ross, Hawkesbury River, in May last; was it seized under the 11th, 12th, or 13th sections of the 1881 Act; if yes, why was it not returned, it being the first offence?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—Yes. Two Inspectors of Fisheries found a boat owned by J. Ross in the closed waters, Mooney Mooney Creek, recently, occupied by fishermen, also three baskets of fresh fish, just caught, and an illegal net, which was confiscated under the 25th section of the Fisheries Act of 1881. This section does not provide for the return of the net.

(15.) Nicholl's Estate, North Shore:—Mr. Howarth asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the present position of applications for certificates of title to lands in the Nicholl's Estate, North Shore, deposited plans 9,468 and 9,469?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed by the Registrar-General that there are no deposited plans numbered 9,468 and 9,469, but the Question must refer to applications to bring land under the Act so numbered, certificates of titles to which were issued on the 12th July last for the first one, and on the 17th of the same month for the other.

3. PRIVILEGE—CASE OF CONSPIRACY:—Mr. Crick, as a matter of privilege, referred to his arrest, trial, and acquittal, on a charge of conspiracy, and stated that his speeches in Parliament had been used as evidence in the case.

4. RAILWAY FROM MOREE TO INVERELL, VIA WARIALDA:—Mr. Hassall presented a Petition from certain residents of Warialda and surrounding district, praying, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, that the House will give favourable consideration to the proposed railway line from Moree to Inverell, *via* Warialda, at the earliest opportunity. Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing Municipalities which have been constituted to 1st December, 1895.

(2.) Return showing area incorporated under the Municipalities Act of 1858, including the City of Sydney, and the areas incorporated each year to 1st December, 1895, under the Municipalities Act of 1867.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return to an Order, made on 27th August, 1895,—“ Aliens employed by Government.”

And moved, That the document be printed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ball,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Bull,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Harvey,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Storey,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. A. B. Piddington,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Molesworth.
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. Nelson,  
Mr. F. Clarke,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Lyne,  
Mr. Sec.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Wood.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(4.) Report of the Royal Commission on the Coal Mines Regulation Bill.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Draft of a Bill to further amend the Church and School Lands Acts.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 7th November, 1895,—“ Railway passengers on Mudgee Line, and on Orange to Molong Line.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report from the Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works, together with minutes, respecting the contracts let to Messrs. Carter, Gummow, & Co.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Wentworth under the Country Towns and Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

6. FRANCHISE EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Hogue, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Hogue then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893’ by extending the franchise to certain persons disqualified from voting under the said Act.*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered,



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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,' by extending the franchise to certain persons disqualified from voting under the said Act,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th December, 1895.*

7. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 11th December, 1895, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Public Service Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment in clause 1, and to those in clause 2, lines 10, 11, and 12.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 2, line 15, which inserts the words "Comptroller-General of Prisons, Inspector-General of Insane, and the Sheriff of New South Wales,"—

Because these cases can be considered with others by the Executive under the clause in its original form.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 3, line 23, with the insertion at the commencement thereof of the words "President and Commissioners of the Land Appeal Court."

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 3, lines 28 and 30, in reference to Officers of Parliament,—

Because it is not expedient to exclude from the operation of the Bill officers not comprised within the definition "employed as an Officer of Parliament."

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 5, line 48, which omits the word "seven" and inserts the word "ten,"—

Because it is considered that as the terms of the appointments and tenure of office are in all other respects analagous to those of the Railway Commissioners the period of appointment should also be the same.

Agrees to the omission of clauses 6 and 7, and the insertion of a new clause in lieu thereof, but proposes to amend such new clause by omitting from subsection (c) the word "thirty" and inserting "fourteen" in lieu thereof.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 9, 10, and 11, and to those in clause 12, lines 36 and 41.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 12 which omits after "Governor," in line 44, the remainder of the clause, but proposes to further amend such clause by omitting the last word "one," and by adding thereto the following proviso—"Provided that as to officers temporarily employed at the commencement of this Act, whose services are dispensed with, the Governor shall, on the recommendation of the Board, grant, out of moneys provided by Parliament for the purpose, a gratuity to each such officer at a rate not exceeding a fortnight's pay for each year of such service prior to the commencement of this Act,"—

Because, according to previous practice, temporary officers have received this consideration on their services being dispensed with.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 29, 31, 35, 38, 40, 44, and 51.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 54, lines 12 to 18, but proposes to insert in lieu of the the words omitted "Neither Officers nor Departments shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, attorney, or agent at inquiries held by the Board."

Agrees to the remaining amendments in clause 54, to the omission of clause 56, and the insertion of a new clause in lieu thereof, and to the amendments in clauses 57 and 59.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 61, lines 27 and 35, inserting in each case the words "from the date of his permanent appointment," but proposes to add to such words "and a fortnight's pay in respect of each year of temporary service."

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 61, lines 28 and 37, which insert in each case the word "permanent,"—

Because the practice of the Service has been to give a gratuity of a fortnight's pay for every year of temporary service when such services are dispensed with.

Agrees to the remaining amendment in clause 61, and to those in clauses 62, 63, 64, 65, and 70.

And the Legislative Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the amendments upon the Council's amendments in the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th December, 1895.*

8. CITY AND NORTH SYDNEY RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Parkes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 12th December, 1895; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed

Mr. Parkes then moved. That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Notice of Motion, No. 1, of Government Business, in reference to Locks and Weirs on the River Darling, postponed (*by consent*), to follow the Order of the Day, No. 1, of Government Business.

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10. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 18th December, in reference to an amendment in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Lee* reported that the Committee does not insist upon its disagreement to the Council's amendment, which omits clause 30.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 18th December, 1895, in reference to the Council's amendment in the Australasian Federation Enabling Bill, disagreed to by the Assembly, does not insist upon its disagreement to the Council's amendment, which omits clause 30.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney 19th December, 1895.*

11. JOINT STOCK COMPANIES' ARRANGEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—  
HAMPDEN, Message No. 16.  
*Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend section 3 of the 'Joint Stock Companies' Arrangement Act, 1893,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 19th December, 1895.*

12. PRIVILEGE—CASE OF CONSPIRACY:—Mr. Crick, as a matter of privilege, made a further explanation of certain matters relating to his former statement.  
Mr. Bull and Mr. Levien also made personal explanations.

13. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 19th December, 1895, in reference to the "Public Service Bill,"—

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, line 28, but proposes to further amend such amendment by omitting the words "connection with the Parliament of New South Wales," and inserting in their place the words "either of the Departments of the Legislature under the "separate control of the President or Speaker, or under their joint control," in which further amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly,—

Because the Bill, as it came to this House, would exclude from its operation only the officers of the Legislature holding commissions from the Governor, whereas it is necessary for the efficient carrying on of the business of Parliament that all persons employed in the Departments, under the separate control of the President or Speaker, or under their joint control, should be excluded from the operation of the Bill, and the Council's amendment as now amended carries out that purpose.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, line 30, as consequential upon its insistence upon the previous amendments.

Insists upon so much of its amendment in clause 12, lines 45 to 47, as omits the words "in Council" as being unnecessary.

Does not insist upon its other amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

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Sydney, 19th December, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

Ordered, that the Legislative Council's Message be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's Message.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Mr. Lee* reported that the Committee does not insist upon its disagreements to the Council's amendments in clause 3, insisted upon by the Council, and agrees to the Council's amendment which amends its previous amendment in the clause, and does not insist upon its disagreement to so much of the Council's amendment in clause 12 as omits the words "in Council," line 45.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message dated 19th December, 1895, in reference to the Public Service Bill,—

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Does not insist upon its disagreements to the Council's amendments in clause 3, insisted upon by the Council, and agrees to the Council's amendment which amends its previous amendment in the clause.

Does not insist upon its disagreement to so much of the Council's amendment in clause 12 as omits the words "in Council," line 45.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th December, 1895.*

14. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Construction of Locks and Weirs on the River Darling*):—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing six locks and weirs on the River Darling, from Stony Point to Brewarrina. Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at eight minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency The Right Honourable HENRY ROBERT,  
 to wit. }  
 (L.S.) } VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of  
 HAMPDEN, }  
 Governor. } New South Wales and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled "An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said reign, intituled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now, therefore, I, HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, 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 fourth day of February next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and in the fifty-ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JAMES N. BRUNKER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



1895.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.  
(PROROGUED 20 DECEMBER, 1895.)

QUESTION :—

1. Mr. FERGUSON to ask THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
  - (1.) Has his attention been called to the admission of one Smith, a chemist, in his evidence before Judge Cohen in the Crick-Meagher conspiracy trial, to the effect that his rail fare to and his hotel expenses at Bowral were paid by the Crown?
  - (2.) Has his attention also been called to Gail's admission *re* expenses in the same trial?
  - (3.) Is it the usual custom for the Crown to pay expenses to witnesses other than those actually incurred in the discharge of their duties as witnesses?
  - (4.) Did these expenses come under the heading of witnesses fees; if not, why were they paid?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Patents Law Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
2. Water Rights Bill; second reading.
3. Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act Amendment Bill; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and to repeal the Act 58 Victoria No. 1.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. FEGAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, Friendly Societies should be subsidised.
2. Mr. AFFLECK to move, That this House is of opinion that no more branch lines of railways should be constructed unless on the guarantee of one or more persons that they will pay all working expenses, as well as interest on the cost of construction, or, in the absence of such, that all land required to be resumed will be conveyed to the Government or Commissioners free of charge.
3. Mr. PRICE to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, His Honor Sir William Windeyer should no longer retain his seat as a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
  - (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. Mr. E. M. CLARK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all grants, deeds, surveys, reports, minutes, and all matters and correspondence in connection with the sale and purchase of Darling Island; also copies of all maps and plans of the north-east point of Pymont, showing Thomas Jones's grant of 55 acres and Darling Island.
5. Mr. E. M. CLARK to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Thomas Buckley, dismissed from the Public Works Department.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Willis, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Wilks, Mr. McGowen, and the Mover.
6. Mr. E. M. CLARK to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon a certain claim made by Mr. James Fitzgerald against the Department of Public Works.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Bavister, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Wood, Mr. Edden, and the Mover.
7. Mr. SCHRY to move,—
  - (1.) That, in view of the terrible poverty and bitter distress at present and for some time past existing through the compulsory idleness of a large portion of our fellow citizens, the Government should at once appoint a Royal Commission for the purpose of making inquiry into and reporting upon the various methods in vogue among different nations of dealing with the unemployed, pauper, and tramp classes of their several communities, and thereafter to make recommendations to the Government as to the most suitable means in their opinion of alleviating the present deplorable distress among the industrial classes, and preventing its future recurrence.
  - (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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## 8. MR. SCHEY to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House,—

(1.) In view of the widespread distress and destitution at present prevailing, it is not only expedient, but urgently necessary, that the Government should immediately take steps to mitigate the same.

(2.) The usual methods of indiscriminate and intermittent charity offer only a degrading kind of relief to the poor who suffer from enforced idleness. They give the necessaries of life instead of the means of earning them, and take away the self-reliance of those whom they try to help.

(3.) It is desirable that such methods of relief be amended, so that work shall be offered—agricultural and manufacturing—to all who are in need and are able to work, that they may provide themselves with the necessaries of life

(4.) In order to carry out the foregoing resolutions the Government should at once establish a system of labour stations, farms, or homes, somewhat akin to the establishments of the Salvation Army in East London, those of the Common Council of Paris, and the labour colonies of Germany, such institutions being permanent as regards the State, but temporary as to the relief afforded to the individual.

(5.) In addition to furnishing temporary lodging, food, &c., such institutions should be so regulated as to train and educate such of those coming within their influence as may desire it, for the purpose of taking up land, and becoming permanent settlers under any of the various forms of permanent village settlement.

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

9. MR. SCHEY to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the present system under which the Attorney-General of New South Wales acts as a Grand Jury, and for other purposes connected therewith.

10. MR. SCHEY to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the appointment of Crown Prosecutors, and for other purposes connected therewith.

## 11. MR. SCHEY to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a bonus of 10s. per ton should be offered for 200,000 tons of steel rails, with fastenings, on condition that the same be locally manufactured from locally found raw materials; such rails to be used upon the Government railways, or any extension thereof, and to be supplied at the rate of 40,000 tons per year for a period of five consecutive years.

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

12. MR. SCHEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a duty of 25 per cent. should be placed on all cast-iron pipes and special castings imported into this Colony.

13. MR. SCHEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that all uniforms used in the Government Service by Government officials, police, military, railway and tramway employees, attendants in insane hospitals, "Sobraon" boys, &c., &c., be manufactured in Government workshops, the ordinary trades union wages current in Sydney to be paid by the Government in such State workshops or manufactories.

14. MR. SCHEY to move, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing or Sessional Order for the purpose of enabling the House to give leave for the printing in *Hansard* of the written statement of a Member who may desire not to address the House orally, securing to him the right of speech if such leave is refused, and providing for the elimination of any matter from a written statement that is inadmissible in debate in the opinion of the Speaker.

15. MR. SCHEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all supplies for the Government Service should be procured in New South Wales.

16. MR. SCHEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the manufacture of iron in this country should be encouraged—

(1.) By the offer of a bonus of 10s. per ton for the first 100,000 tons of pig iron or steel ingots manufactured in New South Wales from native ores with native fuel and flux.

(2.) By the offer of a further bonus of 10s. per ton for the first 100,000 tons of merchant iron (plates, angles, bars, &c.), manufactured in New South Wales from locally-produced pig iron of steel ingots as aforesaid.

17. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the opinions of various Attorneys-General on the Civil Service Acts.

18. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, plans, and other documents in connection with the alignment of the Crow's Nest Road, North Sydney.

19. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the removal of Mr. E. D. Dyson, Roads Superintendent, from the Public Works Department.

20. MR. CHANTER to move, That all pairs on divisions, either in the House or in any Committee of the Whole, signed by the Members so pairing, and handed to the Principal Shorthand-writer, Parliamentary Reporting Staff, prior to the divisions being taken, be recorded in conjunction with said divisions in the Parliamentary "*Hansard*."

## 21. MR. CHANTER to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon Senior-sergeant Vaughan's reduction and removal from Narrandera in June, 1888.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Travers Jones, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bavister, and the Mover.

22. **MR. CHANTER** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim made by Permewan, Wright, & Co. (Ltd.), against the Government, for compensation for the destruction by fire of their steamer "Rodney," at Moorara Station, on the River Darling, on the 26th day of August, 1894.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. See, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Cann, Mr. Carroll, and the Mover.
23. **MR. CHANTER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a line of railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin should be constructed with the least possible delay.
24. **MR. CHANTER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Deniliquin and Moama Railway should be purchased by the Government to form part of the State Railways.
25. **MR. MCGOWEN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, inasmuch as eight hours for a days' labour is the generally recognised practice throughout the Colony, the Government should give effect to the principle by causing all employees of the State in every Department to be placed under the eight-hour system.
26. **MR. TRAVERS JONES** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the conditional purchase made by one George Vincent, in the district of Gundagai, on the 22nd day of August, 1878, of 640 acres, parish of Mooney Mooney, county of Harden.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Pyers, Mr. F. Clarke, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Anderson, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Report, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1894-5 be referred to such Committee.
27. **MR. WRIGHT** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Case of Mr. A. J. C. Single," brought up on 10th October, 1895, be now adopted.
28. **MR. AFFLECK** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Selections made by Martin Tully," brought up on 17th October, 1895, be now adopted.
29. **MR. AFFLECK** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) How many persons have travelled on the New South Wales railways during the months of October and November last as distinguished visitors by virtue of the Railway Act.  
 (2.) If there were any, what were their names.  
 (3.) What was their business.
30. **MR. MCGOWEN** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence that has taken place between the officers of the Works Department and Jas. Farr, late Clerk of Works, having regard to Farr's retirement and claim for compensation for accident sustained while in the service of the Works Department.
31. **MR. WADDELL** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all steel rails used in the construction of new railway lines, or in the repair of existing lines, should be manufactured in the Colony from the product of iron ores obtained in the Colony.  
 (2.) That this House approves of the Government paying 10 per cent. more for steel rails made in the Colony than the cost of importing such, with a view to giving employment to our own people.  
 (3.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
32. **MR. PYERS** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon a claim of John Brennan with the Roads Department on contracts 21v and 57v, Casino district.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Harris, Mr. Davis, Mr. F. Clarke, Mr. Watson, Mr. Kelly, and the Mover.
33. **MR. WILLIS** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is very necessary, in the interests of the producers, that the Government should without delay formulate and carry into effect a national system of State export, for the purpose of placing the Colony's surplus products on the markets of the world.  
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
34. **MR. WILLIS** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to the observance of the Sunday.
35. **MR. WILLIS** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to more effectually cope with the practice of gaming, and legalize an instrument known as the Totalisator on Racecourses, subject to certain restrictions and regulations.
36. **MR. PYERS** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the improvement of the South Arm, Richmond River.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Ewing, Mr. McGowen, Mr. W. H. B. Piddington, Mr. Perry, Mr. F. Clarke, and the Mover.
37. **MR. THOMAS FITZPATRICK** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the cases of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, selectors, in the Wagga Wagga Land District.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Waddell, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Greene, Mr. W. H. B. Piddington, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Watson, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Reports, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of previous Select Committees on this case be referred to such Committee.



38. MR. MOORE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Parliamentary Draftsman, as at present constituted, should be abolished; and, to meet the requirements of Parliament in its work of framing legislation, there should be attached to this House a skilled officer whose duties shall be to revise legislation in its progress, so as to ensure legal effect being given to the intention of Parliament by its statutes, to assist Honorable Members in the framing of Bills and of amendments to Bills, and to assist Select Committees to which private Bills are referred in their inquiries and reports on such Bills.
39. MR. MOORE to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the granting to Owen McCosker of annual leases Nos. 12,238 and 12,244.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. W. H. B. Piddington, Mr. Miller, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.
40. MR. GRIFFITH to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the granting of leases of land, and the right to mine for coal under the waters of the harbour of Port Jackson and lands adjacent thereto.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Ewing, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Dick, Mr. Watkins, Mr. McElhone, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Sleath, and the Mover.
41. MR. HASSALL to move, That, taking into consideration the enormous number of unemployed residents of this Colony, it is, in the opinion of this House, imperatively necessary that official intimation should at once be conveyed to the Governments of the respective colonies to the effect that no employment will be given on any of our proposed public works except to those applicants who have resided continuously in New South Wales for at least six months previously.
42. MR. FEGAN to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale of land by A. A. Dangar, Esq., at Wickham, fronting Throsby Creek and Cottage Creek.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Sleath, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Edden, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Dick, Mr. Affleck, and the Mover.
43. MR. GRIFFITH to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is absolutely necessary, in the interest of public safety, that a Public Defender, to act in capital cases, be immediately appointed, with all the legal and police machinery at his command that is possessed by the Crown Prosecutor for the prosecution.
44. MR. THOMAS BROWN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, reports, and minutes, having reference to the leasing of premises occupied as post and telegraph office at Peak Hill; also with respect to the application of the Municipal Council for the erection of a post and telegraph office at that place.
45. MR. GRIFFITH to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the participation by the Government in any treaty binding New South Wales to permit the free influx of any Asiatic race would be an act of treason towards the people of this country, notwithstanding any commercial advantages which might accrue from such treaty.
46. MR. WADDELL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of sons and sons-in-law of Judges appearing before such Judges as advocates is fraught with serious danger to the pure administration of justice, and is most unfair to other members of the legal profession.
47. MR. HOWARTH to move,  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon a certain claim made by Mr. Theophilus Stephens against the Crown Law Department.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. Bull, Mr. Lee, Mr. McGowen, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Edden, Mr. Whiddon, Dr. Graham, and the Mover.
48. MR. WADDELL to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, additional assistance to that now given should be afforded the miners of the Colony to work auriferous lodes and reefs for their own benefit.  
 (2.) With a view to such, no leases should be granted on new gold-fields, but the block claim system only allowed.  
 (3.) The Government, on being satisfied that a new gold-field has been proven to be permanent, should immediately take steps (if an adequate supply of water does not naturally exist) to have sufficient water conserved for the requirements of the field.  
 (4.) The Government should also, in such cases, erect locally suitable machinery for the treatment of the auriferous deposits, and make a charge for the extraction of the gold sufficient to pay working expenses, wear and tear on machinery, and provide a sinking fund to ultimately pay cost of erecting such plants.
49. MR. FEGAN to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Dismissal of Constable "Easterbrook," brought up on 20th November, 1895, be now adopted.
50. MR. SLEATH to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Messrs. Richardson, Turner, & Co. to compensation for loss of a quantity of their opals by the police authorities.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Moore, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Wood, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Watson, and the Mover.

51. **MR. PARKES** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the relations of the contracting firm of Messrs. Carter, Gummow, & Co., with the Public Works Department, in connection with contracts at North Sydney, Balmain, and Ammandale.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Millen, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Rose, Mr. McGowen, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Harris, Mr. Levien, Mr. Young, and the Mover.
52. **MR. HOGUE** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the educational requirements of this country demand a larger measure of recognition of Australian History, Biography, Literature, Science, and local subjects generally than is to be found in the reading books at present in use in the public schools of the Colony.  
 (2.) That, as far as is practicable, all lesson books and copy books in use in the public schools should be compiled and printed within the Colony.  
 (3.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
53. **MR. HAYNES** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the papers in connection with the conviction of one George Frederick Cox for larceny from the person.
54. **MR. WILKS** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon certain irregularities alleged to have occurred in the Technical Education Branch of the Department of Public Instruction.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Hayes, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Cann, Mr. Ewing, and the Mover.
55. **MR. WADDELL** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the rates charged by the Railway Commissioners for the carriage of crude ores, copper, matte, regulus, and coal and coke, when used for the treatment of native ores, are excessive, and seriously handicap the great mining industry of the Colony.  
 (2.) That, with a view to encourage the mining industry, the rates charged for the carriage of the aforesaid materials (either on the up or down journey) should not exceed the "special" rates charged on the up journey to Sydney for agricultural products, such as grain and potatoes.
56. **MR. McELHONE** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales should be compelled to pay out of their own private means the full cash value of all railway passes issued by them to all persons not entitled to the same under the Railway Act or Acts of this Colony, and that such sums shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue of this Colony.  
 (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Members of any Government are no more entitled to a reserved compartment when travelling by rail than is any other Member of Parliament.  
 (3.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
57. **MR. FRANK FARNELL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the line of tramway running to Balmain should be extended to Drummoyne as early as possible, to meet the growing demands of the travelling public.
58. **MR. McELHONE** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters connected with the sale of fish at the Corporation Fish Markets, Woolloomooloo, and the management thereof by the City Corporation officials, the treatment of the fishermen and fish dealers, and all other matters connected therewith.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bavister, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Harris, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Hogue, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. O'Sullivan, Dr. Ross, and the Mover.
59. **MR. DAVIS** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the great national service rendered to life and property throughout the Australasian Colonies by Mr. Clement Wragge, meteorologist to the Government of Queensland, deserves recognition by the various Governments.  
 (2.) That the Government of this Colony be recommended to take the initiative in devising some form of recognition, and that they ask the Governments of the other colonies to co-operate with them.
60. **MR. WADDELL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the rate charged for a telegram of ten words or under to any part of the Colony should be reduced to sixpence.
61. **MR. DAVIS** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the collision between the "Sol" and "Alathea" steamers.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Knox, Mr. W. H. B. Piddington, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Edden, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Wood, Mr. Waddell, Mr. McFarlane, and the Mover.
62. **MR. McELHONE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) Copies of all correspondence, &c., between Mr. Addison, Stipendiary Magistrate, and the Minister of Justice, charging Mr. Giles, S.M., with being incapacitated for duty, when he stated that the other Stipendiary Magistrates neglected their work, and left it to Mr. Giles to do.  
 (2.) The like as regards any Stipendiary Magistrates being drunk on the Bench, or about the city, or places of public resort, such as cricket matches, football matches, &c.  
 (3.) Also any correspondence in reference to certain Stipendiary Magistrates, who have become insolvent, and neglected to pay or refused to pay their creditors' debts due, or any portion of their debts; also showing the amounts of any dividends paid to creditors by any such Stipendiary Magistrates.

63. **MR. McELHONE** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no person should hold more than one office of profit in the Civil Service of this country or under any Act of Parliament of this Colony.  
 (2.) That where any person holds more than one office to which a salary is attached all such persons shall forthwith be called upon to resign all such offices but one.  
 (3.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
64. **MR. F. CLARKE** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the future railway system of this Colony should embrace the construction of light and cheap lines, commencing at the head of navigation of the various coastal rivers, and extending westerly so as to tap the richest agricultural lands.  
 (2.) That such a system would tend to promote settlement, and afford facilities to producers to reach a market.  
 (3.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
65. **MR. F. CLARKE** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the tax imposed upon stock under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act presses severely upon the stockowners of the Colony.  
 (2.) That the stockowners do not receive corresponding or adequate benefits from the imposition of such a tax.  
 (3.) That the funds hereafter raised by the imposition of any similar tax should be devoted towards the development of our live cattle export trade.  
 (4.) That the Act be at once amended to bring it more in accord with present requirements.
66. **MR. F. CLARKE** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of license fees and heavy royalties upon timber-cutters is a severe tax upon and seriously handicaps the timber industry.  
 (2.) That immediate steps should be taken to more economically administer the Forest Department, with a view to reducing these high fees.
67. **DR. GRAHAM** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the present system of training teachers in connection with the public school service.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cameron, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Dick, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Wood, Mr. Griffith, Mr. A. B. Piddington, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Hughes, and the Mover.
68. **MR. PRICE** to move,—  
 (1.) That in view of the prejudicial effect of the present excise duty on the tobacco manufacturing industry, it is desirable that the present duty should either be abolished or materially reduced.  
 (2.) That it is desirable that the Tobacco Act of 1884 be amended so as to give effect to the foregoing resolution.  
 (3.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
69. **MR. PRICE** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the tolls on punts should be abolished.  
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
70. **MR. PRICE** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the timber license fees should be reduced.
71. **MR. HAYNES** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the powers of the Royal Commission on the Coal Mining Industry, now sitting, should be enlarged, so that they might inquire into and report on a scheme of profit-sharing, of pensions for injured or inefficient workmen, and of insurance against accident or incapacity for persons engaged in the aforesaid industry.
72. **MR. ROSE** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for amending the "Public Works Act of 1888."
73. **MR. HAWTHORNE** to move, That, in reference to the petition of Mounted Police Sergeant William Stafford, presented to this House on Tuesday, the 18th June, 1895, this House is of opinion that the Government should cause immediate effect to be given to the findings and recommendation of the Select Committee, adopted by Parliament on the 3rd October, 1893, in his case, as follows:—  
 That Police Sergeant William Stafford be superannuated, and paid out of the Police Superannuation Fund in accordance with his length of service (eighteen years), and from the date of his wrongful suspension, as provided for by sections 19, 20, and 21 of the "Police Regulation Act of 1862."
74. **MR. DICK** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a Dry Dock should be constructed at Newcastle.
75. **MR. FRANK FABNELL** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the action of the Picturesque Atlas Company (Limited) in regard to the sale of a publication registered and known as the "Picturesque Atlas of Australasia," and their subsequent action in respect to their clients in the Law Courts of the Colony.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bavister, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Schey, Mr. Watson, Mr. W. H. B. Piddington, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Davis, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of Session 1892-93, be referred to such Committee.
76. **DR. ROSS** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The amount of money that has been expended by the present Railway Commissioners (since they took office) out of Loan Votes or otherwise for railway purposes, specifying the nature of such work, and the amount expended in each case respectively.  
 (2.) The amount of money that has been expended for law expenses, inquiries, and commissions.  
 (3.) The amount of money that has been paid away in the shape of bonuses or as compensation for accidents that have occurred on our railways and tram-lines during the same period; and also the amount of money involved in all cases now pending settlement.

77. MR. HAYNES to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make the Land Boards elective to the extent of two of their number.
78. MR. CRICK to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Chinese Restriction and Regulation Act, so as to include other persons within the operation of the said Act.
79. MR. MILLER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admission of extra-territorial Barristers to practice in the Courts of New South Wales, and to prevent relations of any Judges from practising as advocates in any Court over which such Judge may preside.
80. MR. CRICK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The following particulars as to every prisoner now in any gaol of the Colony serving a sentence of five years and upwards :—The name ; the sentence or sentences ; the date of sentence or sentences ; the judge who imposed the sentence ; the offence or offences ; the age of the prisoner.  
 (2.) The name of every person confined in any prison for nonpayment of money ; the prison where confined ; the amount for which the person is imprisoned ; and how long he has been in prison.  
 (3.) Also the name of every prisoner who has been flogged during the last seven years under the gaol regulations, the number of lashes, and at what gaol inflicted ; and in each case the names of the justices who ordered the flogging.
81. MR. ROSE to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, so much legislative effect should be given to the National Bank Committee's Report as to embody,—  
 (a) The non-political amalgamation of the Government and New South Wales Savings Banks.  
 (b) The removal of the funds of the said banks from political administration.  
 (c) The investment of such funds, per medium of persons possessing approved security, at a rate of interest not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum.  
 (d) The gradual withdrawal of the note currency from the proprietary banks for the purpose of vesting the amalgamated Savings Banks with the sole note issue of the Colony.  
 (e) Such note issue to be of a fractional character, and to be issued on an approved fiduciary and gold basis.  
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
82. MR. COTTON to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Postal Act of 1867 (31 Vic. No. 4) in certain respects.
83. MR. PERRY to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of certain farmers on the North Creek, near Ballina, to compensation for losses sustained by them in consequence of the shoaling of the mouth of that creek, brought about by the construction of the harbour works.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Edden, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Fegan, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Report, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1894-5 be referred to such Committee.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. City and North Sydney Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Referendum Bill ; second reading.
3. Party Government—Election of Ministers ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Schey, "That, in the opinion of this House, the present system of party government has a direct tendency to waste time and energy, delay legislation, degrade representative institutions, and deprive the country at times of the services of some of its ablest citizens, and that consequently it is desirable that the Constitution be so amended as to provide that Ministers shall be elected separately by the whole House at the commencement of each Parliament."
4. Eight Hours Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Schey, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Affleck, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Government Railways Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
7. No-liability Mining Companies Bill (No. 2) (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
8. Midwifery Nurses Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Dr. Graham, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. Capertee Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
10. Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
11. Co-operative Colliery Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
12. Law of Libel Amendment Bill ; resumption of the Debate on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
 Upon which Mr. Hogue had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned."
13. Bills of Sale Bill ; second reading.
14. Homes Protection Bill ; second reading.
15. Agricultural Holdings Bill ; second reading.
16. Postage Acts Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
17. Truck Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate contracts made with respect to and the payment of wages, to prohibit such payment being made in goods or otherwise than in money, and to regulate the service of legal process.

18. Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill ; second reading.
19. Dismissal of James Frederick Cook from the Tramway Service ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Watson,—
  - “ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the dismissal of James Frederick Cook from the tramway service.
  - “ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Lee, Mr. Collins, Mr. Hayes, Mr. O’Sullivan, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Newman, and the Mover.”
20. Old Age Pensions ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neild,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, asylums for the aged and infirm should be superseded by a system of old-age pensions.
  - “ (2.) That this House requests the Government to introduce during the present Session a Bill to give effect to the foregoing resolution.”
21. Fire Brigades Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the “ Fire Brigades Act, 1884 ” ; to provide for the constitution of Fire Brigades Boards in country districts ; to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigades Boards ; and to make other provision in connection with such Boards.
22. Excise Duty on Colonial Tobacco ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. H. H. Brown,—
  - “ That, in the opinion of this House, the excise duty on colonial tobacco of 1s. 3d. per lb. is most injurious to the cultivation and manufacture of colonial-grown leaf, and should be abolished.”
23. Accident at the South Broken Hill Mine ; Debate, on the motion of Mr. Thomas, “ That, in the opinion of this House, a special inquiry should be made into the particulars of the accident that occurred at the South Broken Hill Mine on 19th July, with a view of ascertaining,—
  - “ (1.) If the men were killed by the concussion of air or by an escape of gas.
  - “ (2.) For the purpose of considering the advisability of amending the Mining Regulations, so as to provide for imperative instructions being given to the Mining Inspector that, in all cases where stopping operations are being carried on beyond certain dimensions, at least two communications with such stopes must be made with the other portions of the mine.”
24. Accused Persons Evidence Bill ; second reading.
25. Parramatta Loan and Electrical Work Bill ; second reading.
26. Women’s Franchise Bill ; second reading.
27. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
28. Liens on Wool and Stock Mortgages Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages on stock and stations.
29. Navigation Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the “ Navigation Act,” 35 Victoria No. 7.
30. Railway to Eastern Suburbs ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cameron,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, as soon as possible, take the necessary steps for the construction of a railway to the eastern suburbs of Paddington, Woollahra, Waverley, and Randwick.
  - “ (2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
31. Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Works ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dick,—
  - “ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all charges for the cost of construction of the works known as the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Works ; also all charges debited by the Government to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board ; also the working of the Act and into the working of the clerical and mechanical staff employed by the Board ; and to make such recommendations as the case may warrant.
  - “ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. O’Sullivan, Mr. Levien, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Edden, Mr. Carroll, and the Mover.
  - “ (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1894-5, be referred to such Committee.”
32. Prison System ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sleath,—
  - “ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present prison system in New South Wales.
  - “ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. Moore, Dr. Hollis, Dr. Graham, Mr. Crick, Mr. O’Sullivan, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Watson, Mr. Nicholson, and the Mover.”
33. State Advances to Farmers, Selectors, and others ; resumption of the Debate on the motion of Mr. W. H. B. Piddington,—
  - “ (1.) That, owing to the high rates of interest and charges for mortgage on land, it is, in the opinion of this House, expedient that the State should make advances to farmers or selectors engaged in pastoral or agricultural pursuits.
  - “ (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
 Upon which Mr. Affleck had moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion at the end of paragraph (1) of the words “ and also to others who are prepared to give good freehold security.”
34. Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
35. Native Flora Protection Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

*Legislative Assembly Office,*  
*Sydney, 20th December, 1895.*

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

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1895.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, The Hon. Sir Joseph Palmer, K.C.M.G. ( <i>Speaker</i> )	.....	6	.....	6
Ableck, William, Esq.	35	81	.....	116
Anderson, George, Esq.	25	85	1	111
Ashton, James, Esq.	17	40	.....	57
Ball, Richard Thomas, Esq.	22	46	.....	68
Barnes, John Frederick, Esq.	20	74	.....	94
Bavister, Thomas, Esq. ( <i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i> )	27	93	.....	120
Black, George, Esq.	20	45	1	66
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	8	9	1	18
Brown, Thomas, Esq.	29	90	1	120
Brunker, The Hon. James Nixon, Esq.	36	117	.....	153
Bull, Charles, Esq.	23	76	.....	99
Cameron, Angus, Esq.	31	90	1	122
Campbell, Alexander, Esq.	23	58	.....	81
Campbell, Archibald, Esq.	20	84	1	105
Cann, John Henry, Esq.	32	81	.....	113
Carroll, James George, Esq.	25	64	.....	89
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector, Esq.	23	65	.....	88
Chanter, John Moore, Esq.	26	52	.....	78
Chapman, Austin, Esq.	17	47	1	65
Clark, Edward Manu, Esq.	15	11	.....	26
Clarke, Francis, Esq.	25	52	.....	77
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	22	47	.....	69
Collins, Charles, Esq.	17	16	.....	33
Cook, The Hon. Joseph, Esq.	37	107	1	145
Cotton, Francis, Esq.	28	59	.....	87
Copeland, Henry, Esq. From 17 October, 1895	7	11	.....	18
Crick, William Patrick, Esq.	6	9	.....	15
Cruikshank, George Alexander, Esq.	2	6	1	9
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq.	27	91	.....	118
Davis, Thomas Martin, Esq.	20	51	.....	71
Dick, William Thomas, Esq.	15	71	.....	86
Donnelly, Denis Cornelius Joseph, Esq.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	30	62	.....	92
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	15	24	.....	39
Farnell, Frank, Esq. ( <i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i> )	36	107	.....	143
Fegan, John Lionel, Esq.	37	99	.....	136
Ferguson, William John, Esq.	20	35	.....	55
FitzGerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	3	7	.....	10
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq. Unsent by Elections and Qualifications Committee, 18 September, 1895. From 22 October, 1895.	15	40	.....	55
Fitzpatrick, Thomas, Esq.	14	24	.....	38
Garrard, The Hon. Jacob, Esq.	31	94	1	126
Gillies, John, Esq.	12	64	.....	76
Goodwin, Thomas Henry Hall, Esq.	17	12	.....	29
Gormly, James, Esq.	19	48	.....	67
Gould, The Hon. Albert John, Esq.	35	112	1	148
Graham, James, Esq., M.D.	18	38	.....	56
Greene, George Henry, Esq.	14	24	.....	38
Griffith, Arthur Hill, Esq.	18	74	.....	92
Harris, Matthew, Esq.	22	33	.....	55
Harvey, James Frederick, Esq.	28	89	.....	117
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq.	16	19	.....	35
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq.	24	74	.....	98
Hayes, James, Esq.	16	37	.....	53
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