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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 JULY, 1917.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION:—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, bearing date the twenty-first day of June, 1917.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Honorable Sir WILLIAM PORTUS  
“ TO WIT, } CULLEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint  
Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New  
South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“ (L.S.)

“ W. P. CULLEN,

“ Lieutenant-Governor.

“ WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the third day of July proximo: Now, I, Sir WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Lieutenant-Governor of the said State, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the seventeenth day of July next: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid seventeenth day of July next, at Twelve o'clock at Noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twenty-first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's Reign.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ GEORGE W. FULLER.

“ GOD SAVE THE KING !”

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

“ By His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“ Greeting:

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise the Honorable John Jacob Cohen, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said State, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the seventh year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth.

“ G. STRICKLAND,

“ Governor.

“ By His Excellency's Command,  
GEORGE W. FULLER.”

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- 3 WRITS OF ELECTION :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received, through the office of the Colonial Secretary, Writs of Election for the Electoral Districts specified below, together with a list of the names of the Members returned to the Legislative Assembly for such Electorates, certified under the hand of His Excellency the Governor to be correct, according to the Returns made by the Returning Officers, and further certifying that the Writs, being two in number, were duly returned on or before the day on which they were legally returnable :—

Names of Members returned.	Electoral District for which returned.
Perry John ... ..	Byron.
Price, Richard Atkinson ... ..	Gloucester.

4. 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. Fuller, at eighteen minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

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

5. MEMBERS SWORN :—The undermentioned gentlemen, having each taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took their seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named, the Clerk producing the Writs returning them :—

The Honorable John Perry—for Byron.  
Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire—for Gloucester.  
William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire—for St George.  
George Roy William McDonald, Esquire—for Bingara.

6. PAPERS :—

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Mines for 1916.
  - (2.) Statement of Balances of Appropriations of the year 1915–16 written off as Savings on 30th June, 1916, under the Audit Act, 1902.
  - (3.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Acts, 1900–1914.
  - (4.) Minute by the Acting Colonial Treasurer in regard to exempting from Stamp Duty orders or authorities given by applicants for Crown land to private land agents.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. James laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Amended By-laws under the Bursary Endowment Act, 1912.
  - (2.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
  - (3.) Notifications of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Public School Purposes at Jingera, Broken Head, Round Mountain, Newtown, Comboyne East, Lismore.
  - (4.) Regulations under the Valuation of Land Act, 1916.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Amended Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.
  - (2.) Scale of Court Fees payable under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916.
  - (3.) Rules under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916.
  - (4.) Returns under the several Acts of Parliament administered by the Registrar-General for 1916.
  - (5.) Report of the Comptroller-General of Prisons for 1916.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Amended Regulation under the Irrigation Acts, 1912–1916.
  - (2.) Additional Regulation No. 20, under the Water Act, 1912.
  - (3.) Minute of the Public Service Board relating to the appointment of Mr. Adam McGewn as Veterinary Surgeon, Stock Branch, Department of Agriculture.
  - (4.) Amended Regulation under the Stock Diseases (Fick) Acts, 1901–1915.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Amendment of Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Acts, 1912–1916.
  - (2.) Amended Regulations Nos. 101 and 106, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
  - (3.) Amended Regulation No. 8, and Amended Form No. 7, under the Closer Settlement Acts.
  - (4.) Amended Regulation No. 266, and Additional Form No. 111A, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
  - (5.) Regulations under the Rural Tenants' Improvements Act, 1916.
  - (6.) Amended Regulation No. 100, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
  - (7.) Amended Regulation Nos. 10 and 11, under the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916.
  - (8.) Return of amount expended under the Forestry Act, 1916.
  - (9.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
  - (10.) Gazette Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
  - (11.) Particulars of Western Land Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts, from 20th April to 29th June, 1917.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Reports and Correspondence in connection with the Dubbo-Werris Creek Railway (Deviation towards Munderoran).
- (2.) By-laws under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, for the Municipality of Balranald.
- (3.) Amended By-laws under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, for the Municipality of Hay.
- (4.) Amended By-laws under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, for the Municipality of Katoomba.
- (5.) Amended By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916.
- (6.) Amended By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, for Wollongong Water Supply.
- (7.) Amended By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Sydney Water Supply—Cordeaux Dam construction.
- (9.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by provision of Wheat-stacking Sites at Marina.
- (10.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between The Rock and Oaklands, by provision of Wheat-stacking Sites at Boree Creek.
- (11.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by provision of a Gatehouse at Bethungra.
- (12.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by deviating at Goondah.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba Railway.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Dunedoo to Coonabarabran Railway.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico Railway.
- (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Condobolin to Broken Hill Railway.
- (17.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Condobolin to Broken Hill Railway.
- (18.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Stormwater Sewers, Johnstone's Bay, Port Jackson.
- (19.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for concrete and masonry Dam across the Cordeaux River.
- (20.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Tullamore to Tottenham Railway.
- (21.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Murwillumbah Water Supply.
- (22.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Condobolin to Broken Hill Railway.
- (23.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Tullamore to Tottenham Railway.
- (24.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Ashford Bore Public Watering Place.
- (25.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Derrick's Tank Public Watering Place.
- (26.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for extension of Liverpool State Hospital and Asylum.
- (27.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Dunedoo to Coonabarabran Railway.
- (28.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Dunedoo to Coonabarabran Railway.
- (29.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Narrabri State Forest.
- (30.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st March, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1917.
- (2.) Statement of Liabilities of Public Companies for quarter ended 31st March, 1917.
- (3.) Regulations under Weights and Measures Acts, 1915-1916.
- (4.) Amended Regulations under the Pure Food Act, 1908.
- (5.) Amended By-laws under the Meat Industry Act, 1915.
- (6.) Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1902.
- (7.) Amended Regulations under the Dentists Acts, 1912-1916.
- (8.) Amended Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Acts, 1900-1913.
- (9.) Amended Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909.
- (10.) Regulations under the Fisheries Acts, 1902-1910.
- (11.) Synopsis of Voting at the State General Election, 1917.
- (12.) Report on the Fisheries of New South Wales for 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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7. **THE CLERK SUMMONED:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the recess, the Clerk had had received a subpoena to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions to give evidence and produce certain records on behalf of the Crown in a case of breach of the Electoral Act against Patrick Smark,—and that, as Speaker, he had authorised the production of such records.
8. **MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY WITH LORD CHELMSFORD:**—Mr. Speaker reported that, during the recess, he had communicated with the Premier's Office, requesting that a message of sympathy on behalf of Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly be forwarded to Lord Chelmsford in connection with the death of his son, and that a telegraphic reply from Lord Chelmsford had been received, intimating that their Excellencies were most grateful for this kind message of sympathy.
9. **MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

## (1.) Unclaimed Moneys Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No 1.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide that certain unclaimed moneys be paid to the Treasurer as public revenue; to give publicity to information relating to such moneys; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th July, 1917.*

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

## (2.) Harbour and Tonnage Rates Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 2.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for levying and collecting harbour and tonnage rates, and berthing and buoyage charges, and for the management and control of every public wharf, and the lands, buildings, or property connected therewith, in certain ports; for regulating the berthing and removal of vessels in any of such ports, and the discharging, loading, storing, stacking, and removing of goods on or from any such wharf; to repeal the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, and the Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Act, 1916; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th July, 1917.*

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

10. **DEATH OF THOMAS HENRY THROWER, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR MACQUARIE:**—Mr. Speaker reported with regret the death of Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire, recently Chairman of Committees, and a most distinguished Member of this House, which took place on 21st June, 1917; and said that, as the House was in recess, he had, on behalf of the House, forwarded to Mrs. Thrower and family an expression of sincere regret of Honorable Members and himself, at the untimely death of her distinguished husband.

Mr. Fuller (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss it has sustained by the death of Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire, Member for Macquarie.

And the motion, having been seconded by Mr. John Storey, was put and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House standing.

11. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:**—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

*“By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

*“PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, I do hereby appoint—*

*“Macartney Abbott, Esquire,*

*“William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire,*

*“Percy Brereton Colquhoun, Esquire,*

*“Arthur Hetherington Grimm, Esquire,*

*“William Kearsley, Esquire,*

*Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire,*

*Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire,*

*John Percy Osborne, Esquire, and*

*Robert James Stuart-Robertson, 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 seventeenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred  
“and seventeen.”*

*“JOHN J. COHEN,  
“Speaker.”  
And*

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And intimated that if not disapproved by the Assembly upon motion in the course of the three next following days on which the Assembly shall meet for the despatch of business, it shall take effect as an appointment of such Committee.

- 12. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, nominated,—

Percy Brereton Colquhoun, Esquire,
Simon Hickey, Esquire,
George Roy William McDonald, Esquire,
John Percy Osborne, Esquire, and
Follett Johns Thomas, Esquire,

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

- 13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :— Mr. Speaker drew the attention of the House to the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1912 in reference to the steps required to be taken for the election of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. Under section 9, paragraph (1), the Speaker has, within fourteen days after the commencement of the first Session of each Parliament, to appoint a date up to and including which he would receive nominations of Members of the Assembly for election and appointment as Members of the Committee—subsequent proceedings are also provided for under the Act. On the 17th April he had appointed Tuesday, the 24th April, 1917, as the date up to which nominations would be received—and certain nominations were received—but the prorogation intervened before that date, which, of course, quashed all proceedings taken. There seemed to be no provision for an election of the Committee in any other than the first Session of each Parliament.

- 14. PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE :—Mr. Price drew the attention of the House to statements made by Mr. Trethowan, M.L.C., in the Sun newspaper of Sunday, 15th July, 1917, and moved, That the paragraph marked appearing in the Sun newspaper of Sunday, 15th July, 1917, be read by the Clerk.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read the paragraph, as follows :—

" I say most definitely that a large area of land has been purchased for soldier settlement that is not suitable for the purpose. I am prepared to bring evidence before any properly-constituted committee that the money paid for this land is far in excess of its market value."—Mr. Trethowan at the Farmers' Conference.

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" The Chairman, Mr. Trethowan, M.L.C., replied that letters between Mr. Ashford, Minister for Lands, and himself had appeared in the Press regarding this question. He (Mr. Trethowan) had been interested in the matter wholly and solely from the seriousness of the position regarding our returned men. If we were going to do a fair thing by our soldiers in the way of repatriation it would be absolutely essential that the land we put them on should be suitable for the purpose—and that purpose was to enable the soldier to make a decent and comfortable living.

" I say myself," the speaker declared, "and I say it most definitely, that a large number of the estates that have been purchased are not suitable for the purpose for which they have been acquired. The Minister says that all precautions have been taken, and that it is absolutely impossible, under the system in vogue, for land to be purchased that would not be suitable for closer settlement and soldier settlement. I say most definitely that a large area of land has been purchased that is not suitable for that purpose. I should like this conference to pass a resolution through which we can get the information asked for by Mr. McLennan. We have not got that information. We do know that a great deal more money has been paid for these estates than they are worth in the open market. I make this direct charge to whomsoever is responsible—that a very large area has been purchased for returned soldiers, and if they are placed on it—I don't care under what conditions—they are going to have a harder battle for the rest of their lives than they have had in France.

" I am prepared," Mr. Trethowan went on, amid applause, "to bring evidence before any properly-constituted committee that the money paid for this land is far in excess of its market value, and that it is not suitable for the purpose for which it has been purchased. Now, that is a direct challenge to the Government, and I do not want to say any more."

" Mr. A. E. Hunt, M.L.C. (Treasurer of the Association), said he felt strongly on this matter. "If we were going to make a success of the returned men, the land would have to be suitable—the best land we had. Could returned soldiers be expected to settle away from civilisation in the back blocks? There was plenty of suitable land within reach of civilisation. 'Let us see,' he exclaimed, "that we put these men, not where they are going to be buried alive, but where they can help and co-operate with each other. It is absolutely absurd to talk of putting them in the back country, for they will never go; or, if they go, they will never stay."

" The following motion was carried :—

" That all areas made available to returned soldiers be the recognised living area in each particular land district; that, in regard to areas already allotted, such be made up to the living area from Crown lands in the vicinity, or by the resumption of land from adjoining holdings; and that, in arriving at the living area, the Minister make use of the knowledge of practical farmers living on or near the lands being made available."

" Replying to Mr. Trethowan, the Minister for Lands, Mr. Ashford, said last night : 'This is the same Mr. Trethowan who made a statement a little time ago impugning the honor of every Member of the State Parliament by saying that the State Parliaments were the places where hoodling went on, and who, when asked to substantiate the charge, shuffled.'"

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Mr.

(Article 14) to be read at the next meeting

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Mr. Price proceeding to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the charges made by the Honorable A. K. Trethowan, M.L.C., against the Honorable the Minister for Lands and Honorable Members of this House demands a searching and immediate inquiry.

(2.) That this House requires a strict and immediate inquiry into all charges made by the Honorable A. K. Trethowan, M.L.C., implicating the Honorable Mr. Ashford, Minister for Lands, and any Member of Parliament in any corrupt or improper action in regard to the resumption of lands for returned soldiers, and that the Honorable Member should forthwith formulate and substantiate the charges made by him in the matter.

Mr. Speaker said it was clearly laid down that the presiding officer of Parliament decided when a Question of Privilege was involved. He had no hesitation in saying that the matter referred to by the Honorable Member did not involve Privilege. Putting it at its worst, the article was merely a criticism on the action of a Member of Parliament. Honorable Members would have ample opportunity of expressing their views on that criticism, and, if any Honorable Member wished to move a motion insisting that an inquiry should be held, he would have that opportunity, and no harm would be done. This was not a Question of Privilege, and he ruled the motion out of order.

15. *Pro Formâ* BILL.—LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:—Mr. Fuller presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence*,"—and moved *pro formâ*, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

16. 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,—

1. It is with pleasure that I call you together for the opening of this the second Session of the twenty-fourth Parliament of New South Wales.

2. Since the last meeting of Parliament, Sir Gerald Strickland has applied for and received leave of absence prior to retirement from his office as Governor of the State. His Excellency, during his tenure of office, was distinguished for the zeal with which he threw himself whole heartedly into every movement that had for its object the strengthening of this State's work in the Empire's cause, and, assisted by his gracious wife, Lady Edeline Strickland, helped in every patriotic effort on behalf of our soldiers at the front, and of those who returned wounded from the fighting line.

3. Whilst rejoicing at the providential escape from death of the Premier, Mr. Holman, on his visit to the Australian troops in France, my advisers deeply deplore the untimely end of that gallant Australian officer, Major-General Holmes.

4. Satisfactory progress continues to be made by the troops of the Allies in the world's war, and Australia's soldiers still sustain in every field of operation the high reputation previously gained. The entry of the United States of America as an active participant with the Allies in the struggle gives cause for special congratulation, and must tend towards an earlier termination of hostilities. The deposition of the Greek King Constantine, and the elevation to the Premiership of the great Venizelos, whose interests and activities have always been on the side of the Allies, are a further satisfactory augury of the success of the allied arms. It is gratifying to observe that the Russian offensive has been revived with conspicuous success, after a period of inactivity extending over some months. This renewal of hostilities in the Eastern theatre should tend to divert in great measure the weight of enemy concentration which has been so nobly borne by the troops of the Allies on the Western frontier.

5. Notwithstanding these satisfactory developments, my advisers realise that the position of the Allies is still a cause for grave concern; and both legislative and administrative activities must be largely guided by the progress of the war in the near future. The Government of New South Wales still continues to place her entire resources, both administrative and industrial, at the disposal of the Commonwealth. While there has been no abatement in the efforts of the Government towards assisting those of our soldiers who have returned, further schemes in their interests are in course of preparation.

6. The liberality of the public in subscribing to the various patriotic and charitable funds continues.

7. The grave difficulties which have been experienced in shipping and transport, and which are directly attributable to the activity of enemy submarines, have been to some extent averted, thanks to the precautionary methods adopted by the naval authorities of the Allies. Meanwhile, in order to expedite and facilitate transport, my advisers have offered to fully co-operate with the Commonwealth in a scheme which is being devised for constructing additional ships, and arrangements are being made for the bulk-handling of the wheat supply.

8. Arrangements have been made to review the whole position in connection with the Public Service. The services of an eminent business man have been secured, who will be appointed a Royal Commission with adequate powers to inquire fully into the methods adopted under the existing system, and the administrative changes necessary to procure increased efficiency, while providing adequate reward for meritorious service.

9. In consequence of the claim that increased charges are necessary on the ferry service operating between Sydney and North Sydney, a Royal Commission has been appointed to inquire into the question, in order that the public interests in this regard may be carefully safeguarded.

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10. The industrial position has caused concern, but my advisers are confident that, by careful consideration of grievances, and by a continued sympathetic administration of industrial laws, a truer co-operation between all classes of the community during the Empire's hour of supreme crisis can be established.

11. Notwithstanding the difficulties arising from the shortage of doctors and nurses caused by the requirements of the war, the interests of public health have been closely safeguarded.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

12. Estimates of revenue and expenditure for the current financial year will be laid before you at a very early date. These have been framed with the utmost regard for economy.

13. Financial difficulties owing to war conditions have necessitated the curtailment of expenditure on public works, and in some directions, so far as the construction of new works is concerned, complete cessation of operations, until the necessary financial help can be obtained on more advantageous terms. It is sincerely hoped, however, that this condition of affairs will be of brief duration. As far as the finances will permit, essential works will be proceeded with. Meantime it is satisfactory to note that regular employment for workmen generally is obtainable throughout the State.

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

14. Bills will be submitted for your consideration to—

- (1.) Make adequate provision for the settlement of returned soldiers.
- (2.) Amend the Crown Lands Act.
- (3.) Amend and consolidate the law relating to Local Government.
- (4.) Amend the law relating to Industrial Arbitration.
- (5.) Amend and consolidate the law of property and to simplify the method of conveyancing.
- (6.) Amend the law relating to Trustees and Trust property.
- (7.) Amend the law with regard to Bills of Sale and Debentures.
- (8.) Amend the Crimes Act.
- (9.) Make provision for the care and education of mentally-deficient children.
- (10.) Amending the law relating to Life Insurance.
- (11.) Amend the laws relating to Public Health.
- (12.) Effect various necessary minor amendments in existing Acts.

I now leave you to your deliberations and the discharge of your legislative duties, with the earnest prayer that, under Divine guidance, your labours may tend to promote the welfare and happiness of all classes of the people.

Mr. Ley then moved, and Mr. Bavin seconded, the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. Bavin, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Graff, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Weaver, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Ley 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 WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

3. 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 State.

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

Mr. John Storey 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.



## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

*17th July, 1917.*

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

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## No. 2.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY, 1917.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS:—Mr. Fuller (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present Session be granted to the Honorable Member for Castle-reagh, James Guy Dalley Arkins, Esquire; the Honorable Member for Canterbury, George Cann, Esquire; the Honorable Member for Leichhardt, the Honorable Ambrose Campbell Carmichael; the Honorable Member for Tamworth, Frank Augustus Chaffey, Esquire; the Honorable Member for Mudgee, William Fraser Dunn, Esquire; the Honorable Member for Burwood, Thomas Henley, Esquire, on account of absence from the State on Military Service; the Honorable Member for Cootamundra, the Honorable William Arthur Holman, on account of absence from the State; the Honorable Member for Cobar, Charles Stuart Fern, Esquire, on account of ill-health. Question put and passed.

2. 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. Ley, 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 WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

"2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

"3. 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 State."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. John Storey moved, That the Address be amended by adding the following words to stand as paragraph 4:—"We also desire to inform your Excellency that your Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House."

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Oakes 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.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 JULY, 1917.

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

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. Ley, 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 WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

"2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

"3. 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 State."

Upon which Mr. John Storey had moved, That the Address be amended by adding the following words to stand as paragraph 4:—"We also desire to inform your Excellency that your Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House."

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

Mr. F. M. Burke moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. James moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN J. COHEN,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 JULY, 1917.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulations under the Forestry Act, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. D. R. Hall (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Daniel Levy, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for this day only.  
Question put and passed.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General, transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th Section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of Their Excellencies the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service, viz. :—
- (a) £1,000 from Vote, "Department of Lands—Salaries," to Vote, "For payment of Officers who may be granted extended leave of absence prior to retirement."
  - (b) £600 from Vote, "Department of Lands—Salaries," to Vote, "To meet payment to legal representatives of deceased Officers of the money value of extended leave accrued to such Officers, but not taken up to time of decease."
  - (c) £2,000 from Vote, "Item No. 29," to Vote, "Item No. 11"—Premier's Department.
  - (d) £5,000 from Vote, "Conveyance of members of Military and Naval Forces and horses and material by rail and tram," to Vote, "Unusual expenditure arising out of the War, &c."—Premier's Department.
  - (e) £500 from Vote, "Provision of Funds for Rifle Clubs, &c.," to Vote, "Item No. 11"—Premier's Department.
  - (f) £1,000 from Vote, "To provide a subsidy for the relief of distress amongst the Allied Nations," to Vote, "Motor-cars: Expenses of upkeep, &c."—Premier's Department.
  - (g) £100 from Vote, "Legislative Assembly," to Vote, "Legislative Council and Assembly."
  - (h) £350 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Contingencies," to Vote, "Court Reporters—Contingencies."
  - (i) £223 9s. 6d. from Vote, "Petty Sessions—Contingencies," to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services."
  - (j) £750 from Vote, "Registrar-General's Department—Contingencies," to the following Votes, viz. :—£500 to Vote, "Court Reporters—Contingencies," and £250 to Vote, "Prothonotary and Registrar in Divorce—Contingencies."
  - (k) £75 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services," "Item No. 204," to Vote, "Item No. 205."
  - (l) £750 from Vote, "Registrar-General—Contingencies," to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services."
  - (m) £100 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services," to Vote, "Probate Office—Contingencies."
  - (n) £3,200, being £50 from Vote, "Item, No. 186," to Vote, "Item, No. 213"; £800 from Vote, "Item, No. 197," to Vote, "Item, No. 185"; £150 from Vote, "Item No. 186," to Vote, "Item No. 184"; £1,600 from Vote, "Item No. 197," to Vote, "Item No. 196"; £300 from Vote, "Item No. 197," and £300 from Vote, "Item No. 204," to Vote, "Item No. 191"—Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.

(o)

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- (o) £575, being £550 from Vote, "Item No. 206," and £25 from Vote, "Item No. 204," viz. £50 to Vote, "Item No. 190," £500 to Vote, "Item No. 207," and £25 to Vote, "Item No. 202"—Department of Attorney-General and of Justice.
- (p) £190, being £100 from Vote, "Item No. 204," to Vote, "Item No. 203," and £90 from Vote, "Item No. 212"; £40 to Vote, "Item No. 184," and £50 to Vote, "Item No. 202"—Department of Attorney-General and of Justice.
- (q) £15 from Vote, "Item No. 212," to Vote, "Item No. 213"—Department of Attorney-General and of Justice.
- (r) £60 from Vote, "Item No. 210," to Vote, "Item No. 184"—Department of Attorney-General and of Justice—Miscellaneous Services.
- (s) £21,000 from Vote, "Item No. 72," to Votes, "Items Nos. 134, 146, 157, 163"—Treasury.
- (t) £393 from Votes, "Items Nos. 11, 183," to Vote, "Item No. 162"—Treasury.
- (u) £200 from Vote, "Item No. 316"—Department of Mines, to Vote, "Item No. 162"—Treasury.
- (v) £2,000 from Vote, "Special Grants to Hospitals, &c.," to Vote, "Subsidy to Hospitals, &c."—Department of Public Health.
- (w) £30 from Vote, "Item No. 73," to Vote, "Item No. 77"—Department of Public Health.
- (x) £200 from Vote, "Item No. 55," to Vote, "Item No. 60"—Chief Secretary.
- (y) £700 from Vote, "Item No. 51," to Vote, "Item No. 72"—Chief Secretary.
- (z) £131 from Vote, "Item No. 74," to Vote, "Item No. 64"—Chief Secretary.
- (aa) £200 from Vote, "Zoological Gardens, Moore Park—Grant," to Vote, "Taronga Zoological Park Trust—Grant, &c."
- (bb) £100 from Vote, "Item No. 60"—Railways, to Vote, "Item No. 72"—Colonial Secretary.
- (cc) £100 from Vote, "Miscellaneous—Agriculture," to Vote, "Commercial Agents—Contingencies."
- (dd) £100 from Vote, "Item No. 340"—Agriculture, to Vote, "Item No. 339"—Commercial Agents—Contingencies.
- (ee) £225 from Vote, "Item No. 367"—Agriculture, to Vote, "Item No. 339"—Commercial Agents—Contingencies.
- (ff) £2,000 from Vote, "Item No. 221"—Department of Lands, to Vote, "Item No. 332"—Agriculture.
- (gg) £780, being £200 from Vote, "Item No. 357," £35 from Vote, "Item No. 334," and £545 from Vote, "Item No. 337," to the following Votes, viz. :—£420 to "Item No. 333"; £130 to "Item No. 335"; £200 to "Item No. 336," and £30 to "Item No. 338"—Agriculture.
- (hh) £500 from Vote, "Item No. 262," to Vote, "Item No. 271"—Public Instruction.
- (ii) £500 from Vote, "Item No. 142," to Vote, "Item No. 141"—Treasury.
- (jj) £3,000 from Vote, "Item No. 29," to Vote, "Item No. 48"—Premier's Department.
- (kk) £100 from Vote, "Legislative Assembly," to Vote, "Legislative Council and Assembly."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

- 4 THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Ley, 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 WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

" 2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

" 3. 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 State."

Upon which Mr. John Storey had moved, That the Address be amended by adding the following words to stand as paragraph 4 :—" We also desire to inform your Excellency that your Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House."

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

5. SUPPLY BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker.

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 3.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1917-18, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 24th July, 1917.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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6. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the appointment forthwith of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means, and the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1917-1918, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY** :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House will, at a later hour of the Day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Question put and passed.

8. **COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS** :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House will, at a later hour of the Day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Question put and passed.

9. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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 His Majesty a sum not exceeding £5,346,735; being £1,680,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of July, August, and September, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1918, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1917, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1917-1918, and

£2,509,500 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services, viz. :—

**RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS**—

Working Expenses	£2,364,000
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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**—

**Endowments**—

Endowment of Shires	70,000
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**Main Roads**—

For Expenditure on Main Roads	70,000
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**Contingencies**—

Recoup to Shires and Municipalities for Increased Cost of working Public Ferries due to Remission of Tolls	5,500
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£78,035 payable out of the Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes, viz. :—

**TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE**—

**Sydney Harbour Trust**—

Renewals and Replacement of Wharfs, Jetties, Plant, and Buildings under Reconstruction Schemes	£6,000
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**MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS**—

**Water Supplies**—

Water Supplies	500
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**Public Buildings**—

Public Buildings, Generally	13,735
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**Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage**—

Renewal of Water Mains, Sewers, Plant, Buildings, &c., and for Renewal Works generally, also recoup to Loan Votes for Machinery and Plant worn out or dismantled	4,500
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**Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board**—

Renewal of Water Mains and Sewers	300
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**PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**—

**Miscellaneous**—

School Buildings, Teachers' Residences, Trade Schools, Technical Education, Teachers' Training College, and other Buildings, Erections, Additions, Improvements, Equipment, Renewals and Materials	50,000
Aviation School—Erection and Equipment	3,000

£1,079,200

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£1,079,200 payable out of the General Loan Account in anticipation of Loan Votes, viz. :—	
COLONIAL SECRETARY—	
Industrial Undertakings—	
State Trawlers—	
Towards construction of Trawlers, Wooden Fish-carrying Vessel, Establishment of Depôts, &c. ....	£15,000
TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—	
Sydney Harbour Trust—	
Towards construction of Works generally, and for the improvement of the Port ....	48,000
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—	
Railways—	
Rolling stock to meet additional traffic requirements, and Equipment of new lines...	70,000
Railway Construction—	
North Coast Railway ....	84,000
Dunedoo to Coonabarabran ....	2,000
Muswellbrook to Merriwa ....	29,000
Wyalong to Cudgellico ....	31,000
Dubbo to Werris Creek ....	37,000
Colbar to C.S.A. Mines ....	4,000
Condobolin to Broken Hill ....	94,000
Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba . . .	16,000
Cooma to Bombala ....	10,000
Forbes to Stockinbingal ....	5,000
Sydenham to Botany ....	4,000
Land Resumptions for authorised Railways ....	20,000
Metropolitan Railway Construction—	
City and Suburban Railways—Land Resumptions and Costs—further sum ....	100,000
Tramway Construction—	
Tramways generally—further sum ....	9,700
Land resumptions... ..	5,000
Miscellaneous—	
Purchase of Railway and Tramway Stores and Materials which cannot properly be charged to Appropriations of Parliament until actually issued for use, the amount to be carried to Special Deposits Account (Railway Store Advance Account)—further sum ....	200,000
SECRETARY FOR LANDS—	
Miscellaneous—	
For the subdivision and improvement of Crown or acquired lands, to be leased or otherwise disposed of to Returned Soldiers, and for other expenses in connection therewith, including the purchase of implements, stock, &c. ....	25,000
For the purpose of Prickly-pear Eradication on Crown Lands, and expenses incidental thereto ....	2,000
MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS—	
Sewerage Construction—	
Metropolitan Sewerage and Stormwater Channels—further sum ....	8,000
Country Towns Sewerage and Stormwater Channels—further sum ....	14,000
Newcastle Sewerage—further sum ....	3,000
Water Supplies—	
Country Towns Water Supplies—further sum... ..	20,000
Improvements—Sydney Water Supply... ..	17,500
Hunter District Water Supply—Amplification ..	5,000
Harbours and Rivers—	
Newcastle Harbour Improvements and Wharfage, including Dredging and other Plant—further sum ....	27,500
Port Kembla Improvements, Wharfage and Shipping Appliances—further sum ....	7,000
Coff's Harbour Improvements and Jetty—further sum... ..	7,500
Public Buildings—	
Caves Houses and Tourist Resorts generally ....	3,000
Metropolitan Meat Industry Board—	
New Public Abattoir and other works at Homebush Point, Meat Distributing Depôt, Pig and Calf Market, Sale Yards, Meat Export and other Works and Buildings, including Land Resumption and Costs ....	42,500
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—	
Water Supply—	
General Reticulation, Improvements, &c., including Sydney Water Supply Amplification... ..	45,000
Sewerage—	
Construction and Ventilation of Sewers generally ....	13,000
Hunter District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—	
Water Supply—	
Extension of Reticulation ....	1,500
DEPARTMENT	

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—

## Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission—

For the Erection of Canning and other Factories, and Installation of Plant in connection therewith, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area ... ..	£50,000
Shallow Boring—To provide Water Supplies for Settlers ... ..	4,000

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

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

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

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1917–1918, the sum of £5,346,735 be granted, viz.:—£4,189,500 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, £78,035 out of the Public Works Fund, and £1,079,200 out of the General Loan Account.

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

11. SUPPLY BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1917–1918, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1917–1918, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, 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. Fitzpatrick, *passed*.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1917–1918, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1917–1918, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th July, 1917.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN J. COHEN,  
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 5.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY, 1917.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for Bonville Quarry site.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for Drainage Purposes at Weston.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 17th July, 1917, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next following 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 159th Section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912.(2.) *Members Sworn*:—Percy Brereton Colquhoun, Esquire, and Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

3. 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. Ley, 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 WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

“2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

“3. 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 State.”

Upon which Mr. John Storey had moved, That the Address be amended by adding the following words to stand as paragraph 4:—“We also desire to inform your Excellency that your Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House.”

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

25th July, 1917.

4. SUPPLY 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 towards the Services of the year 1917-1918, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th July, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN J. COHEN,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 26 JULY, 1917.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulations under the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. MEMBER SWORN:—Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Edward Nicholson, V.D., 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 Maitland.

3. 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. Ley, 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 WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

" 2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

" 3. 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 State."

Upon which Mr. John Storey had moved, That the Address be amended by adding the following words to stand as paragraph 4:—" We also desire to inform Your Excellency that your Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be added, be so added,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. James moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN J. COHEN,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 31 JULY, 1917.

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

VACANT SEAT—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF MACQUARIE:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Certificate, under the hands of two Members of this House, also a Certificate from the Registrar-General, notifying the death, on 21st June, 1917, of Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire. That upon the receipt of such Certificates, the House being then in recess, he had, in accordance with the direction of the 70th Section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Macquarie, in the room of Thomas Henry Thrower.

(2.) That the said Writ had been duly returned to him, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the Election of Patrick Michael McGirr, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

2. SUPPLY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Fuller, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 4.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1917-1918, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 27th July, 1917.*

3. PAPERS:—

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

(a) £120, being £100 from Vote, "Item No. 353," and £20 from Vote, "Item No. 358," to the following Votes, viz:—£60 to Vote, "Item No. 337," £30 to Vote, "Item No. 334," and £30 to Vote, "Item No. 338"—Department of Agriculture.

(b) £500 from Vote, "Item No. 55," to Vote, "Item No. 59"—Chief Secretary's Office.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Statement of Receipts and Payments, Police Superannuation and Reward Fund, during the year ended 30th June, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulations under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Fuller (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Daniel Levy, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for this day only.  
Question put and passed.

31st July, 1917.

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Members Sworn*:—William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire, Arthur Hetherington Grimm, Esquire, and Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

6. 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. Ley, 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 WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*”

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

“2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

“3. 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 State.”

Upon which Mr. John Storey had moved, That the Address be amended by adding the following words to stand as paragraph 4:—“We also desire to inform your Excellency that your Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be added, be so added,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Briner moved; That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1917.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Fuller made a Ministerial Statement as to the position of the Government in relation to an ultimatum which had been sent to the Railway Commissioners by the unions interested on the subject of the "Card" system recently introduced into the Railway Service. He also expressed the hope that better counsels would prevail and save the disastrous effects of a strike which was threatened in connection with the Railway and Tramway Services. Mr. John Storey also addressed the House.

2. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Ashford, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 5.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 conversion of certain tenures under the Acts relating to Crown Lands; to modify the conditions attaching to certain holdings; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Acts amending it; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 26th July, 1917.*

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

3. THE ASHTONFIELDS COAL MINES RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable William Longworth and Thomas Longworth, of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, to construct a railway from coal lands at Bullai, in the parish of Maitland, county of Northumberland, to the Great Northern Railway at Thornton, in the parish of Alwicks*,"—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, 1st August, 1917.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

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

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Member Sworn*:—John Percy Osborne, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

1st August, 1917.

5. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Ley, 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 WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, *Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

"2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

"3. 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 State."

Upon which Mr. John Storey had moved, That the Address be amended by adding the following words to stand as paragraph 4:—"We also desire to inform your Excellency that your Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House."

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

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1917, A.M.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. F. M. Burke,  
Mr. Michael Burke,  
Mr. Bushell,  
Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. William Davies,  
Mr. Dooley,  
Mr. Doyle,  
Mr. Estell,  
Mr. Kearsley,  
Mr. Keegan,  
Mr. Lang,  
Mr. Lazzarini,  
Mr. Loughlin,  
Mr. McKell,  
Mr. Gus. Miller,  
Mr. Mutch,  
Mr. O'Brien,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Quirk,  
Mr. Tom Smith,  
Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,  
Mr. Wright.  
Tellers,  
Mr. Johnston,  
Mr. Simon Hickey.

Noes, 46.

Mr. M. Abbott,  
Dr. Arthur,  
Mr. Ashford,  
Mr. Bagnall,  
Mr. Ball,  
Mr. Bavin,  
Mr. Beeby,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Briner,  
Mr. Bruntneil,  
Mr. Cocks,  
Mr. Colquhoun,  
Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Fallick,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Fuller,  
Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. Graff,  
Mr. Grimm,  
Mr. D. R. Hall,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Hunt,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Lane,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. Levy,  
Mr. Manning,  
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,  
Mr. McGarry,  
Mr. W. Millard,  
Mr. Harry Morton,  
Mr. Mark F. Morton,  
Mr. Nesbitt,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Colonel Onslow,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. David Storey,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Thompson,  
Mr. Walker,  
Mr. Wearne,  
Mr. Weaver,  
Mr. Zaill.  
Tellers,  
Mr. Robson,  
Mr. Ley.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Lieutenant-Governor to receive the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, To-morrow, at a quarter past Four o'clock, at Government House.

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

Question put and passed.

7. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice;—

(1.) That, during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays.

(2.) That General Notices of Motion and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.

(3.) That Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Question put and passed.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1st August, 1917.

8. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Latimer, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Grimm, Mr. F. M. Burke, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Gregory McGirr, Mr. Weaver, and the Mover, with authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
Question put and passed.
9. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Levy, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Beeby, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Mutch, Mr. McKell, and the Mover, with 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.
10. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Dooley, Mr. John Storey, Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Mr. Levy, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Quirk, Mr. Thomas, and the Mover, with leave to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council, and that Mr. Speaker be empowered to convene meetings of the Committee.  
Question put and passed.
11. PRINTING COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Scobie, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bushell, Mr. Graff, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. Nesbitt, and the Mover, to whom are hereby referred all Papers (except such as the Standing Orders or the House direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means) which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the Papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such Papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for Press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such papers or abstracts shall be printed, unless the House otherwise order.  
(2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee.  
(3.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.  
Question put and passed.
12. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Mark F. Morton moved, pursuant to Notice, That Daniel Levy, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Mr. Levy made his acknowledgments.  
Mr. Fuller and Mr. John Storey congratulated Mr. Levy.
13. ABORIGINES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909, and the Aborigines Protection Amending Act, 1915.  
Question put and passed.
14. PUBLIC ROADS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Roads Act, 1902; to validate certain notifications purporting to be made under the provisions of that Act; and for other purposes incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
15. CROWN LANDS PURCHASE VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate a certain additional conditional purchase made by John Kane.  
Question put and passed.
16. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Acts relating to Crown lands; to modify the conditions attaching to certain holdings; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Acts amending it; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
17. STANDING ORDERS—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE:—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That the whole of the Standing Orders be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report, and that the Committee be empowered to offer suggestions for the improvement and simplification of the procedure of this House.  
(2.) That the report from the Standing Orders Committee of Session 1915–16 be referred to this Committee for its consideration.  
Question put and passed.



1st August, 1917.

18. **HARBOUR AND TONNAGE RATES BILL**:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for levying and collecting harbour and tonnage rates and berthing and buoyage charges, and for the management and control of every public wharf, and the lands, buildings, or property connected therewith in certain ports; for regulating the berthing and removal of vessels in any of such ports, and the discharging, loading, storing, stacking, and removing of goods on or from any such wharf; to repeal the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, and the Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Act, 1916; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
19. **UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL**:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that certain unclaimed moneys be paid to the Treasurer as public revenue; to give publicity to information relating to such moneys; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
20. **REAL ESTATE AND STOCK AGENTS BILL**:—Mr. James moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the licensing and regulation of real estate and stock agents; to prohibit certain acts by unregistered agents; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
21. **UNIVERSITY PRIZES AND MEDALS ALTERATION BILL**:—Mr. James moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that certain prizes and medals founded at the University of Sydney for award at certain examinations of the University may be awarded at certain other examinations of the University, and to vary the terms and conditions on which the prizes and medals may be awarded; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
22. **PAPER**:—Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Paper,—Royal Commission of Inquiry on Rural, Pastoral, Agricultural, and Dairying Interests (with particular reference to Share-farming)—Commission's Report on all matters other than Dairying Interests.  
Ordered to be printed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 9.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1917.

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:—

Government House, Sydney.

To the Honorable the Speaker and

Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales,—

I thank you for your Address and for the expressions of loyalty and attachment to the Throne and Person of His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fifth contained therein. I am glad to receive your assurance that earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to you, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

I have every confidence that, under Divine Providence, your labours will conduce to the general welfare and happiness of all classes of the community.

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

2nd August, 1917.

2. MEMBER SWORN:—Patrick Michael McGirr, Esquire, was introduced, and having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Macquarie.

3. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1917-1918:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the following:—

- (1.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Estimates of Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1917-1918.
- (2.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1916-1917, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote.
- (3.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Statement of Payments "Unauthorised in Suspense," to 30th June, 1917, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation.
- (4.) *Closer Settlement Fund*.—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government for the year 1917-1918.
- (5.) *Public Works Fund*.—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government for the year 1917-1918.

State Government House,

Sydney, 1st August, 1917.

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

2nd August, 1917.

4. REAL ESTATE AND STOCK AGENTS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. James, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 7.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 licensing and regulation of real estate and stock agents; to prohibit certain acts by unregistered agents; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 26th July, 1917.*

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

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Member Sworn*:—William Kearsley, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
6. PAPER:—Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette Notices* setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. EARLY CLOSING BILL:—Mr. Beeby moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Early Closing; to regulate the times of opening and closing of shops, and the employment of shop-assistants and persons delivering goods, and to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to enable the Court of Industrial Arbitration and the Industrial Boards to amend and extend the law relating to Early Closing and other provisions of this Act; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Auctioneers Licensing Act, 1898, the Auctioneers' Licensing (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Police Offences Act, 1901, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £400 for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council for the year 1917–18.  
On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
9. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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.
10. PAPERS:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Papers:—  
(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1917–1918.  
(2.) Statement showing Special War Expenditure incurred by the New South Wales Government during the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1917.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Bennett, as Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned, at fifteen minutes before Ten o'clock; until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker*

New South Wales.

No. 10.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1917.

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

DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE:—  
Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Public Seal of the State, dated 3rd day of August, 1917, and signed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, empowering Daniel Levy, 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 WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight Commander of the  
“Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the  
“State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“Greeting:

“In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, as  
“Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise Daniel Levy, Esquire,  
“Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said State, in the absence of the  
“Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer from time to time, as occasion may  
“require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously  
“administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, required by law  
“to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or  
“vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales  
“aforesaid, this third day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine  
“hundred and seventeen, and in the eighth year of the Reign of His Majesty King  
“George the Fifth.

W. P. CULLEN,

“Lieutenant-Governor.

“By His Excellency's Command,  
“GEORGE W. FULLER.”

2. EARLY CLOSING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Beeby, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

“Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to early closing; to regulate the times of opening and closing of shops and the employment of shop-assistants and persons delivering goods, and to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to enable the Court of Industrial Arbitration and the Industrial Boards to amend and extend the law relating to early closing and other provisions of this Act; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Auctioneers' Licensing Act, 1898, the Auctioneers' Licensing (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Police Offences Act, 1901, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 2nd August, 1917.

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

7th August, 1917.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. James laid upon the Table the following Papers:—  
 (1.) By-laws of the University of Sydney.  
 (2.) Minute of the Public Service Board relating to the appointment of Miss Florence H. Wark as Lecturer, Teachers' College, Department of Education.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. URGENCY—THE INDUSTRIAL POSITION:—Mr. John Storey moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider the following motion, viz.,—The necessity for an inquiry to be held to consider the industrial position.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Michael Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Gregory McGirr,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Tom Smith.
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	

Noes, 44.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Levy,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Cocks,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Edden,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Latimer,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, "The Ashtonfields Coal Mines Railway Bill (Council Bill); second reading. [Mr. G. R. W. McDonald]";—postponed until Tuesday next.

6. ALLEGED CLAIMS OF OLD PUBLIC SERVANTS ON RETIREMENT:—Mr. Fallick moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged claims of old public servants to one month's salary for each year of service on retirement.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. W. Millard, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Grimm, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion, for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave withdrawn.

Original Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. James moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. James,	Mr. Manning.
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Tom Smith
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. John Storey
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Dooley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. F. M. Burke,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Lang.
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Levy,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Bruntell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cocks,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Walker.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Quick,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Cochran,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. Loughlin.
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 11.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1917.

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

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

£16,574 9s. 6d. from Vote, "Item No. 246," to Votes, "Items Nos. 247 to 258 (inclusive),"—Department of Public Works.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker said: During the Session I have had on several occasions to call attention to a tendency on the part of Members to introduce into Questions with and without Notice matters which do not properly fall within the scope of Questions. For the information and guidance of Members I desire to direct attention to the Standing Orders and the practice in regard to this subject:—

"76. Questions may be put to Ministers of the Crown relating to public affairs, and the answers laid upon the Table; and to other Members, relating to any Bill, motion, or other public matter connected with the business of the House, in which such Members may be concerned. A copy of such answers shall be forthwith delivered to each Member."

"77. In putting any such Question no argument or opinion shall be offered, nor any facts stated, except so far as may be necessary to explain such Question."

"78. In answering any such Question a Member shall not debate the matter to which the same refers."

79. Hereafter referred to.

"May," 12th edition, page 231, says: "Questions addressed to Ministers should relate to the public affairs with which they are officially connected, to proceedings pending in Parliament, or to any matter of administration for which the Minister is responsible. Within these lines an explanation can be sought regarding the intentions of the Government, but not an expression of their opinion upon matters of policy."

Again on page 225 it says:—"The purpose of a Question is to obtain information, and not supply it to the House. A Question may not contain statements of facts, unless they be necessary to make the Question intelligible, and can be authenticated; nor should a Question contain arguments, expressions of opinion, inferences, or imputations. Quotations are not permitted in Questions, or epithets, or controversial or ironical expressions. Nor may a Question refer to debates, or answers to Questions in the current Session. Discussion in anticipation upon an Order of the Day or other matter by means of a Question is not permitted; nor can a Question be asked regarding proceedings in a Committee which have not been placed before the House by a Report from the Committee. A Question which publishes the names of persons or statements not strictly necessary to render the Question intelligible will be refused a place on the Notice Paper. The expression of an opinion or the solution of an abstract legal case or of a hypothetical proposition, cannot be sought for by a Question. Nor is it in order to ask merely whether certain things, such as statements made in a newspaper, are true; but attention may be drawn to such statements, if the Member who puts the Question, makes himself responsible for their accuracy. No Question can be asked which reflects on the character or conduct of those persons whose conduct, as stated on page 248, can only be dealt with on a substantive motion; for the same reason, a Question is not permitted which makes or implies charges of a personal character. Nor can any Questions be asked regarding character or conduct except of persons in their official or public capacity. A Question also which might prejudice a pending trial should not be asked."

The

8th August, 1917.

The method of dealing with irregular Notices is dealt with on page 217 where it is laid down as follows:—

“As the Notice Paper is published by authority of the House, a Notice of a Motion or of a Question to be put to a Member, containing unbecoming expressions infringing its rules, or otherwise irregular, may, under the Speaker's authority, be corrected by the Clerks at the Table. These alterations, if it be necessary, are submitted to the Speaker, or to the Member who gave the Notice. A Notice wholly out of order, as, for instance, containing a reflection on a vote of the House may be withheld from publication on the Notice Paper, or, if the irregularity be not extreme, the Notice is printed, and reserved for future consideration; though in such cases it is not the duty of the Clerks at the Table to inform the Member who gave the Notice of an informality that it may contain. When a Notice, publicly given, is obviously irregular or unbecoming, the Speaker has interposed and the Notice has not been received in that form. He has also directed that a Notice of Motion should not be printed, as being obviously designed merely to give annoyance. If an objection be raised to a Notice of Motion upon the Notice Paper the Speaker decides as to its regularity; and, if the objection be sustained, the Notice is amended or withdrawn. The House has also, by order, directed that a Notice of Motion be taken off the Notice Paper.”

I have had a search made in the Journals of other State Parliaments for an application of these rules and find that in the Legislative Assembly of Queensland the Deputy-Speaker on the 8th November, 1910 (see “Votes and Proceedings” No. 56) laid down the practice in somewhat similar terms to those which I am making use of to-day. In the instance referred to the Deputy-Speaker expunged the Question from the Paper.

Again, on the 14th September, 1916, I find in the Queensland “Parliamentary Debates” that the Speaker drew attention to the form of a Question which he ruled out of order, and suggested that it should be asked in an amended form. The Honorable Member declining to accept the revised edition of the Question it was struck out.

As recently as 26th July last, in the Queensland Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker said: “If the Honorable Member will only take the trouble to look up the ruling given by myself last Session on the matter of Questions—appearing in *Hansard*, Vol. cxxiii, page 560, and also the ruling given by Mr. Speaker Armstrong on the same subject—see ‘Votes and Proceedings’ of 1910, page 353, he will see that his Question is not within the scope allowed by the Standing Orders. The Question asks for an expression of opinion, or expression of view, and I do not intend to allow it to be asked. And in future, unless Questions are framed within the limits of our Standing Orders, I shall use the power vested in me, and strike such Questions off the Business Paper.”

Standing Order 79. “Questions put without Notice are subject to the same rules as Questions upon Notice, but neither the Question nor reply shall be recorded in the ‘Votes and Proceedings.’”

I find that my predecessor, Mr. Speaker Mcagher, made the following observations in regard to the asking of Questions without Notice:—

“In view of the statement made by the Premier, I shall not allow a series of categorical Questions to be put by Honorable Members with the object of their being replied to by one answer. If the Honorable Member desires to put a Question in order to elicit further information, I shall permit him to ask that Question. It will be within the discretion of the Minister to say whether it is an urgent Question, or whether, as my judgment goes, 90 per cent. of the Questions should go on the Business Paper. But if a Question is sought to be put which practically traverses an answer previously given, I shall refuse to allow it to be put. It is impossible for the Speaker in the maelstrom of Questions asked in an irresponsible way to keep track of all of them, because there is no record of them in the ‘Votes and Proceedings.’ I again ask Honorable Members not to abuse the Standing Orders. It is very clear that Questions without Notice should be confined within the ambit of matters of urgency which admit of no delay. I say again that 90 per cent. of the Questions could be placed on the Business Paper without prejudice either to the Questioner or to the answerer.”—N.S.W. “Parliamentary Debates,” Vol. 58, pp. 123 and 124. 23 June, 1915.

He also laid it down as a practice that only two Questions should be allowed upon any one subject. That practice I intend to adhere to.

Having drawn attention to this matter I believe Honorable Members will observe these very salutary rules which are laid down for their guidance.

### 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Public Trustee for the year ended 30th June, 1917, together with Statements of Receipts and Disbursements, Balance-sheet, and Profit and Loss Account.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulations under the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Returns showing the surrender and allotment of lands, under the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, from 18th March, 1916, to 8th March, 1917.

(2.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Sydney Cricket Ground for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

(3.) Notification of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 1907-31, Land District of Queanbeyan, shall cease to be voidable.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.



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Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Amended By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916.  
 (2.) Amended By-law of the Municipality of Bourke, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Member Sworn* :—Macartney Abbott, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Fuller moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. McGarry,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Briner,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Bruntell,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Bavin,
Mr. James,	Mr. Colquhoun.
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Ley,	
Mr. Manning,	

Noes, 22

Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. F. M. Burke,
Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Bushell,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Lazzarini,
Mr. Loughlin,
Mr. Mutch,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. John Storey
Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dooley.
Mr. McKell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 12.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1917.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, fixing the maximum selling price of all commodities as at the 1st day of August, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Amended Regulations under the Forestry Act, 1916.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(3.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(5.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(6.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Fuller moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Bruntzell,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Weaver.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. F. M. Burke,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Michael Burke,	
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Lang.
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. M'Kell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least thirty Members,”—

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The

9th August, 1917.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. M'Garry,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Briner,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Ley.
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brookfield,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Tom Smith.
Mr. Michael Burke,	
Mr. Bushell,	
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. M'Kell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Wright.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker*

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.  
ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Fuller moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. W. Millard,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Harry Murton,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. Bavin.
Mr. Laue,	Mr. Bruntnell.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Lec,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Ley,	
Mr. Manning,	
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	
Mr. McGarry,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. F. M. Burke,
Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Bushell,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Doyle,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Lazzarini,
Mr. Gregory McGirr,
Mr. McKell,
Mr. Mutch,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Johnston.

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least thirty Members,”—

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Harry Murton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cocks,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Brookfield,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Doyle,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Bushell,	
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Wright.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN J. COHEN,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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No. 14.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

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WEDNESDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1917.

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

ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF ROBERT SCOBIE, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR MURRAY:—Mr. Fuller (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss it has sustained by the death of Robert Scobie, Esquire, Member for Murray, and that this House do now adjourn.

The motion having been seconded by Mr. John Storey,—

And Mr. Speaker having addressed the House,—

Question put and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes before Five o'clock, until Tomorrow, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1917.

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

ALLEGED CLAIMS OF OLD PUBLIC SERVANTS ON RETIREMENT:—Mr. Fallick presented a Petition from William Farquhar and others, representing that a Select Committee had been appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged claims of old public servants on retirement; that Petitioners are interested in the matter to be inquired into; and praying for leave to appear before the said Select Committee by Solicitor or Counsel, and, if necessary, to adduce such evidence and send for such persons and papers as Petitioners may be advised, together with power to examine and cross-examine and re-examine witnesses called before the said Committee.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Additional Rules of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

(2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 17th March, 1892,—“Convictions under the Liquor Acts.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulation No. 49, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Schedule to the Estimates for 1917–18.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Regulation No. 29, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

(3.) Report of the Treasury Fire Insurance Board for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Commissioners for Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

(2.) Regulation under the Water Act, 1912

(3.) Alteration of By-law of the Municipality of Hay, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Fuller informed the House that the Government proposed at this sitting to ask for the suspension of the Standing Orders to re-enact the Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency Act, and to pass a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912.

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

- (1.) State Salaries (Commonwealth Taxation) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 9.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 render certain salaries, allowances, and remunerations liable to taxation by the Commonwealth; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 16th August, 1917.*

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

16th-17th August, 1917.

## (2.) Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 10.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 16th August, 1917.*

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

## 6. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—

(1.) Mr. Beeby moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, the Gas Act, 1912, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fellick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. James,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. John Storey
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. F. M. Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Gregory McGirr.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Mr. Beeby moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, the Gas Act, 1912, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fellick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. James,	Mr. Manning.
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brookfield,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Doyle,
Mr. Michael Bourke,	Mr. Mutch.
Mr. Bushell,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Wright.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

16th-17th August, 1917.

## 7. ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND GAS EMERGENCY BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Beeby moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, the Gas Act, 1912, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Edden,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Buckley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Michael Bourke,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Kearsley.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Beeby, 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 control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, the Gas Act, 1912, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, the Gas Act, 1912, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (3.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, the Gas Act, 1912, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time. Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. James moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Grimm,
Mr. James,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Buckley.
Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Bushell,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Mutch,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Laug,
Mr. Tom Smith.

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Question put,—That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

The



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The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Briuer,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cocks,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grium,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. J. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Manning.
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Kearslev,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Mutch,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Bushell,
Mr. Osborne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Beeby, 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. Beeby, the report was (after Debate) adopted.

Mr. Beeby moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Briuer,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fuller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Graff,	
Mr. Grahame,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Ley,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Simon Hickéy,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gregory McGirr,
Mr. McKell,
Mr. Mutch,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Doyle,
Mr. Johnston.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(5.) Bill read a third time.

Mr. Beeby moved, That the Bill do now pass.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Briuer,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Robson.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Buckley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Michael Burke,	
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. McKell.
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

16th-17th August, 1917.

Mr. Beeby then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas ; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, the Gas Act, 1912, and the Local Government Act, 1906 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas ; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, the Gas Act, 1912, and the Local Government Act, 1906 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 16th August, 1917.*

## 8. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—

(1.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912,*"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Briuer,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Buttenshaw,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Colquhoun.
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Michael Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Bushell,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Gregory McGirr.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912,*"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Briuer,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Buttenshaw,
Mr. James,	Mr. Nesbitt.
Mr. Lano,	
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Brookfield,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Mutch.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Wright,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## 9. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912.

Question put.

16th-17th August, 1917.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Briner,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Ley,	
Mr. Manning,	
Mr. McGarry,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Bushell,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Doyle,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gregory McGirr,
Mr. McKell,
Mr. Mutch,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Quirk.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 AUGUST, 1917, A.M.

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

The Chairman moved, That the report be now received.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Graff.
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Buckley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Quirk.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Thomas,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

*Resolve* :—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the resolution be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. James,	Mr. Ley.
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Brookfield,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Bushell,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. McKell.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Wright.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second time.

Mr.

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16th-17th August, 1917.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the resolution be now agreed to.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Ley,	Mr. Buckley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Keegan.
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,	Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,	Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,	Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,	Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Weaver,	Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.	Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. James,	Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. Lane,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Lee,		Mr. Thomas,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(3.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912," and moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Michael Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Ley,	Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Briner,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,	Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Nesbitt,	Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Fallick,	Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,	Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.	Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Robson,	Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. James,	Mr. Weaver.	Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. Lane,		Mr. John Storey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

(4.) Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Mr. James moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Ley,	Mr. Brookfield,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Cochran.
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,	Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,	Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,	Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,	Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,	Mr. McKell,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Weaver,	Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Zuill.	Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Grimm.	Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Levy,		Mr. Wright.	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Question put,—That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

The

16th-17th August, 1917.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.	
Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 24.	
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Buckley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. O'Brien.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Thomas,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill in detail.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.	
Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hoskins.

Noes, 24.	
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Michael Burko,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Tom Smith.
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. John Storey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

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

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the report be now adopted.

Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.	
Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Graff.

Noes, 23.	
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Buckley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Doyle.
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Kearsley.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Thomas,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least thirty Members.”—

Question put,—That the report be now adopted.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

16th-17th August, 1917.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cocks,	Colonel Ouslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Michael Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Gregory McGirr.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Ouslow,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Buttenshaw.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Bushell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Mutch,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least thirty Members,”—

Question put,—That the Bill be now read a third time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cocks,	Colonel Ouslow,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Colquhoun.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Bushell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Keegan.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(5.) Bill read a third time.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Bill do now pass.

Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The

16th-17th August, 1917.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. M. Abbott.	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Mark F. Morton.
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cocks,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Weaver.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Cochran,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Quirk.
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Question put,—That the Bill do now pass.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cocks,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Walker.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Cochran,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. McKell,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnson,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912.*"

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cocks,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Bavin,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Grimm.
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Michael Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Bushell,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Johnston.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Fitzpatrick 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 the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 17th August, 1917, A.M.*

Question put.

The

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

16th-17th August, 1917.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cocks,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. James,	Mr. Mark F. Morton.
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Michael Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Tom Smith.
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Graff, on behalf of Mr. Bennett, Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.

And the House continuing to sit after Midday,—

FRIDAY, 17 AUGUST, 1917.

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

- (1.) Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, the Gas Act, 1912, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th August, 1917.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

- (2.) Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th August, 1917.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 AUGUST, 1917.

I. 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. Fuller, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 11.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 18th August, 1917.*

(2.) Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 12.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, the Gas Act, 1912, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 18th August, 1917.*

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, fixing the maximum selling price of Meat.

(2.) Report of the Housing Board on the Dacey Garden Suburb and Observatory Hill ("The Rocks") Resumed Area for the year ended 30th June, 1917, together with Photographs and Plans.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Amended Police Rules under the Police Regulation Acts, 1899-1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

21st August, 1917.

3. PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD:—Mr. Gardiner proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Public Service Board should be forthwith abolished,—

*Point of Order*:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick submitted that the motion was out of order on two grounds: (1) That ample opportunity would be afforded of discussing this matter in the Financial Statement Debate, and on consideration of the Estimates; (2) that a Royal Commission had been appointed to inquire into the Public Service, and amongst other subjects to be dealt with by that Commission was the question whether the Board should be retained or abolished. In relation to matters of this kind Parliament had always adopted the course, when a matter was likely to be considered by some well-established tribunal, of allowing that tribunal to do its duty, and not be prejudiced by any discussion which might take place in Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he was of opinion that the second Point taken was fatal to the motion. Accepting the Minister's statement that the whole question of the Public Service Board was now the subject of inquiry by a Royal Commission, he was of opinion that any discussion on the matter might be prejudicial to that inquiry. For that reason he ruled the motion out of order; and having ruled it out of order on that ground, there was no necessity for him to give his ruling on the first Point raised.

4. CASE OF MR. JAMES FLEMING:—Mr. Kearsley moved, pursuant to (*amended*) Notice:—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Mr. James Fleming, the registration of whose first-class coal-mines manager's certificate of competency, obtained in New Zealand, has been refused in this State.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. William Davies, Mr. Wright, Mr. Edden, Mr. Estell, and the Mover.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST, 1917.

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

SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 13.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 concerning Bills of Lading and other documents relating to the sea-carriage of goods from any place in the State of New South Wales to any other place in the said State.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 14th August, 1917.*

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

2. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Fuller moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,

*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 AUGUST, 1917.

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

VACANT SEAT—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF MURRAY :—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Certificate, under the hands of two of the Members of this House, notifying the death of Robert Scobie, Esquire, and then read the same to the House, as follows :—

“ We, whose names are underwritten, being two Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, do hereby certify that Robert Scobie, Esquire, lately serving in the said Assembly as Member for the Electoral District of Murray, died on the fifteenth day of August, 1917.

“ We give you this notice, to the intent that you may issue a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District, in the room of the said Robert Scobie.

“ Given under our hands, at Sydney, this twenty-third day of August, 1917.

“ T. J. HOSKINS,  
“ WILLIAM KEARSLEY.

To the Honorable the Speaker  
“ of the Legislative Assembly.”

Mr. Fuller then moved, That the seat of Robert Scobie, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Murray, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the death of the said Robert Scobie, as certified under the hands of two of the Members of this House, in the notice now communicated to it by the Honorable the Speaker.

Question put and passed.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Thirty-ninth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
- (2.) Fortieth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper :—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. VOTE OF CENSURE—INDUSTRIAL CRISIS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. John Storey moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government during the present industrial crisis, and particularly its refusal to appoint an impartial tribunal to inquire into, and, if possible, effect a satisfactory settlement, is deserving of the severest censure.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Question put.

The

23rd August, 1917.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Brookfield,	<i>Tellers</i>
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Michael-Burke,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Johnston.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Wright,	

Noes, 39.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Crane,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grall,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Cocks.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1917, 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:—

(2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the year 1917-18, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £400, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council for the year 1917-18.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the resolution be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Fuller,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Ley,	
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. F. M. Burke,
Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Doyle,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Lazzarini,
Mr. Loughlin,
Mr. McKell,
Mr. Mutch,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Quirk.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second time.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the resolution be agreed to.

Question put.

The

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

23rd August, 1917.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Walker.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Brookfield,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. F. M. Burke,	
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Mutch.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Wright,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Bennett, as Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

Mr. James moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cocks,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fuller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. James,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 20

Mr. Brookfield,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. F. M. Burke,	
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Doyle,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. McKell.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Wright,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least thirty Members,”—

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Beeby,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Bavin,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Bruntnell.
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Ley,	
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	
Mr. McGarry,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Brookfield,	
Mr. Michael Burke,	
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Wright,	
<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. F. M. Burke,	
Mr. Keegan,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.JOHN J. COHEN,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1917.

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

PAPERS :—

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Regulation under Height of Buildings (Amendment) Act, 1916.
- (2.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1917.
- (3.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies for quarter ended 30th June, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1917, in connection with Tourist Resorts—Working Account.
- (2.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1917, in connection with Mental Hospitals Generally—Farm and Garden Account.
- (3.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1917, in connection with Department of Public Health—Farm Account.
- (4.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1917, in connection with Aborigines Protection Board—Produce and Sale Store Account.
- (5.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1917, in connection with Prisons—Bread Account.
- (6.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1917, in connection with Prisons—Live Stock Account.
- (7.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1917, in connection with Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Farms—Farm Account.
- (8.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1917, in connection with Wheat Areas Establishment—Store Account.
- (9.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1917, in connection with Forest Vale (Demonstration Farm)—Store Account.
- (10.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1917, in connection with Gosford Farm Home for Boys—Farm Account.
- (11.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1917, in connection with Erskineville Bootmaking School.
- (12.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1917, in connection with Labour Farm Account.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Amended Regulation No. 14A, under the C oser Settlement Acts.
- (2.) Amended Form No. 128, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Statement of Accounts showing Income and Expenditure under the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Disorder:* By direction of Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Member for Yass, Mr. Gregory McGirr, was removed from the Chamber by the Serjeant-at-Arms, under Standing Order No. 392.

28th August, 1917.

2. THE ASHTONFIELD'S COAL MINES RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, postponed until To-morrow.
3. KNIGHTS' APPLICATIONS FOR MINERAL RIGHTS OF CERTAIN CONDITIONAL PURCHASES :—Mr. Colquhoun moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances relating to the applications of John Knight, Thomas Knight, Franklin Knight, Felix Knight, Edwin Knight, David Knight, Harriett Knight, and Mary Jane Knight, for a grant of the mineral rights of Conditional Purchases Nos. 65-385 and 66-3602, of portions 150 and 157, parish of Southend, county of Cumberland, and the issue of leases in respect thereof, and to the damage (if any) which they have sustained in consequence of the resumption of the surface of such Conditional Purchases by the Crown, and to inquire into and report what compensation (if any) they are entitled to.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ashford, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Ley, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover.
- Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-four minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN J. COHEN,  
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1917.

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

PAPERS :—

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report of the Royal Commission on Sydney Ferries, Limited.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Regulations under the Inebriates Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report of the Railway Commissioners for quarter ended 30th June, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper :—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. BANKS AND BANK HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER.—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intitled "*An Act to amend the Banks and Bank Holidays Act, 1912,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th August, 1917.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

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

3. MASCOT MUNICIPALITY (HOUSING BOARD) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 14.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make other provision for the Local Government of certain lands within the Municipality of Mascot; to amend the Acts relating to Local Government; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 23rd August, 1917.*

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

4. CARELESS USE OF FIRE (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

29th August, 1917.

5. SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick 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 concerning Bills of Lading and other documents relating to the sea-carriage of goods from any place in the State of New South Wales to any other place in the said State.  
Question put and passed.
6. STATE SALARIES (COMMONWEALTH TAXATION) BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 render certain salaries, allowances, and remunerations liable to taxation by the Commonwealth; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
7. FORESTRY (TEMPORARY COMMISSIONERS) AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. Ashford, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Forestry (Temporary Commissioners) Act, 1916.  
Question put and passed.
8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1917, A.M.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1917.

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

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. James, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 15.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law enforcing the attendance of children at schools; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880, and the Public Instruction (Amendment) Act, 1916.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 15th August, 1917.*

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

2. FINANCE TAXATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick 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 increase certain taxes in connection with racing, and certain rates in connection with the Navigation Act; to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
3. MASCOT MUNICIPALITY (HOUSING BOARD) BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make other provision for the Local Government of certain lands within the Municipality of Mascot; to amend the Acts relating to Local Government; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. James, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; to authorise the imposition of an annual charge upon pipes, wires, rails, poles, cables, tunnels, or structures in public places; to validate certain charges; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
5. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 31 AUGUST, 1917, A.M.

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

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Kearsley, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

*30th August, 1917.*

7. STRANGERS :—Mr. Speaker said his attention had been called to the fact that strangers had been permitted to enter rooms set apart for Honorable Members. To-night it was reported to him that there was a stranger in the Billiard-room. As he was there on the invitation of a new Member, he had taken no action in the matter, but would remind Honorable Members that the Standing Orders were definite on this point. He had had notices posted in all the rooms, so Honorable Members could not say that they were unaware of the rules. His predecessor, Mr. Cann, in 1910 drew attention to the matter in the House. He hoped Honorable Members would assist him in seeing that the Standing Orders were fully observed in this respect, and not bring strangers into any part of the House set apart for Members.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 22.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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

SYMPATHY WITH THE ACTING-PREMIER, THE HONORABLE GEORGE WARBURTON FULLER :—Mr. D. R. Hall expressed, on behalf of the House, the sympathy felt for the Acting-Premier, the Honorable George Warburton Fuller, in the loss that he had sustained by the death of his father, Mr. George Laurence Fuller.

Mr. John Storey and Mr. Stuart Robertson also addressed the House.

Mr. Speaker said he would convey the expression of sympathy to Mr. Fuller.

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

- (1.) Murrumbidgee Main Canal Enlargement Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 16.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 enlarging of the Main Canal, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 14th July, 1917.*

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

- (2.) Apiaries (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 17.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Apiaries Act, 1916.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 15th August, 1917.*

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

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Amended Regulation No. 325, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

- (2.) Amended Regulations Nos. 14, 74, and 335, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining the Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by duplicating near Wingello.

- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining the Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by providing a Siding at Fish River.

- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Goulburn Sewerage.

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- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for North Shore Drainage.  
 (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Gurrera Bore Water Trust.  
 (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Thule Creek Water Trust.  
 (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Dunsandle Bore Water Trust.  
 (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Wagga Wagga Water Supply (new Service Reservoir)  
 (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Liverpool State Hospital and Asylum.  
 (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining the Railway Traffic between Lidcombe and Regent's Park, by provision of Drainage facilities at Berala.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. James laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1916.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day, "Knights' applications for Mineral Rights of certain Conditional Purchases; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Colquhoun,—  
 " (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances relating to the applications of John Knight, Thomas Knight, Franklin Knight, Felix Knight, Edwin Knight, David Knight, Harriett Knight, and Mary Jane Knight, for a grant of the mineral rights of Conditional Purchases Nos. 65-385 and 66-3602, of portions 150 and 157, parish of Southend, county of Cumberland, and the issue of leases in respect thereof, and to the damage (if any) which they have sustained in consequence of the resumption of the surface of such Conditional Purchases by the Crown, and to inquire into and report what compensation (if any) they are entitled to.  
 " (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ashford, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Ley, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover";—postponed until Tuesday next.
5. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Colonel Onslow moved, That the Honorable Member for Hartley, Mr. Dooley, be not further heard.  
 Question put and negatived.  
 Debate continued.  
 Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be now put.  
 Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Beeby,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. James,	Mr. Bavin,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Latimer,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Doyle,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the requirements of Standing Order No. 175, that the motion shall not be decided in the affirmative unless by a vote of "at least thirty Members" in favour thereof, had not been complied with,—

Debate continued.

Mr. James moved, That the Honorable Member for Newcastle, Mr. Gardiner, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Beeby,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grimm,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. James,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Mutch,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Johnston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Debate continued.

Mr. James moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

## Ayes, 30.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Briner,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. James,	Mr. Ley.

## Noes, 25.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Price,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Gregory McGirr,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. McKell.
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority consisted of “at least thirty Members,”—

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

## Ayes, 30.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Buttenshaw,
Mr. James,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Lane,	

## Noes, 24.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. P. M. McGirr,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Mutch.
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Statement of Accounts, Auditor's Certificate, Receipts and Expenditure from 5th March, 1915, to 14th August, 1917, of the National Belgian Relief Fund of New South Wales.

(2.) Further Interim Report and Final Schedule of His Honor Judge Bevan as a Royal Commissioner appointed to inquire into the claims made by certain settlers on the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, with a view to ascertaining whether such settlers could prove that they were entitled to be compensated by reason of the unsuitability of the soil on their farms for the growth of lucerne.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulations under the Prisons Act, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. **APIARIES (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. Grahame moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Apiaries Act, 1916.  
Question put and passed.
3. **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. James moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law enforcing the attendance at school; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880, and the Public Instruction (Amendment) Act, 1916.  
Question put and passed.
4. **UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGES (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. James moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the University and University Colleges Act, 1900.  
Question put and passed.
5. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, 1917, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

And



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And the Committee continuing to sit after Midday.

THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, 1917.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Nesbitt, *on behalf of* Mr. Kearsley, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.

*Mr. Speaker left the Chair at six minutes after Eight o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next, at half-past Four o'clock, p.m.*

TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 1917.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at the hour named.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1917, A.M.

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

8. PAPER:—Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Department of Labour and Industry on the Working of the Factories and Shops Act for 1916.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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

GOVERNOR-DESIGNATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Fuller informed the House that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor had received a telegraphic despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that His Majesty the King had been pleased to approve of the appointment of Sir Walter Edward Davidson, Governor of Newfoundland, as Governor of New South Wales.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) Particulars of Western Land Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts, from 31st August to 7th September, 1917.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (5.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Schedules Nos. 1 to 4, 1917-1918—Estimates—Public Works Fund (Construction).
- (2.) Schedules A to G—Estimates (Consolidated Revenue Fund) 1917-1918—Department of Public Works.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Minutes of Evidence, Index, and Addresses of Counsel in connection with the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into matters relating to Sydney Ferries, Limited.

Ordered to be printed.

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

By Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,—

- (1.) Finance Taxation (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1917, and of certain taxes in connection with racing; for that purpose to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 5th September, 1917.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

(2.)

12th September, 1917.

## (2.) Navigation (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

Message No. 19.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 alter certain rates in connection with Navigation ; to amend the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 5th September, 1917.*

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

*By Mr. Grahame,—*

## (3.) Stock Food Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

Message No. 20

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the sale of foods for stock and other animals ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 20th August, 1917.*

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

*By Mr. Ball,—*

## (4.) Water and Sewerage (Rating) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board to levy rates on the unimproved value of ratable lands ; to provide for catchment areas ; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906, and the Valuation of Land Act, 1916 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 4th September, 1917.*

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

## 4. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS 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 consolidate and amend the law with regard to the limitation of actions and suits,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th September, 1917.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

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

## 5. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—

- (1.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1917, and of certain taxes in connection with racing ; for that purpose to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1917, and of certain taxes in connection with racing ; for that purpose to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

6. WAYS AND MEANS (*Taxation*) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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.

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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 towards raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, levied, and paid an additional 3d. in the £ income-tax on income received during the year 1917.

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, levied, and paid a tax of the following percentages of all money received by a racing club or racing association on and after the first day of September, 1917, from any bookmaker, for a license or registration fee, or for a permit to carry on his business as a bookmaker, namely :—

Fifty per centum where the license or registration fee or permit is for a racecourse situate within forty miles from the General Post Office, Sydney, or within twenty miles from the post office, Newcastle ;

Twenty per centum where the license or registration fee or permit is for a racecourse situate beyond forty miles from the General Post Office, Sydney, and beyond twenty miles from the post office, Newcastle.

Expressions used in this resolution have the same meanings as in the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915.

(5.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty, there shall be charged collected, levied, and paid a duty for and in respect of every betting ticket issued by or on behalf of a bookmaker as follows :—

Where such ticket is issued in the saddling paddock of any racecourse, the amount of the duty shall be two pence.

Where such ticket is issued in any part of any racecourse except the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be one penny.

Expressions used in this resolution have the same meanings as in the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915.

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

## 7. FINANCE TAXATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on the motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 3, 4, and 5) to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1917, and of certain taxes in connection with racing ; for that purpose to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

(2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1917, and of certain taxes in connection with racing ; for that purpose to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then 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. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the report be adopted.

Mr. Wright 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 2 instead thereof."

Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Question,—That the Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1917, and of certain taxes in connection with racing ; for that purpose to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1917, and of certain taxes in connection with racing ; for that purpose to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 12th September, 1917.

## 8. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—

(1.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to alter certain rates in connection with navigation ; to amend the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

(2.)

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- (2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to alter certain rates in connection with navigation; to amend the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.

## 9. NAVIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to alter certain rates in connection with Navigation; to amend the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, 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 alter certain rates in connection with Navigation; to amend the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to alter certain rates in connection with Navigation; to amend the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to alter certain rates in connection with Navigation; to amend the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

- (5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, passed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to alter certain rates in connection with Navigation; to amend the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter certain rates in connection with Navigation; to amend the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 12th September, 1917.*

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 25.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Fuller made a Ministerial Statement regarding accusations which had been made against the Secretary for Lands by the Honorable Member for Gloucester during the discussion of the Estimates of the Lands Department. The Secretary for Lands had brought the matter before Cabinet this morning, and, at his request, the Government proposed to appoint a Royal Commission to have those charges investigated without delay.

Mr. John Storey having addressed the House and asked the Acting-Premier, Mr. Fuller, whether he would extend the scope of the Royal Commission and make it apply to charges that had been made by a gentleman named Trethowan,—

Mr. Fuller said that Mr. Trethowan had publicly denied having made the accusations. If any definite statement was made, either by that gentleman or any other person, in the direction to which Mr. Storey had referred, he would see that the honor and integrity of Parliament was upheld; but in view of Mr. Trethowan's denial that he made those statements, he did not see that he could proceed any further.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Terms of the Settlement of the Railway Strike, 1917.

(2.) Regulations under the Friendly Societies Act, 1912.

Ordered to be printed.

3. LIFE, FIRE, AND MARINE INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Life, Fire, and Marine Insurance Act, 1902, and the law relating to bankruptcy,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th September, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

4. THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. Fuller, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate cinematographic exhibitions in premises other than those licensed under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908; to amend the said Act; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.  
Question put and passed.
5. WILLIAM KILLEN (MURRUMBIDGEE AREA REVESTING) BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. Ball, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for revesting certain land and transferring the same to William Wilson Killen; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and to amend certain Acts.  
Question put and passed.

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6. **WATER AND SEWERAGE (RATING) BILL**:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. Ball, 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 Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board to levy rates on the unimproved value of ratable lands; to provide for catchment areas; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906, and the Valuation of Land Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
7. **STOCK FOOD BILL**:—Mr. Grahame moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the sale of foods for stock and other animals; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
8. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1917, A.M.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midday,—

FRIDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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

The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1917-18.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. I.—SCHEDULES TO THE CONSTITUTION ACT, No. 32 OF 1902.

- (3.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,256, as supplement to Schedules to the Constitution Act, for the year 1917-18.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (4.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,940, for Legislative Council, for the year 1917-18.
- (5.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,485, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1917-18.
- (6.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,307, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1917-18.
- (7.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,436, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1917-18.
- (8.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,091, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1917-18.
- (9.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,291, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1917-18.

No. III.—PREMIER.

- (10.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,913, for Premier's Department, for the year 1917-18.
- (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, for Executive Council, for the year 1917-18.
- (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,844, for Agent-General for New South Wales, for the year 1917-18.
- (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,254, for State War Council and Immigration and Tourist Bureau, for the year 1917-18.
- (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,296, for Immigration Department, New South Wales and Victoria (London), for the year 1917-18.
- (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,802, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1917-18.

No. IV.—COLONIAL SECRETARY AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,557, for Colonial Secretary, for the year 1917-18.
- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,630, for Auditor-General's Department, for the year 1917-18.
- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,717, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1917-18.
- (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £606,192, for Police, for the year 1917-18.

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- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,570, for Bureau of Statistics and Registry of Friendly Societies and Trade Unions, for the year 1917-18.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,656, for Weights and Measures Office, for the year 1917-18.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £94,420, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1917-18.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £212,674, for Public Health, for the year 1917-18.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £299,991, for Lunacy, for the year 1917-18.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,138, for Master-in-Lunacy, for the year 1917-18.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £615, for Dental Board, for the year 1917-18.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £167, for Medical Board, for the year 1917-18.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £825, for Board of Official Visitors—Mental Hospitals, for the year 1917-18.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,695, for Baby Clinics and Baby Hospitals, for the year 1917-18.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £206,251, for Endowment to Hospitals, &c., and other Charitable Services, for the year 1917-18.

## No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,281, for Treasury, for the year 1917-18.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,635, for Stamp Duties, for the year 1917-18.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,040, for Land and Income Tax, for the year 1917-18.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £147,617, for Government Printer, for the year 1917-18.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,605, for Explosives, for the year 1917-18.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,194, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1917-18.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £86,634, for Navigation, for the year 1917-18.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,760, for Lifeboats, &c., for the year 1917-18.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,825, for Resumed Properties, for the year 1917-18.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £158,857, for Sydney Harbour Trust, for the year 1917-18.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000, for Stores Supply Department for the year 1917-18.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £596,796, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1917-18.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000, for Advance to Treasurer, for the year 1917-18.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250,000, in aid of Public Works Fund, for the year 1917-18.

## No. VI.—RAILWAYS.

- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,455,007, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1917-18.

## No. VII.—DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND OF JUSTICE.

- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,008, for Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, for the year 1917-18.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,475, for Court Reporters, for the year 1917-18.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,061, for The Judges, for the year 1917-18.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,433, for Prothonotary and Registrar-in-Divorce, for the year 1917-18.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,649, for Master-in-Equity, for the year 1917-18.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,709, for Registrar-in-Bankruptcy, for the year 1917-18.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,996, for Public Trustee, for the year 1917-18.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,577, for Probate Office, for the year 1917-18.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,920, for Sheriff, for the year 1917-18.
- (55.)



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- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,315, for District Courts, for the year 1917-18.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £880, for Fair Rents Court, for the year 1917-18.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,770, for Coroners, for the year 1917-18.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £104,001, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1917-18.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £92,355, for Prisons, for the year 1917-18.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £77,035, for Registrar-General, for the year 1917-18.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,465, for Public Service Board, for the year 1917-18.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,415, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1917-18.

## No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £291,236, for Department of Lands, for the year 1917-18.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,294, for Western Land Board, for the year 1917-18.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,785, for Forestry, for the year 1917-18.
- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £43,014, for Miscellaneous Services (Department of Lands), for the year 1917-18.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £925, for Miscellaneous Services (Forestry Commission), for the year 1917-18.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,000, for Special Services for the year 1917-18.

## No. IX.—MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £98,183, for Establishment, for the year 1917-18.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £344,550, for Public Works and Services, for the year 1917-18.
- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, for River Murray Commission, for the year 1917-18.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £850, for Railway Appeals Board, for the year 1917-18.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,000, for Government Dockyard, Newcastle, for the year 1917-18.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £357,848, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1917-18.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,535, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1917-18.

## No. X.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,801,573 for Public Instruction, for the year 1917-18.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £183,801, for State Children Relief Department, for the year 1917-18.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,352, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1917-18.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,679, for Observatory, for the year 1917-18.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,666, for Australian Museum, for the year 1917-18.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,266, for National Art Gallery, for the year 1917-18.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,890, for Public Library of New South Wales, for the year 1917-18.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,443, for Conservatorium of Music, for the year 1917-18.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £43,355, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1917-18.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,170, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1917-18.

## No. XI.—DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR AND INDUSTRY.

- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,533, for Department of Labour and Industry, for the year 1917-18.

No. XII.

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## No. XII.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £53,862, for Department of Mines, for the year 1917-18.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £443 for State Colliery, Lithgow, for the year 1917-18.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, for Geological Survey Laboratory, for the year 1917-18.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,510, for Miners Accident Relief Branch, for the year 1917-18.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,417, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1917-18.

## No. XIII.—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £118,540, for Agriculture for the year 1917-18.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £46,926, for Stock, Brands, and Pastures Protection, for the year 1917-18.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,077, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1917-18.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,627, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1917-18.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,716, for Garden Palace Grounds and Inner Domain, for the year 1917-18.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,263, for Government Domain (Outer), for the year 1917-18.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,494, for Centennial Park, for the year 1917-18.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £464, for State Governor's Residence, "Hillview," for the year 1917-18.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,534, for Commercial Agents, for the year 1917-18.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,357, for Miscellaneous Services (Agriculture), for the year 1917-18.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40,801, for Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, for the year 1917-18.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £65,957, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1917-18.

## No. XIV.—MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £345,584, for Local Government, for the year 1917-18.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,722, for Valuation Bureau, for the year 1917-18.
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, for Inventions Investigation Board, for the year 1917-18.
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £100 for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1917-18.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1917, FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1916-17, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1916-17, SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £97,840 14s. 8d., in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1916-17.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS "UNAUTHORISED IN SUSPENSE" TO 30TH JUNE, 1917, FOR URGENT CLAIMS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1916-17, MADE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SANCTION OF PARLIAMENT.

- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £272,136 14s. 3d., for Services of the year 1916-17.

## Public Works Fund.

## PUBLIC WORKS FUND ESTIMATES, 1917-18.

- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £621,868 for Works and Services to be provided for out of Public Works Fund.

## Closer Settlement Fund.

## CLOSER SETTLEMENT FUND ESTIMATE, 1917-18.

- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80,000, to provide for the Acquisition of Land for the purposes of Closer Settlement and Contingent Expenses—further sum.

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

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

## (1.) Finance Taxation (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1907, and of certain taxes in connection with racing; for that purpose to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th September, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## (2.) Navigation (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter certain rates in connection with Navigation; to amend the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th September, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## 10. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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 :—

(6.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty,—

(a) For the Service of the financial year 1917–18, the sum of £16,321,321 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(b) In adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1916–17, for Services of the financial year 1916–17, the sum of £97,840 14s. 8d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(c) For Services of the financial year 1916–17, "Unauthorised in Suspense," the sum of £272,136 14s. 3d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(7.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Works and Services, the sum of £624,868 be granted out of the Public Works Fund.

(8.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Services, the sum of £80,000 be granted out of the Closer Settlement Fund.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the resolutions be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Resolutions read a second time, and agreed to.

## 11. APPROPRIATION BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick (*after Debate*), That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 2, 6, 7, and 8), 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, 1917, to the 30th day of June, 1918 inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1916–1917, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1916, to the 30th day of June, 1917 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments "Unauthorised in Suspense," Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1916–17; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.

(2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick 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, 1917, to the 30th day of June, 1918, (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1916–17, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1916, to the 30th day of June, 1917 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1916–17; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and (*by consent*) now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered (*by consent*), That the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.)

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

Mr. Fitzpatrick 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, 1917, to the 30th day of June, 1918 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1916-17, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1916, to the 30th day of June, 1917 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1916-17; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; 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, 1917, to the 30th day of June, 1918 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1916-17, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July 1916, to the 30th day of June, 1917 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1916-17; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 14th September, 1917.

12. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Bennett, as Chairman, brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee.
13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Wednesday next.  
Question put and passed.
14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes after One o'clock, p.m., until *Wednesday next*, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN J. COHEN,  
Speaker.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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

**LIQUOR TRAFFIC:**—Mr. Bruntnell presented a Petition from the Reverend Patrick John Stephen, President of the Methodist Conference of New South Wales, representing that the traffic in intoxicating liquor is a grave menace to the well-being of the people of the State, impairing their industrial fitness, and leading to a serious increase of crime and poverty and disease; that the traffic impairs the military efficiency of the State, and exposes returning soldiers, shattered in nerve, to moral and physical ruin; and praying that the House will amend the Liquor Act by making provision for the electors of New South Wales to decide by a simple majority of those voting whether or not the traffic in intoxicating liquors should be prohibited throughout the State.  
Petition received.

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

- (1.) Finance Taxation (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 22.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1917, and of certain taxes in connection with racing; for that purpose to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, and certain other Acts: and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 17th September, 1917.*

- (2.) Navigation (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 23.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter certain rates in connection with navigation; to amend the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 18th September, 1917.*

3. **LOAN ESTIMATES:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Fuller, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 24.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1917-18, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 19th September, 1917.*

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

19th September, 1917.

4. LIFE, FIRE, AND MARINE INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall 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. Hall, 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.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. James, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- (1.) Local Government (Amending) Bill:—  
W. P. CULLEN, Message No. 25.  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*  
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Local Government Act, 1906; to authorise the imposition of an annual charge upon pipes, wires, rails, poles, cables, tunnels, or structures in public places; to validate certain charges; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
*State Government House,  
Sydney, 29th August, 1917.*  
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
- (2.) University and University Colleges (Amendment) Bill:—  
W. P. CULLEN, Message No. 26.  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*  
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 University and University Colleges Act, 1900.  
*State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th September, 1917*  
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.  
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
(112.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty for the year 1917–18, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £3,992,139 for Public Works and other Services.  
On the motion of Mr. James, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
7. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.  
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
(9.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £3,992,139 be raised by the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund, or pending the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, by the issue of Treasury Bills, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services.  
On motion of Mr. James, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
8. LOAN BILL:—
- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. James, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 9), to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes.
- (2.) Mr. James then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and (*by consent*) *now* read a second time.
- (3.) Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. James, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Simon Hickey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. James, the report was adopted.  
Ordered (*by consent*), That the Bill be *now* read a third time. (4.)

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

Mr. James then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, 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 Public Works and Services, and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th September, 1917.*

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 27.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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

PAPER :—Mr. James laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Inquiry into the Accounts, &c., of the Narrabri Municipal Council—Report of the Examiner of Accounts of the Local Government Department.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. FINANCE TAXATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day for consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to increase certain taxes in connection with racing, and certain rates in connection with the Navigation Act ; to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915, the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, discharged.
3. STOCK FOOD BILL :—Mr. Grahame moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale of foods for stock and other animals ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James, 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 Local Government Act, 1906 ; to authorise the imposition of an annual charge upon pipes, wires, rails, poles, cables, tunnels, or structures in public places ; to validate certain charges ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1906 ; to authorise the imposition of an annual charge upon pipes, wires, rails, poles, cables, tunnels, or structures in public places ; to validate certain charges ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
On motion of Mr. James, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. James then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1906 ; to authorise the imposition of an annual charge upon pipes, wires, rails, poles, cables, tunnels, or structures in public places ; to validate certain charges ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
5. APIARIES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on the motion of Mr. Grahame, 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 Apiaries Act, 1916.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on the motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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20th September, 1917.

- 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 Apiaries Act, 1916.  
 On the motion of Mr. Grahame, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Grahame then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Apiaries Act, 1916*,"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
6. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law enforcing the attendance at school ; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880, and the Public Instruction (Amendment) Act, 1916.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.  
 The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law enforcing the attendance at school ; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880, and the Public Instruction (Amendment) Act, 1916.  
 On motion of Mr. James, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. James then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law enforcing the attendance at school ; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880, and the Public Instruction (Amendment) Act, 1916*,"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
7. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left 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 conversion of certain tenures under the Acts relating to Crown lands ; to modify the conditions attaching to certain holdings ; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Acts amending it ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.  
 The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Acts relating to Crown lands ; to modify the conditions attaching to certain holdings ; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Acts amending it ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
 On motion of Mr. Ashford, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Acts relating to Crown lands ; to modify the conditions attaching to certain holdings ; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Acts amending it ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
- (1.) Appropriation Bill :—  
 MR. SPEAKER,—  
 The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1917, to the 30th day of June, 1918 (inclusive of both dates) ; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1916-17, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1916, to the 30th day of June, 1917 (inclusive of both dates) ; to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1916-17 ; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund ; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund ; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 20th September, 1917.
- FRED. FLOWERS,  
 President.
- (2.) Loan Bill ;—  
 MR. SPEAKER,—  
 The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 20th September, 1917.
- FRED. FLOWERS,  
 President.

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## 9. ABORIGINES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read, — on motion of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909, and the Aborigines Protection Amending Act, 1915.

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 Aborigines Protection Act, 1909, and the Aborigines Protection Amending Act, 1915.

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

(2.) Mr. Fuller then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909, and the Aborigines Protection Amending Act, 1915,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Fuller (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Wednesday next, at Seven o'clock.

Question put and passed.

11. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Bennett, as Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned, at half-past Eight o'clock, until *Wednesday next*, at *Seven* o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. James laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Thirty-fourth Annual Report, with Appendices, under the Inscribed Stock Acts, 1902-1914.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. SYMPATHY WITH THE FAMILY AND RELATIVES OF THE LATE MERVYN AMBROSE LESLIE FLANAGAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart-Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House places on record its deepest sympathy with the widow, orphans, and relatives of the late Mervyn Ambrose Leslie Flanagan, killed at Bridge-road, Camperdown, on Thursday, 30th August, 1917.  
Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Appropriation Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 27.*

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, 1917, to the 30th day of June, 1918 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote, 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1916-17, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1916, to the 30th day of June, 1917 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1916-17; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 25th September, 1917.*

26th September, 1917.

## (2.) Loan Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

Message No. 28.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1917.*

4. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Accounts for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1917, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act, 1902.  
Ordered to be printed.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Parramatta, Mr. Bruntnell, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The need for making provision in the Amending Land Bill for the right of holders of certain leases to convert."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Bruntnell moved, That this House do now adjourn.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. D. R. Hall submitted that it was a well-known principle that it is out of order on a motion for adjournment to discuss a subject which will anticipate the discussion of a Notice on the Business Paper. He referred to the Order of the Day No. 7 for the second reading of the Crown Lands (Amendment) Bill, which provided for conversion of certain tenures, and which was specifically the same matter as that on which the Honorable Member desired to move the adjournment of the House. It was perfectly clear that discussion could not be allowed which would anticipate debate which was bound to take place on a matter already on the Business Paper.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the Point taken was fatal; he ruled the motion out of order.

- (2.) Mr. Cochran moved, That a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Michael Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. P. M. McGirr,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. McKell.
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Manning,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Becby,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Bennett,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Bavin,
Mr. James,	Mr. Bruntnell.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Ley,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Bennett moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Ashford moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. Grabame laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Amended Regulation under the Hay Irrigation Act, 1902.  
 (2.) Amended Regulation under the Wentworth Irrigation Act, 1890.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. CITY AND SUBURBAN RAILWAYS (RESUMPTION RESCISSION) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Ball, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 29.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 rescission of certain resumptions under the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Sydenham to Botany Railway Act, 1913; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 26th September, 1917.*

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

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Upper Hunter, Mr. M. Abbott, 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.:—“That special provision should be made at earliest for an amendment of the Act which relates to the protection of aborigines so that the number of settlements may be materially increased.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Abbott moved, That this House do now adjourn.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick drew attention to the Aborigines Protection Amendment Bill which was set down for second reading. He could not point out the clause which said that certain provision would be made for increasing the number of camps provided for aborigines, but the Bill was one which dealt generally with aborigines protection, and, presumably, provision would be made to meet the aspect of the question indicated by the Honorable Member for Upper Hunter. He asked that the motion be ruled out of order.

Mr. Speaker said he had not had time to read the Bill, and unless the Minister could point out the clause which contained the provision to which he referred he could not rule the motion out of order. If the Honorable Member could point out where the provision was contained in the Bill, he would reconsider his decision.

*Further Point of Order*:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick drew attention that the Orders of the Day for the resumption of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means were still on the Paper. It might be contended that because the Estimates and the Appropriation Bill had been passed the period had gone by when a Point of Order of this kind could reasonably be taken, and that a previous Speaker had ruled in that direction, and that the way was cleared for motions for the adjournment of the House for the purposes of discussing matters of urgent public importance.

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importance. The present position was altogether different from that which arose when the Point to which he had made brief reference was taken. The Estimates had been considered during the concluding period of the Session, and the Appropriation Bill was practically the last Bill to be passed. In the present Session the Estimates had been passed during the first three months, and the sittings of this House would proceed until all the important business now upon the Business Paper had been completed. It would be necessary before the termination of this Session to introduce Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of making provision for expenditure which was not contemplated, and which, up to now, had not been dealt with. It was out of order for the Honorable Member, who would have a later opportunity of going into the subject of his motion, to attempt to deal with it at the present time through the medium of a motion for adjournment.

Mr. Speaker said he could not uphold the Point taken by the Acting Treasurer. The mere fact of Supply being on the Business Paper would not preclude Honorable Members from moving the adjournment of the House. The very first Orders of the Day placed upon the Business Paper were Supply and Ways and Means. That did not prevent the adjournment being moved until the Estimates were tabled. Once the Estimates were tabled the adjournment could not be moved on any matter dealt with in those Estimates before they had been disposed of. Once Supplementary Estimates were tabled the adjournment could not be moved on any matter which could be discussed on those Estimates. There was a ruling by his predecessor which was very clear: "The Committee of Ways and Means had performed its function, and the Appropriation Bill had been passed, and so far as he could see the way was cleared for discussion of the matter referred to in the motion. He, therefore, ruled the motion in order." The Committee of Ways and Means had, he considered, performed its functions for the present, and this motion was not out of order for the reasons given by the Acting Treasurer.

*Further Point of Order*:—Mr. Ball pointed out that Order of the Day No. 2 on the Business Paper—Aborigines Protection (Amendment) Bill—would afford opportunity for the discussion on the question referred to in the motion for adjournment. He drew attention to the definition of reserves in the Bill which was to be taken into consideration. The definition of reserves must of necessity deal with the question of the area of land which would be under consideration in connection with the motion for adjournment. The question upon which the adjournment was moved was the increasing of the area of settlement for aborigines, and in discussing the definition of reserves the question of area must come into consideration. He submitted that the subject could be dealt with on consideration of the Bill now on the Table.

Mr. Speaker said that when the Minister for Mines took the first Point of Order he had not before him the Bill nor the original Act, and the Minister was not able to inform him of the exact amendments proposed. Since then he had had an opportunity of seeing both the Act and the Bill, and found that it was proposed to eliminate from the definition of "reserve" the words "by the Governor," and to insert instead "under any Act dealing with Crown lands." He did not know whether that was going to increase or limit the number of reserves, but he would be going too far if he were to say now that on the second reading of the Bill Honorable Members could not discuss the question of increasing the number of settlements for aborigines. A section in the original Act provided that all reserves should be vested in the Board, and if this proposed definition increased the number of reserves, then an increased area would be vested in the Board. Therefore, following the ruling which he had previously given, as he thought this matter could be discussed on the second reading of the Bill, he upheld the Point taken by the Secretary for Public Works, and ruled the motion out of order.

4. CITY AND SUBURBAN RAILWAYS (RESUMPTION RESCISSION) BILL:—Mr. Ball moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the rescission of certain resumptions under the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Sydenham to Botany Railway Act, 1913; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
5. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. Ashford, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Acts, the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, and the Acts amending those Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
6. BEGA AND WILBERFORCE LABOUR SETTLEMENTS BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. Ashford, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the disposal of certain lands at the Bega and Wilberforce labour settlements; for the payment to the Treasurer of certain moneys as rent by persons occupying such land; to repeal the Labour Settlements Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
7. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. Ashford, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901, and the Western Lands (Amendment) Act of 1905; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.

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8. RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. Ashford, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision for the settlement of returned or discharged soldiers and sailors; to provide for and maintain training farms for such soldiers and sailors; to amend the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, and the Acts amending those Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

9. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Ashford, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Manning,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Bennett,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Colquhoun.
Mr. Levy,	

Nocs, 22.

Mr. Brockfield,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Michael Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Loughlin.
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. Osborne,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 30.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1917.

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

PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Bennett, as Chairman, brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) By-laws under the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906.

(2.) By-laws under the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR ON THE PREMISES OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises of Parliament House shall, on and after the passing of this resolution, cease.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lazzarini,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Bruntuell,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Loughlin,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. P. M. McGirr,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Doyle,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. James,	Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Tom Smith.
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bavin,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Bushell,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. McKell,
Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Oakes,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Zuill.

*Tellers,*Mr. F. M. Burke,  
Mr. Wright.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. NEW SOUTH WALES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the amount of subscription and subsidy received during the past seven years by the New South Wales Benevolent Society, Valentine-lane, Sydney, and distribution of same.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Lang, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Thomas, Mr. McKell, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The



2nd October, 1917.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Beely,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. James,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Ley.
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. William Davics,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Doyle,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Michael Burke.
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

## 5. USE OF TRUST LANDS FOR WAR PURPOSES BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Levy moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable trustees of lands devoted to charitable, public, religious, and other similar purposes to use such lands for the use or benefit of members of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces without incurring any injunction, forfeiture, penalty, or damages, and to validate such usage as may have taken place before this Act.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Levy then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable trustees of lands devoted to charitable, public, religious, and other similar purposes to use such lands for the use or benefit of members of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces without incurring any injunction, forfeiture, penalty, or damages, and to validate such usage as may have taken place before this Act.*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 31.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1917.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulation No. 205, and Amended Form No. 74, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. David Storey laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Minute of the Public Service Board relating to the appointment of Dr. A. L. McLean, as Junior Assistant Medical Officer, Lunacy Department, Department of Public Health.
- (2.) Regulations under the Dentists Act, 1912-16.
- (3.) Amended Regulation under the Metropolitan Traffic Acts, 1900-1913.
- (4.) Amended Regulation under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of Bursary Endowment Board for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, "Use of Trust Lands for War Purposes Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Levy*]";—postponed until Tuesday, 16th October.

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

- (1.) Returned Soldiers Settlement (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 30.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make further provision for the settlement of returned or discharged soldiers and sailors; to provide for and maintain training farms for such soldiers and sailors; to amend the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, and the Acts amending those Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 20th September, 1917.*

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

- (2.) Bega and Wilberforce Labour Settlements Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 31.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 disposal of certain lands at the Bega and Wilberforce Labour Settlements; for the payment to the Treasurer of certain moneys as rent by persons occupying such land; to repeal the Labour Settlements Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 28th August, 1917.*

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

3rd October, 1917.

## (3.) Western Lands (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901, and the Western Lands (Amendment) Act, of 1905; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1917.*

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

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker having opened the Ballot-box placed upon his desk for the purpose of enabling Members to give Notice of Motions for adjournment under the 49th Standing Order, and drawn therefrom a paper, informed the House that the paper which he had drawn had not been filled in. He declined to draw another Notice, except by direction of the House, and intimated that, if he could ascertain the Honorable Member who had placed the blank Notice in the Box, he would ask the House to deal with him, because such an act was not only trifling with the rules of the House, but was disorderly, and amounted to contempt.
5. AMBULANCE TRANSPORT SERVICE BILL :—Mr. David Storey moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for rendering first aid to, and for the transport of sick and injured persons, and for that purpose to establish a board with certain powers and duties; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
6. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. David Storey moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1912, and the Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Act, 1915; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
7. PURE FOOD (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. David Storey moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Pure Food Act, 1908; to regulate the publication of statements relating to certain food, drugs, and appliances; to provide for registration in respect of certain businesses dealing with food and drugs; to provide that the business of hairdressers be carried on in a sanitary manner, and to amend the Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1915; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
8. DAIRIES SUPERVISION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. David Storey moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Dairies Supervision Act, 1901.  
Question put and passed.
9. BANKS AND BANK HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall 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. Hall, 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. Hall, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall 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. Hall, 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.
11. MASCOT MUNICIPALITY (HOUSING BOARD) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make other provision for the Local Government of certain lands within the Municipality of Mascot; to amend the Acts relating to Local Government; 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 make other provision for the Local Government of certain lands within the Municipality of Mascot ; to amend the Acts relating to Local Government ; and for other purposes.

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

12. **APIARIES (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Grahame 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. Grahame, 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. Grahame, the report was adopted.

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

13. **MASCOT MUNICIPALITY (HOUSING BOARD) BILL** :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, pursuant to leave granted This Day, presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to make other provision for the Local Government of certain lands within the Municipality of Mascot ; to amend the Acts relating to Local Government ; and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.

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

14. **STOCK FOOD BILL** :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Grahame, 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 sale of foods for stock and other animals ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the sale of foods for stock and other animals ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Grahame then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to regulate the sale of foods for stock and other animals ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,”—which was read a first time.

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

15. **UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL** :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that certain unclaimed moneys be paid to the Treasurer as public revenue ; to give publicity to information relating to such moneys ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide that certain unclaimed moneys be paid to the Treasurer as public revenue ; to give publicity to information relating to such moneys ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to provide that certain unclaimed moneys be paid to the Treasurer as public revenue ; to give publicity to information relating to such moneys ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,”—which was read a first time.

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

16. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Lane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Ley,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Manning,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Doyle,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Bushell.
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Debate continued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Honorable Member for Newtown, Mr. F. M. Burke, be not further heard.

Question put and passed.

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.  
PAPER :—Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report by the Chief Examiner of Gas, Department of Labour and Industry, on the alleged increase in consumption of Gas during the period covered by the prohibitions under the Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency Act, 1917. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—
  - (1.) *Sewerage Scheme for Granville, Auburn, and Lidcombe (Formal Motion)* :—Mr. Ball moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed system of Sewerage for Granville, Auburn, and Lidcombe, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) *Construction of System of Sewerage for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Districts (Formal Motion)* :—Mr. Ball moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed system of Sewerage for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown districts, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.  
Question put and passed.
3. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays until 6:30 p.m., and after that hour Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
4. BANKS AND BANK HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Fuller, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Fuller then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Banks and Bank Holidays Act, 1912.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Banks and Bank Holidays Act, 1912,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1917.*
5. APIARIES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Grahame, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Grahame then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Apiaries Act, 1916.*"  
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 Apiaries Act, 1916,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1917.*

4th October, 1917.

## 6. CITY AND SUBURBAN RAILWAYS (RESUMPTION RESCISSION) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ball, 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 rescission of certain resumptions under the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Sydenham to Botany Railway Act, 1913; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the rescission of certain resumptions under the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Sydenham to Botany Railway Act, 1913; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Ball then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the rescission of certain resumptions under the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Sydenham to Botany Railway Act, 1913; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time

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

## 7. AMBULANCE TRANSPORT SERVICE BILL :—

(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. David Storey, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Message No. 33.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make better provision for rendering first aid to, and for the transport of sick and injured persons, and for that purpose to establish a board with certain powers and duties; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 4th October, 1917.*

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

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. David Storey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for rendering first aid to, and for the transport of sick and injured persons, and for that purpose to establish a board with certain powers and duties; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for rendering first aid to, and for the transport of sick and injured persons, and for that purpose to establish a board with certain powers and duties; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Storey then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for rendering first aid to, and for the transport of sick and injured persons, and for that purpose to establish a board with certain powers and duties; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

## 8. BEGA AND WILBERFORCE LABOUR SETTLEMENTS BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, 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 disposal of certain lands at the Bega and Wilberforce labour settlements; for the payment to the Treasurer of certain moneys as rent by persons occupying such land; to repeal the Labour Settlements Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the disposal of certain lands at the Bega and Wilberforce labour settlements; for the payment to the Treasurer of certain moneys as rent by persons occupying such land; to repeal the Labour Settlements Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the disposal of certain lands at the Bega and Wilberforce labour settlements; for the payment to the Treasurer of certain moneys as rent by persons occupying such land; to repeal the Labour Settlements Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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## 9. RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision for the settlement of returned or discharged soldiers and sailors; to provide for and maintain training farms for such soldiers and sailors; to amend the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, and the Acts amending those Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the settlement of returned or discharged soldiers and sailors; to provide for and maintain training farms for such soldiers and sailors; to amend the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, and the Acts amending those Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intitled “*A Bill to make further provision for the settlement of returned or discharged soldiers and sailors; to provide for and maintain training farms for such soldiers and sailors; to amend the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, and the Acts amending those Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*”—which was read a first time.

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

10. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, 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 provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901, and the Western Lands (Amendment) Act of 1905; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901, and the Western Lands (Amendment) Act of 1905; and for other purposes.

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

11. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Beeby (*by consent*) moved, pursuant to Notice given for Tuesday next, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law for the regulation of the condition of industries, industrial arbitration, and the repression of lock-outs and strikes; to establish special and deputy Courts of Industrial Arbitration; to provide for secret compulsory ballots in certain cases; to enlarge the powers of trade unions, and to extend the rights and responsibilities of their members; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1916, the Trade Union Act, 1881, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

12. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Bennett, as Chairman, brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Fuller moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*



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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1917.

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

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF MURRAY—*Issue and Return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the resolution of the 23rd August, 1917, declaring the seat of Robert Scobie, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of the late Mr. Scobie, and that such Writ has been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of Brian James Doe, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Murray.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Paper:—New General Rule No. 64, under the Mines Inspection Act, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. James laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

(2.) New By-laws of the University of Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Particulars of Western Land Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts on the 5th October, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Information respecting transactions of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales during the period 1910-1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. NEW SOUTH WALES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stuart-Robertson,—

“(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the amount of subscription and subsidy received during the past seven years by the New South Wales Benevolent Society, Valentine-lane, Sydney, and distribution of same.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Lang, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Thomas, Mr. McKell, and the Mover.”—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. William Davies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. P. M. McGirr.
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	

Noes, 32.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. James,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Lane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Lec,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Levy,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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Original Question again proposed.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be now put  
Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Fuller,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. James,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Ley,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Doyle,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. F. M. Burke.
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least thirty Members.”—

And Mr. Stuart-Robertson having spoken in reply,—

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. McKell,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Mutch,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Johnston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Doyle.
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	

Noes, 29.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Ley.
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	
Mr. McGarry,	

And so it passed in the negative.

4. THE ASHTONFIELDS COAL MINES RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday 23 October.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 4th October, 1917.*

## 5. REAL ESTATE AND STOCK AGENTS BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James, 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 licensing and regulation of real estate and stock agents; to prohibit certain acts by unregistered agents; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

*Resolved*—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the licensing and regulation of real estate and stock agents; to prohibit certain acts by unregistered agents; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. James then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to provide for the licensing and regulation of real estate and stock agents; to prohibit certain acts by unregistered agents; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,”—which was read a first time.

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

## 6. UNIVERSITY PRIZES AND MEDALS ALTERATION BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that certain prizes and medals founded at the University of Sydney for award at certain examinations of the University may be awarded at certain other examinations of the University, and to vary the terms and conditions on which the prizes and medals may be awarded; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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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 provide that certain prizes and medals founded at the University of Sydney for award at certain examinations of the University may be awarded at certain other examinations of the University, and to vary the terms and conditions on which the prizes and medals may be awarded ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. James then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that certain prizes and medals founded at the University of Sydney for award at certain examinations of the University may be awarded at certain other examinations of the University, and to vary the terms and conditions on which the prizes and medals may be awarded ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

7. ABORIGINES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fuller 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. Fuller, 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. Fuller, the report was adopted.

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

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

- (1.) Dairies Supervision (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Message No. 34.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Dairies Supervision Act, 1901.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 9th October, 1917.*

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

- (2.) Pure Food (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Message No. 35.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Pure Food Act, 1908 ; to regulate the publication of statements relating to certain food, drugs, and appliances ; to provide for registration in respect of certain businesses dealing with food and drugs ; to provide that the business of hairdressers be carried on in a sanitary manner, and to amend the Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1915 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 9th October, 1917.*

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

- (3.) Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Message No. 36.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Medical Practitioners Act, 1912, and the Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Act, 1915 ; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 9th October, 1917.*

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

9. THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate cinematographic exhibitions in premises other than those licensed under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908 ; to amend the said Act ; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

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

9th October, 1917.

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 cinematographic exhibitions in premises other than those licensed under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908 ; to amend the said Act ; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

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

(2.) Mr. Fuller then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate cinematographic exhibitions in premises other than those licensed under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908 ; to amend the said Act ; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon*;"—which was read a first time.

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

10. CARELESS USE OF FIRE (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Fuller then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

11. UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James, 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 University and University Colleges Act, 1900.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the University and University Colleges Act, 1900.

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

(2.) Mr. James then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the University and University Colleges Act, 1900*,"—which was read a first time.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. James moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN J. COHEN,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1917.

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

## PAPERS :—

- Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

- Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts 1880–1905.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Deep-water Harbour and Extension of Northern Breakwater at Port Kembla.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Sydney Water Supply (Cordeaux River Dam).
- (4.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by duplicating and deviating between Cullerin and Harden.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Bourke, by provision of Refuge Siding and Crossing Loop at Perthville.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Picton and Mittagong, near Picton.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

- Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper :—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. ABORIGINES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Fuller, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fuller then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909, and the Aborigines Protection Amending Act, 1915.*"

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 Aborigines Protection Act, 1909, and the Aborigines Protection Amending Act, 1915,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th October, 1917.*

3. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 35.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1917.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Member Sworn* :—Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Surry Hills, Mr. Buckley, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“The refusal of the Railway Superannuation Board to allow of a refund of deductions to employees dismissed as a result of the recent strike.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Buckley moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Ley,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Edden,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahamo,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Crane.
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. F. M. Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Buckley.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Wright.	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least thirty Members,”—

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The

11th October, 1917.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Brookfield,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Lazzarini,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Loughlin.
Mr. Michael Burke,	
Mr. Bushell,	
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Gus Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Wright.	

Noes, 43.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lee,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Edden,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Weaver
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. James,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Lutimer,	

And so it passed in the negative.

3. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1917, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Mr. Ashford moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Ball 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, sections 129A (5) and 129B (g)" 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, sections 129A (5) and 129B (g),—put and passed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

4. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Ashford, pursuant to leave granted on 4th October, 1917, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901, and the Western Lands (Amendment) Act of 1905; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Graff, *on behalf of* Mr. Bennett, Chairman, brought up the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Ashford moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, be not further heard.

Question put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Ball moved, That the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, be not further heard.

Question put.

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11th October, 1917.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Lee,§	Mr. Walker.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Buckley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. F. M. Burke,	
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Lazzarini.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Ball moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—"That the Question be now put."

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Grimm,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. McGarry.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Michael Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bushell,	
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Buckley,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. F. M. Burke.
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes before Five o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1917.

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

MEMBER SWORN :—Brian James Doe, Esquire, was introduced, and, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Murray.

2. BANKS AND BANK HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Fuller, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 37.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Banks and Bank Holidays Act, 1912*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 12th October, 1917.*

3. LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT, 1899 :—Mr. Cochran presented a Petition from George Payne, President and W. Holdsworth, Honorary Secretary, of the Pymont Branch of the Darling Harbour Political Labour League, representing that the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899 confer upon landlords and their agents power to disposses tenants in arrears with their rent of their furniture and their household effects, and praying for the repeal or suspension of the Act.  
Petition received.

4. PAPER :—Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the charges made by Mr. Richard Atkinson Price, M.L.A., in the Legislative Assembly, against the Honorable William George Ashford, M.L.A., Minister for Lands and Forestry, as set forth in *Hansard* report on 5th September, 1917; and also to inquire into the charges made by the said Mr. Price against the Honorable William George Ashford, relating to a certain deviation on the Dubbo-Werris Creek Railway, as reported in *Hansard* of 13th December, 1916; also Minutes of Proceedings in connection with the above-mentioned Royal Commission.

Ordered to be printed.

5. PRIVILEGE—REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSIONER APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO THE CHARGES MADE BY MR. R. A. PRICE, M.L.A., AGAINST THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GEORGE ASHFORD, M.L.A., MINISTER FOR LANDS :—Mr. Fuller moved,—

(1.) That this House will, To-morrow, proceed to consider the Report of the Royal Commissioner appointed to inquire into the charges made by Mr. Richard Atkinson Price, M.L.A., in the Legislative Assembly, against the Honorable William George Ashford, M.L.A., Minister for Lands and Forestry, as set forth in *Hansard* report on 5th September, 1917; and also to inquire into the charges made by the said Mr. Price against the Honorable William George Ashford, relating to a certain deviation on the Dubbo-Werris Creek Railway, as reported in *Hansard* of 13th December, 1916.

(2.) That the said Mr. Richard Atkinson Price, M.L.A., be directed to attend in his place on that day.

Question put and passed.

16th October, 1917.

## 6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper :—By-laws of the Come-by-Chance Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day, "Use of Trust Lands for War Purposes Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Levy*]" ;—postponed until Tuesday, 30th October.

## 8. ENDOWMENT TO FAMILIES :—Dr. Arthur moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the State should afford assistance to large families in the form of an endowment for every child after the second.

Debate ensued.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 4th October, 1917.*

## 9. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Doe,	Lieut. Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Zuill,
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Michael Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bushell,	
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Gregory McGirr,
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. McKell.
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Ashford, *passed*.

Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Acts relating to Crown lands; to modify the conditions attaching to certain holdings; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Acts amending it; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Acts relating to Crown Lands; to modify the conditions attaching to certain holdings; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Acts amending it; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 16th October, 1917.*

## 10. BEGA AND WILBERFORCE LABOUR SETTLEMENTS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford 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. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and an amended Title.

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

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

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11. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford 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. Ashford, Mr Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a  
Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit  
again To-morrow.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1917.

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

ADDITIONAL SITTING DAYS—MONDAY AND FRIDAY (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Fuller (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at Four o'clock, p.m., on Friday of this week, and on Monday and Friday of next week, and that Government Business only shall be dealt with.  
Question put and passed.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Return showing Public Works estimated to cost £10,000 or over in course of construction.
  - (2.) Return showing Public Works estimated to cost £10,000 or over that have been stopped.
  - (3.) Return showing Public Works estimated to cost £20,000 or over which have not been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Paper:—By-laws under the Meat Industry Act, 1913.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
  - (2.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Defamation Act, 1912.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Defamation Act, 1912*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—(*Enlarging of the Northern Canal, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme (Formal Motion)*):—Mr. Grahame moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the enlarging of the Main Canal, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme, to increase the capacity at its offtake from 1,000 to 2,000 cubic feet per second, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.  
Question put and passed.

5. APIARIES (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 Apiaries Act, 1916*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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## APIARIES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 17th October, 1917.*W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments,

Page 1, clause 1, line 7, 8, 9. *Omit* "and shall come into force on the thirty-first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen."

Page 2, clause 2. *Omit* paragraph (b), *insert* the following in lieu thereof to stand as new paragraph (b) :—

"By the omission of paragraph (b) and the insertion of the following new paragraph in lieu thereof :—

"(b) sell, barter, give away, or otherwise than in the prescribed manner dispose of any bees or appliances from an apiary known by him to be infected by or liable to spread disease."

Page 2, clause 4, subclause 1, line 17. *Omit* "thirty-first" *insert* "first"

Page 2, clause 4, subclause 1, line 17. *Omit* "August" *insert* "November"

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
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. PRIVILEGE—REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSIONER APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO THE CHARGES MADE BY MR. R. A. PRICE, M.L.A., AGAINST THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GEORGE ASHFORD, M.L.A., MINISTER FOR LANDS :—The Order of the Day having been read for consideration of the Report of the Royal Commissioner appointed to inquire into the charges made by Mr. Richard Atkinson Price, M.L.A., in the Legislative Assembly, against the Honorable William George Ashford, M.L.A., Minister for Lands and Forests, as set forth in *Hansard* report on 5th September, 1917; and also to inquire into the charges made by the said Mr. Price against the Honorable William George Ashford, relating to a certain deviation on the Dubbo-Werris Creek Railway, as reported in *Hansard* of 13th December, 1916.

And the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, being present in his place,—  
Mr. Fuller moved, That this House do now proceed to consider the Report of the Royal Commissioner appointed to inquire into the charges made by Mr. Richard Atkinson Price, M.L.A., in the Legislative Assembly, against the Honorable William George Ashford, M.L.A., Minister for Lands and Forests, as set forth in *Hansard* report on 5th September, 1917; and also to inquire into the charges made by the said Mr. Price against the Honorable William George Ashford, relating to a certain deviation on the Dubbo-Werris Creek Railway, as reported in *Hansard* of 13th December, 1916,—and that the Report be read by the Clerk.

Question put and passed.

The Report was then read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

## REPORT.

To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

I have the honor to present my Report respecting the matters into which I was appointed by Royal Commission under the Great Seal, on the 21st September last, to inquire.

By the terms of the Commission, I was directed to inquire into the charges made by Mr. Price, M.L.A., against the Honorable Mr. Ashford, Minister for Lands and Forests, as set forth in the *Hansard* reports of the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of the 13th December, 1916, and the 5th September, 1917.

Mr. Price appeared in person, and Mr. Ashford was represented by Mr. Blacket, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Coghlan and Company.

The charges made on the first occasion were in respect of two alleged deviations of the Dubbo to Werris Creek Railway line as passed by the Public Works Committee, and are—I quote Mr. Price's own words—as to No. 1 :—

"Now I come to the Dubbo to Werris Creek line, the construction of which was recommended by the Public Works Committee after an exhaustive inquiry, the railway to be taken along a specified route. At the request of the Minister for Lands and two German constituents of his—one a member of the local Labour League and the other the president of the Progress Association—the line was diverted  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles to Muntooran against the report of the officers, and in this way £6,000 of public money was wasted."

and as to No. 2 :—

"After that the line passed on to Merrygoen, and when it reached that Norton Griffiths and Co., who had some plant at Piambra a little further on, said that they would like the line to go on to that point. Mr. Cann, the Minister in charge, wrote a minute in which he said that the report of his officer was to the effect that the expense of that deviation

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“ deviation was not warranted, and that the deviation would entail an extension of the line  
 “ 16½ miles, and the construction of a bridge over a river, instead of the line going straight  
 “ across country, and that this would necessitate the traffic being hauled over 16½  
 “ additional miles unnecessarily for all time. When the Commissioners were asked what  
 “ they suggested all they could suggest was the carrying out of a triangulation scheme to  
 “ avoid the ‘ back shunt.’ They said, ‘ We want the most direct line we can get,’ and then  
 “ Mr. Cann made the following minute:— ‘ There is no justification for this deviation, because  
 “ ‘ it entails 16½ miles more haulage and the crossing of a bridge over Weetalibah Creek.  
 “ ‘ There is no justification whatever for it, and therefore it cannot be granted.’ But the  
 “ following morning, on the 6th July, a telegram comes to the Minister for Lands,  
 “ Mr. Ashford, from this gentleman, and another telegram comes from his brother. One is  
 “ the secretary to the Labour League, and the other is president of the Progress Association.  
 “ This little coterie get together, and a marvellous thing occurs. Although Mr. Fraser  
 “ condemned the proposal, and although there are no papers in the Department to justify it,  
 “ yet this country is put to the expense of £80,000 for a deviation which is contrary to the  
 “ law. A detour of 16½ miles is made, and an increase of £80,000 put on the Estimates.  
 “ That is done at the suggestion of these German gentlemen. It is a public scandal, and I  
 “ am not going to be a party to allowing £80,000 to be spent unnecessarily. These are  
 “ constituents of the Minister; one is Oscar Carl and the other is Carl Oscar. The papers  
 “ disclose that Mr. Cann one day said, ‘ This cannot be granted because it is wrong.’  
 “ Mr. Fraser said the same thing, but the next day, after these telegrams have gone through,  
 “ the plans are amended and the request granted. When I went down to the Department,  
 “ Mr. Cann gave me a chance to see the papers. I made a note of their official numbers,  
 “ and it took me four solid hours to go through them and make copies of the plans, until I  
 “ got the hang of the whole thing.”

The charges made on the second occasion were—(1) in respect of the alleged omission from the Estimates of certain items with reference to the purchase of certain saw-mills, and the payment of certain salaries; and (2) in respect of the purchase of land for soldiers, and were as follows. Again I quote Mr. Price's own words:—

As to 1:—

“ The position is very clear. Contrary to the provisions of the Public Works Act,  
 “ and contrary to the operations of the ordinary system of Government, the expenditure of  
 “ a sum of over £20,000 is involved, and it is not shown on these Estimates. . . . a  
 “ banking account has been transferred from the City Bank at Gloucester and opened on  
 “ behalf of the Government with the Commercial Bank in the same town. . . . The  
 “ Minister for Lands, in answer to a question put by me, deliberately said that the trans-  
 “ action had not been completed, yet it was a matter of open knowledge, and the Minister  
 “ must either have been misinformed, he must have been misleading this House, or he must  
 “ have made an untruthful statement. . . . this expenditure was incurred contrary  
 “ to the law, and is not shown on these Estimates. I want to know what Schedule this  
 “ expense has been smothered under. . . . an account was transferred from the City  
 “ Bank at Gloucester, and the Government opened an account in the Commercial Bank in  
 “ the same town, cheques being drawn and paid by a private individual. . . . and to  
 “ get behind the law as laid down by statute the Government entered into a transaction  
 “ involving the expenditure of a sum of £20,000, which, according to the Public Works Act,  
 “ must be submitted to this House. The fact is, that the law has been broken by the  
 “ Government. . . . I want to point out that we are getting into a very dangerous  
 “ system, when items are jockeyed from one Department to another. In answer to a specific  
 “ question asked by me, the Minister distinctly stated that this transaction had not been  
 “ completed. Now we are told that it has been completed. I complain of the way in which  
 “ the accounts are bolstered up and falsified. . . . These accounts are supposed to be so  
 “ clear that the man in the street can understand them, but far from being clear, the House  
 “ and the country is being deceived by a deliberate system of jockeying. These Estimates,  
 “ I submit, are false, and not in accordance with the books of the Department. (Mr. Edden:  
 “ That is a serious charge!) Yes, and a true one. I repeat that the account was transferred  
 “ from the City Bank at Gloucester to a private account, and authority was given to a private  
 “ citizen to operate upon. (Mr. Edden: Is the Honorable Member prepared to prove it?)  
 “ Absolutely, and the sooner the facts are disclosed to the public, in order that they may  
 “ thoroughly understand what the position is, the better it will be. . . . These Estimates  
 “ ought not to be hurriedly gone through, seeing that they do not disclose the whole of the  
 “ facts and the true position of affairs. When the facts are disclosed there will not be one  
 “ decent man on either side of the House who will not cry ‘ shame.’ . . . The whole  
 “ transaction was carried out behind the back of Parliament, and a fraud has been committed,  
 “ inasmuch as an excess price was paid for the property.

As to 2:—

“ . . . Further, the Minister for Lands advised me that no property had been  
 “ resumed at £8 5s. per acre, the original purchase cost of which was £4 per acre. That is  
 “ absolutely misleading. . . . What I do say is that it is a case of maladministration.  
 “ . . . The administration of this Department is of such a character that men who want to  
 “ get on the land, and those who want land, those who want additional conditional purchases  
 “ and additional holdings are starving . . . the putrid and dishonest administration  
 “ that has been adopted . . . I have made no charges with regard to the Minister  
 “ that I cannot substantiate. The charges made by me are deliberately made.”

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## Alleged Deviations on the Dubbo-Werris Creek Railway.

As to No. 1, I find that the Public Works Committee, in reporting on the proposed line from Dubbo to Werris Creek, described the route recommended as passing 5 miles east of Mundooran. This did not satisfy the wishes of the inhabitants of that town, and Mr. Makinson, a bank manager there, and secretary of the local Progress Association, from October, 1913, onwards, sent through Mr. Ashford, as Member for the district, several letters and a petition signed by over 100 residents to Mr. Griffith, then Minister for Public Works, urging that the line should be brought nearer to Mundooran, and, later on, Mr. O'Brien, secretary of the local Labour League, wrote twice to the same effect.

An exploration survey of the suggested deviation was then ordered to be made, and Mr. Surveyor Jamieson went over the ground with Mr. Makinson and others, and reported on two alternative deviations which would bring the line within 2 miles of Mundooran, and suggested that trial surveys should be made.

Mr. Kennedy, Engineer for Surveys, however, on the 4th February, 1914, recommended that the line, as passed by the Public Works Committee, should be adhered to, and this was approved by Mr. Griffith on the 12th February.

On the 30th February, a deputation waited on Mr. Ashford, who was then at Mundooran, and made a strong protest against the decision of the Minister. Mr. Ashford forwarded a *précis* of the notes of what had taken place at the deputation to Mr. Griffith and drew attention to Mr. Jamieson's suggestion of a trial survey, and said he trusted that this would be taken into consideration, and, if possible, carried out.

Mr. Griffith then ordered a trial survey to be made.

On several subsequent occasions further letters were sent to the Minister for Public Works, through Mr. Ashford, asking what was being done in the matter.

Finally, Mr. Surveyor Stewart reported on his trial surveys of two alternative routes, and recommended one of them, and, on the 10th October, Mr. Griffith approved of the deviation, at an estimated cost of £5,000, and of a station to cost not more than £1,000.

These being the facts, it is clear that a deviation was made from the route set out by the Public Works Committee, but I cannot see that Mr. Ashford was in any way responsible for this, or, in any case, that there was anything improper in his actions throughout; he merely transmitted to the Minister letters and a petition from residents of the district for which he is Member, and, when the Minister had turned the proposal down, he informed him of the views expressed at a deputation which protested against the decision of the Minister. At no time did he do more than urge that the trial survey, suggested by Mr. Jamieson, should be made, and everything he did was obviously open and aboveboard, and is fully disclosed in the official papers.

No German constituent of Mr. Ashford had anything to do with the matter, and so far from the line being diverted against the report of the officers—though Mr. Kennedy at one time was against it—Mr. Jamieson and Mr. Stewart favoured it, and there can be no doubt that it was in consequence of the report of the latter that Mr. Griffith agreed to the deviation being carried out.

The length of the deviation is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  not  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Mr. Price stated to me that by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles he meant the double journey. If he had meant that at the time it seems to me he would have expressed himself differently.

It certainly did not appear that the extra expenditure was wasted.

As to No. 2, I find the facts to be that the map attached to the report of the Public Works Committee apparently showed a take-off from the Dunedoo-Coonabarabran line in the neighbourhood of Piambra, but the report itself stated that:—

“ Between Mundooran and Binnaway a length of about 10 miles of the proposed line  
“ will form part of the authorised line from Dunedoo to Coonabarabran and another 10  
“ miles is so close to the latter that the official evidence indicates it would be an easy matter  
“ to adopt it as part of the line to Werris Creek, thus saving about 20 miles of construction  
“ by either the route from Wellington or from Dubbo, *via* Mundooran, to Werris Creek.”

There being a station at Binnaway on the Dunedoo-Coonabarabran line, at which the Commissioners had asked that certain work should be carried out on the supposition that it might be the junction of that line and the Dubbo to Werris Creek line, the constructing authority decided to make use of the Dunedoo-Coonabarabran line beyond Piambra and up to Binnaway and to make the take-off at that place, and a route was permanently staked out from Binnaway to join the line, as shown by the Public Works Committee's map further east.

Then the Secretary of the Chief Railway Commissioner, on the 22nd June, 1915, pointed out to the Director-General of Public Works that it was said that the proposed line would reverse in direction at Binnaway, that is, curve southerly instead of continuing from a point north of Binnaway, and proceeding in a direct line towards Werris Creek, and stated that it was of the utmost importance that the trains should run from Dubbo to Werris Creek without any reversing at Binnaway, and that the Deputy Chief Commissioner would be glad if the Director-General would give a direction that would produce this result, either by constructing the line curving northerly from the northern side of Binnaway, or, if this should be too costly, by making the junction in the correct direction at a point south of Binnaway.

Thereupon, Mr. Hutchinson, Chief Engineer for Railway and Tramway Construction, minuted that the proper connection would be not at Binnaway, but at Piambra, and suggested that a fresh survey be made from a point just north of Piambra. This survey was then carried out by Mr. Edwardes, who reported that the route he had selected would save 2 miles 59 chains in construction, and in haulage one way 7 miles 25 chains.

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Next in order of date it appears that Mr. Ashford forwarded on the 12th July, 1915, to the Minister three telegrams—one from Mr. G. S. Scheumack and Mr. C. J. Hamilton, president and secretary of the Progress Association; one from Mr. W. Scheumack and Mr. R. Scheumack, president and secretary of the local Labour League; and one from Mr. Calcroft, manager of the Bank of Commerce, on behalf of the townspeople; and a letter from another gentleman, Mr. Leitheid, protesting against the proposed removal of the junction from Binnaway. These were apparently considered by Mr. Cann, who was then Minister for Public Works, and on the 14th July his secretary, Mr. Cooper, made a memorandum that the Minister "directed that a reply be sent to Mr. Ashford that he is unable to alter the proposed arrangement for the junction at Piambra." Mr. Cann stated in evidence, and his statement is borne out by a further memo. of Mr. Cooper's of the same date, namely, the 14th July, that he had not intended the decision to be final, as he was waiting a reply from the Railway Department as to their wishes in the matter. Mr. Cooper's memo. reads, "No further action as above at present." Mr. Ashford, apparently, then had an interview with the Minister and also with the Director-General of Public Works.

In the meantime, Mr. Hutchinson, as he stated in his evidence, had had two interviews with the Chief Commissioner, at the first of which he recommended that Piambra be selected as the take-off, being then under the impression that very little of the proposed work at Binnaway had been carried out. Before the second conference he had found out that he was in error as to this, and he then recommended the Chief Commissioner to adhere to Binnaway, pointing out that though the cost of constructing the line from there would be more than that of a line from Piambra the difference would be more than covered by the cost of erecting at the latter place the works that had already been carried out at Binnaway, and he arranged that a triangle should be put in at Binnaway to obviate the back shunt. The Chief Commissioner was satisfied with this, and the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner so informed the Director-General of Public Works on the 9th August, and finally, on the 25th August, Mr. Cann approved of Binnaway as the junction.

Mr. Hutchinson was most emphatic that the decision to adhere to Binnaway was that of the Chief Commissioner, and that neither he nor the Chief Commissioner knew anything of Mr. Ashford in the matter at all. If Mr. Price went through the papers with any care he must have seen that whatever action Mr. Ashford took (and I cannot see anything at all improper in what he did, which was no more than would have been done by the Member for the district, whoever he might be) it was obviously not to *obtain* an alteration, but to *prevent* an alteration from the plan originally proposed. He had nothing to do with the original departure from the take-off shown in the map attached to the report of the Public Works Committee, and his actions had no effect on the ultimate decision which was due to Mr. Hutchinson's recommendation being adopted by the Chief Commissioner and approved by Mr. Cann.

It is difficult to imagine a statement more full of inaccuracies and even distortions of fact than this part of Mr. Price's speech.

No minute either of Mr. Cann's or of Mr. Fraser's, such as Mr. Price mentioned in his speech, was among the papers. As to the former, though Mr. Price asserted he had seen it, it is highly probable that the memo. by Mr. Cooper, to which reference has been made, was all that ever existed, and that was not in the terms which Mr. Price purported to quote in his speech. It is to be noted, too, that the *précis* which Mr. Campbell typed from Mr. Price's notes contains no reference to any such minute.

As to the supposed minute of Mr. Fraser, I can find nothing to account in any way for Mr. Price's statement with regard to it.

Again, Mr. Price's dates and names are all wrong. I have mentioned the names of the persons who sent the telegrams, and it appears that none of them bear the names of Oscar Carl or Carl Oscar. Mr. Price said that he had been informed these were the names they are commonly known by. He gave no proof of this, and it is difficult to understand why, having the real names before him, he did not give them.

Again, as to his statements that "the country was put to an expense of £80,000 for a deviation contrary to law" and "a detour of 16½ miles and an increase of £80,000 put on the Estimates" and that it was "a public scandal and he was not going to be a party to allowing £80,000 to be spent unnecessarily," Mr. Price asserted that he had not meant that the deviation, as he called it, had cost £80,000, but that that sum would be the ultimate loss entailed by its having been made. It seems to me that Mr. Price—having seen in the Loan Act, 1916, under the heading "Railway Construction, Dubbo to Werris Creek," a further sum of £90,000—wanted to make it appear in his speech that that sum represented the expenditure involved by these "deviations," namely, £6,500 at Mundooran and £80,000 at Binnaway, but as the actual cost of the two was not more than £16,000 at the outside, he then attempted to explain away the position in which he found himself by saying that he had meant "ultimate loss" and not "cost" a construction which I am sure no one who heard or reads his speech could possibly put upon his words.

Mr. Price urged that no departure could lawfully be made from the line of route set out in the report and map of the Public Works Committee, and that the mere fact that such a departure had been made in itself raised a strong suspicion of improper conduct on the part of those concerned in it. I cannot agree with Mr. Price in regard to this. The Act authorising the construction of the line empowers the constructing authority to make such deviations and modifications as he may consider desirable, and in any event, as I have pointed out, Mr. Ashford had nothing to do with the selection of Binnaway, even if it could be said that this was a departure from the route selected by the Public Works Committee, which I do not consider it to have been.

Some comment might have been made on the methods of the Construction Branch of the Public Works Department as to the original selection of Binnaway as the junction, and as to the expenditure of so much money there when it is now admitted that the junction should have been at Piambra; also as to important steps taken without authority and as to the want of co-ordination between



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between the officers of the branch, but even that was unnecessary, as Mr. Cann had put his finger on the weak spot, and had made a minute to secure the more efficient working of the branch. This minute of Mr. Cann's was put forward by Mr. Price as if it were evidence against Mr. Ashford, but, in fact, it had no reference whatever to Mr. Ashford, and nothing contained in it or connected with the procedure of the Department in the slightest degree justified charges being made against Mr. Ashford.

#### Purchase of Saw-mills, &c.

All imputations against the Minister with regard to this matter were withdrawn by Mr. Price when the inquiry into them was about to be proceeded with, and Mr. Price stated that he had no evidence to support his charges.

Mr. Price admitted that his statement that the Government Account had been *transferred* from one Bank in Gloucester to another, and put in the name of a private person, was not in accordance with the fact, which was simply that an account had been opened in the name of a private person. This person was, I understand, the person appointed by the Government as manager of the mill, and the admission showed that the action was not taken, as the speech implied, for the purpose of concealing the purchase of the mill, but was taken to provide for the ordinary mill accounts, and thus it disposed at once of one of the most serious of Mr. Price's allegations in regard to this matter.

Mr. Price stated that he had never intended to make any imputation against Mr. Ashford personally, or as a Minister. In view of the language that he used throughout his speech on this matter, and especially in view of his statement that the charges made by him were deliberately made, and that he had made no charges with regard to the Minister that he could not substantiate, it is impossible for me to accept his disclaimer. However, Mr. Blacket, on behalf of Mr. Ashford, having accepted Mr. Price's withdrawal, it seemed to me that no good purpose would be served by going further into the matter.

#### Purchase of Land for Soldiers.

As to this, Mr. Price asserted he had not attacked Mr. Ashford, but the Government as a whole, and though his language in his speech certainly contained aspersions on Mr. Ashford, as, for instance, in the passages hereinbefore set out, it is correct that most of what he said was directed at the Government. Mr. Blacket, for Mr. Ashford, accepted Mr. Price's disclaimer of any imputations against Mr. Ashford in connection with this matter, and I, therefore, did not think it necessary to inquire into it.

#### CONCLUSION.

I find that the official papers and the evidence relating to the "deviations" of the Dubbo to Werris Creek line, and the terms of Mr. Price's withdrawal of the charges in respect of the saw-mills matter, clearly establish that the charges made by Mr. Price against Mr. Ashford were made wantonly and recklessly, and without any foundation whatsoever.

I desire to express my appreciation of the valuable services rendered to me by Mr. Page, who acted as my Secretary.

Mr. Speaker inquired whether Mr. Price desired to have any passages read from the evidence, the whole of the Report having been read.

Mr. Price replied in the negative, and, having been heard in his place, withdrew.

Mr. Fuller moved, "That" Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire, a Member of this House for the Electoral District of Gloucester, having made charges against the Honorable William George Ashford, M.L.A., Secretary for Lands and Minister of Forests, which charges are characterised in the Report of the Royal Commissioner as made wantonly and recklessly, and without any foundation whatsoever, is guilty of conduct unworthy of a Member of Parliament, "and seriously reflecting upon the honor and dignity of this House."

Mr. Edden moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "a Call of the House be made for Thursday, 1st November, to further consider the conduct of Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire, a Member of this House, for the Electoral District of Gloucester,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker said he would not take the action he was taking now on an ordinary occasion and unless a Point of Order had been taken. He regarded this as a novel point of procedure, and he thought it his duty to mention it to the House. He had at first thought the amendment was in order, having no precedents before him, and he knew of no similar case, nor even now could he find any similar case. He had since looked up the precedents, and so far as he could ascertain, there were only two cases in which a Call of the House has been proposed as an amendment. The first was on the 19th May, 1887, when Mr. Speaker Young was in the Chair. Sir Henry Parkes had moved for the adoption of new Standing Orders reported upon by the Standing Orders Committee, and an amendment had been moved for a Call of the House to consider the Report of that Committee. A Point of Order was submitted that the proposed amendment was not in order on the grounds that it was really a substantive motion, and therefore could not be moved without Notice; that it was not relevant to the question before the House; and that a Call of the House could only be made after Notice duly given. Mr. Speaker Young said it had been urged by the Honorable Member for Camden that inasmuch as Notice had always been given of a motion of this character in the House of Commons, and also in this House, it was absolutely necessary that Notice should be given of this amendment. It seemed to him that he would be exceeding the strict lines of his duty if he limited the power of the House in matters of this kind in the absence of any express Standing Order or rule; and while he could not find a precedent for such an amendment, there was no record of a similar motion having been ruled out of order; indeed, he could

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could not discover that such a question had been submitted to any previous Speaker, and, therefore, he thought it to be his duty to rule so as to leave the power of decision in the hands of the House rather than to decide the matter himself. As to the question of relevancy, he said that amendments had been moved and carried opposite in meaning to the original motion, and, therefore, he could not sustain the objections taken by the Honorable Member. The question again came before the House in July, 1900, when Mr. William McCourt was Speaker. A motion had been made for a new Standing Order, and an amendment moved in favour of a Call of the House upon due notice given. A Point of Order was submitted that the proposed amendment was out of order, as being irrelevant, but Mr. Speaker decided that the amendment could be admitted. In the present case he thought that the Honorable Member had lost his opportunity because the House had already decided by motion that the Report of the Royal Commissioner appointed to inquire into the charges made by Mr. Richard Atkinson Price should *now* be taken into consideration. If the amendment for the Call of the House had been moved on that motion it would have been in order, but it was too late now. Therefore, under the circumstances, he could not accept the amendment of the Honorable Member.

Debate—on original Question—continued.

Mr. Wright moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "and seriously reflecting upon the honor and dignity of this House."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker, having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance on the part of the Honorable Member for Camperdown, Mr. Stuart Robertson, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Ley,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Briacer,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Lazzarini,	Mr. Nesbitt.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. F. M. Burke,
Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Bushell,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Loughlin,
Mr. Mutch,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. McKell,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire, a Member of this House for the Electoral District of Gloucester, having made charges against the Honorable William George Ashford, M.L.A., Secretary for Lands and Minister of Forests, which charges are characterised in the Report of the Royal Commissioner as made wantonly and recklessly, and without any foundation whatsoever, is guilty of conduct unworthy of a Member of Parliament, and seriously reflecting upon the honor and dignity of this House,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Simon Hickey,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Lane,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Briacer,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Lazzarini,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Ley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Gregory McGirr,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. McKell,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Harry Morton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Mutch,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Nesbitt,	Mr. Bruntnell.

Noes, 11.

Mr. F. M. Burke,
Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Loughlin,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Buckley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Fuller moved, That Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire, now sitting in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Gloucester, be, for the said offence, "expelled this House."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gregory McGirr moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "expelled this House," and inserting the words "suspended for the remainder of the present Session"—instead thereof.

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Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Lane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Ley,	Mr. Bavin,
Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Colquhoun.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. F. M. Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Mutch.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire, now sitting in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Gloucester, be, for the said offence, expelled this House,—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Ball,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Graff,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Doe,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Ley.
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. F. M. Burke,
Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Bushell,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Loughlin,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Mutch.
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Tom Smith.
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Doyle.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Fuller moved, That the seat of Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Gloucester, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of his expulsion from this House.  
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Gregory McGirr,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cocks,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Ley,	
Mr. McGarry,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Doyle,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Loughlin,
Mr. Mutch,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. F. M. Burke.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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7. BEGA AND WILBERFORCE LABOUR SETTLEMENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the disposal of certain lands at the Bega and Wilberforce Labour Settlements; to repeal the Labour Settlements Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the disposal of certain lands at the Bega and Wilberforce Labour Settlements; to repeal the Labour Settlements Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 18th October, 1917, A.M.*

8. WATER AND SEWERAGE (RATING) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ball, 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 Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board to levy rates on the unimproved value of ratable lands; to provide for catchment areas; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906, and the Valuation of Land Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorise the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board to levy rates on the unimproved value of ratable lands; to provide for catchment areas; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906, and the Valuation of Land Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Ball then presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorise the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board to levy rates on the unimproved value of ratable lands; to provide for catchment areas; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906, and the Valuation of Land Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1917.

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

DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall 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. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

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

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

2. LIFE, FIRE, AND MARINE INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

3. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

Ordered (*by consent*), That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Kearsley, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee.

And the House continuing to sit after Midday,—

FRIDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1917.

5. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Ashford, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901, and the Western Lands (Amendment) Act of 1905; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901, and the Western Lands (Amendment) Act of 1905; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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6. FORESTRY (TEMPORARY COMMISSIONERS) AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Ashford, pursuant to leave granted on 29th August, 1917, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Forestry (Temporary Commissioners) Act, 1916*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.
7. APIARIES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Grahame, 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. Grahame, 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 Apiaries Act, 1916*."  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th October, 1917.*
8. UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before Six o'clock, p.m., until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1917.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a letter from the Auditor-General, together with copies of correspondence in reference to Government motor-cars, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act, 1902, and in supplementation to his Report of 21st September, 1917.

Ordered to be printed.

2. COMPANIES (REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES) BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to companies; to provide for the registration of certain securities; to amend the Companies Act, 1899, the Bills of Sale Act of 1898, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.

3. FINANCE TAXATION MANAGEMENT (AMENDING) BILL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Finance Taxation Management Act, 1915.  
Question put and passed.

4. MURRUMBIDGEE MAIN CANAL ENLARGEMENT BILL:—Mr. Grahame 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 enlarging of the Main Canal, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.

5. DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Defamation Act, 1912.*"  
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 Defamation Act, 1912,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd October, 1917.

6. UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide that certain unclaimed moneys be paid to the Treasurer as public revenue; to give publicity to information relating to such moneys; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that certain unclaimed moneys be paid to the Treasurer as public revenue; to give publicity to information relating to such moneys; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

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7. FORESTRY (TEMPORARY COMMISSIONERS) AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,  
—Mr. Ashford 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. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

By Mr. D. R. Hall,—

- (1.) Companies (Registration of Securities) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 38.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law relating to companies; to provide for the registration of certain securities; to amend the Companies Act, 1899, the Bills of Sale Act of 1898, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 22nd October, 1917.

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

By Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,—

- (2.) Bookmakers (Taxation) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 39.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 impose taxes on Bookmakers; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 17th October, 1917.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

9. WAYS AND MEANS (Taxation):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

- (10.) Resolved,—

That towards raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty there shall be charged, levied, collected, and paid taxes as follows:—

- (a) Every bookmaker who at any time in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen or during any subsequent year holds a license issued at any time by the Australian Jockey Club to carry on his business at race-meetings on the Randwick Race-course shall for each such year in which he holds such license pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following:—

If the license is for the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be fifty pounds;

if for the leger reserve, the amount shall be twenty pounds;

if for the flat, the amount shall be five pounds.

- (b) Every bookmaker registered by the Australian Jockey Club to bet at meetings for horse-racing on race-courses other than the Randwick Race-course, and situate within forty miles from the General Post Office, Sydney, and who at any time in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen or during any subsequent year holds a license issued at any time by the racing club managing any such race-course to carry on his business thereon shall, for each such year in which he holds such license, pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following:—

If any such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be twenty pounds;

if no such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount shall be ten pounds.

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- (e) Every bookmaker registered by the Associated Racing Clubs (Ponies) to bet at meetings for pony-racing on race-courses situate within forty miles from the General Post Office, Sydney, and who at any time in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen or during any subsequent year holds a license issued at any time by the racing club managing any such race-course to carry on his business thereon, shall, for each such year in which he holds such license, pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following:—
- If any such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be twenty pounds;
- if no such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount shall be ten pounds.
- (d) Every bookmaker registered by the Newcastle Registration Board to bet on race-courses within forty miles from the Post Office, Newcastle, and who at any time in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen or during any subsequent year holds a license issued at any time by the racing club managing any such race-course to carry on his business thereon shall, for each such year in which he holds such license, pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following:—
- If any such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be twenty pounds;
- if no such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount shall be ten pounds.
- (e) Every bookmaker registered by the Broken Hill Registration Board to bet on race-courses within thirty miles from the Post Office, Broken Hill, and who at any time in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen or during any subsequent year holds a license issued at any time by the racing club managing any such race-course to carry on his business thereon shall, for each such year in which he holds such license, pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following:—
- If any such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be ten pounds;
- if no such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount shall be five pounds.
- (f) Every bookmaker registered by any of the following associations—
- the Western District Racing Association;
  - the Southern District Racing Association;
  - the Northern and North-Western District Racing Association;
  - the Central-Western District Racing Association;
  - the Northern Rivers Racing Association;
  - the Central North Coast Racing Association,
- to bet on race-courses within the respective districts of such associations, and who at any time in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, or during any subsequent year, holds a license issued at any time by the racing club managing any such race-course to carry on his business thereon shall, for each such year in which he holds such license, and in respect of each registration as aforesaid by any such association, pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following:—
- If any such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be ten pounds;
- if no such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount shall be five pounds.
- (g) Every bookmaker who at any time in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen or in any subsequent year carries on his business at any race-meeting held on any race-course in New South Wales not hereinbefore provided for shall for each such year pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following:—
- If he carries on his business in the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be ten pounds;
- if he carries on his business at some place on such race-course other than the saddling paddock, the amount shall be five pounds.

For the purposes of this resolution—

- “Bookmaker” includes any person who carries on the business of or acts as a bookmaker or turf commission agent, or who gains or endeavours to gain his livelihood wholly or partly by betting or making wagers.
- “Meeting for horse-racing” means any meeting at which all horses, mares, and geldings respectively may compete without any restriction or condition relating to the height of such horses, mares, or geldings.
- “Meeting for pony-racing” means any meeting at which the conditions of any races include any condition relating to the height of any horse, mare, or gelding eligible to compete therein.
- “Race-course” means land used for race-meetings, and to which admission is granted by payment of money, by ticket, or otherwise.
- “Race-meeting” means meeting for horse-racing or pony-racing, or trotting contests.
- “Racing club” means club or body of persons, or body corporate formed for promoting or controlling horse-racing, pony-racing, or trotting contests, or for holding race-meetings.
- “Racing Association” includes the Newcastle Registration Board and the Broken Hill Registration Board.
- “Saddling paddock” includes the whole of a race-course where the race-course is not divided into sections.

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

22nd October, 1917.

## 10. BOOKMAKERS (TAXATION) BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 10), to impose taxes on bookmakers; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

(2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to impose taxes on bookmakers; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## 11. VOLUNTARY WORKERS (SOLDIERS HOMES) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Ashford, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 40.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for homes for disabled members of the naval and military forces and for the dependents of such members who have died; for that purpose to provide for the issue of Crown grants of land, and for aiding voluntary workers' associations to purchase materials; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880 and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 22nd October, 1917.*

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

## 12. RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford 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. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

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

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,

*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1917.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Amended Regulation No. 18A, under the Closer Settlement Acts.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Minute of the Public Service Board relating to the appointment, on probation, of Miss E. K. Dixon as Assistant Teacher, Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta, Department of Public Instruction.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:—Mr. Fuller (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present Session be granted to the Honorable Member for Ryde, William Thompson, Esquire, on account of illness.

Question put and passed.

3. PURCHASE OF BODINGTON CONSUMPTIVE HOME, WENTWORTH FALLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dooley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the purchase of Bodington Consumptive Home, Wentworth Falls.

Question put and passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Waverley, Mr. Oakes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The need for passing legislation providing for payment by certain New South Wales Public Servants of Federal income tax, so that the law in all the States should be made uniform."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members;—

Mr. Oakes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. G. R. W. McDonald submitted that the matter could be fully discussed under Order of the Day No. 22 upon To-day's Notice Paper for the second reading of the State Salaries (Commonwealth Taxation) Bill.

Mr. Speaker said that there was no doubt the matter could be discussed under the Order of the Day referred to, and he therefore ruled the motion out of order.

- (2.) Whereupon Mr. Estell moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (d) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.

Question put.

The

23rd October, 1917.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Gregory McGirr,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. P. M. McGirr,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. McKell,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Gus Miller,
Mr. William Davios,	Mr. Mutch,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Lazzarini,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Loughlin.
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Bavin,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Colquhoun,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Walker.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Graff,	
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Ley,	
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (3.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Hartley, Mr. Dooley, 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 victimisation of the workers consequent upon the recent industrial upheaval."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Dooley moved, That this House do now adjourn.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, referring to the terms of Standing Order No. 49, submitted that this motion was neither urgent nor definite. He referred to a ruling given by Mr. Speaker McCourt, on 29th June, 1905, on a motion to discuss "The cry of the workless," and submitted that the present motion came within that decision, and was not definite.

Mr. Speaker said the urgency had been decided by the five Members rising in their places in support of the motion. It did not rest with the Speaker to decide a question of urgency. The case referred to by the Honorable Member for Bingara was not a definite matter, but the motion of the Honorable Member for Hartley dealt with the victimisation of the workers consequent on the recent industrial upheaval. He could not conceive anything more definite, and he ruled the motion in order.

Debate ensued.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 4th October, 1917.*

*Point of Order* :—Mr. John Storey asked Mr. Speaker whether he intended to follow the ruling of his predecessor, Mr. Speaker Meagher, given on 28th September, 1915, and rule that Government Business must now be proceeded with to the exclusion of the motion for adjournment.

Mr. Speaker said he felt bound to follow the ruling of his predecessor as being the ruling of one who was a constitutional authority, unless he could draw a distinction between the present case and that in connection with which the decision was given. The case in which Mr. Speaker Meagher had ruled was exactly parallel with the one now under consideration.

5. BIRDS AND ANIMALS PROTECTION 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 provide for the protection of certain animals and birds; to repeal the Birds Protection Act, 1901, and the Native Animals Protection Act, 1903; to amend certain other Acts; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

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

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

6. JUDGES RETIREMENT BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the retirement of certain judges, and to provide for their pensions on such retirement; to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, the District Courts Act, 1912, the Judges Pensions Amendment Act, 1906; and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

7. VOLUNTARY WORKERS (SOLDIERS' HOLDINGS) BILL:—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for homes for disabled members of the naval and military forces, and for the dependents of such members who have died; for that purpose to provide for the issue of Crown grants of land and for aiding voluntary workers' associations to purchase materials; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880 and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

23rd October, 1917.

8. FORESTRY (TEMPORARY COMMISSIONERS) AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Ashford, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Forestry (Temporary Commissioners) Act, 1916.*"  
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 Forestry (Temporary Commissioners) Act, 1916,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd October, 1917.*
9. RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Ashford, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make further provision for the settlement of returned or discharged soldiers and sailors; to provide for and maintain training farms for such soldiers and sailors; to amend the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, and the Acts amending those Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the settlement of returned or discharged soldiers and sailors; to provide for and maintain training farms for such soldiers and sailors; to amend the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, and the Acts amending those Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd October, 1917.*
10. MURRUMBIDGEE MAIN CANAL ENLARGEMENT BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Grahame, 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 enlarging of the Main Canal, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Osborne, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.  
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the enlarging of the Main Canal, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*  
On motion of Mr. Grahame, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Grahame then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the enlarging of the Main Canal, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
11. BOOKMAKERS (TAXATION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Osborne, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
12. FINANCE TAXATION MANAGEMENT (AMENDING) BILL:—  
(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
W. P. CULLEN, *Message No. 41.*  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*  
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Finance Taxation Management Act, 1915.  
*State Government House,  
Sydney, 19th October, 1917.*  
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill. (2.)

23rd October, 1917.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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 Finance Taxation Management Act, 1915.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Finance Taxation Management Act, 1915.

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

(3.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Finance Taxation Management Act, 1915*,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. REAL ESTATE AND STOCK AGENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read;—Mr. James moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1917, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1917.

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

PAPER :—Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report of the Taronga Zoological Park Trust, Sydney, for 1916.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. JUDGES RETIREMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. D. R. Hall, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. P. CULLEN,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 42.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 retirement of certain judges, and to provide for their pensions on such retirement; to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, the District Courts Act, 1912, the Judges Pensions Act, 1906, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 23rd October, 1917.*

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

3. BEGA AND WILBERFORCE LABOUR SETTLEMENTS 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 provide for the disposal of certain lands at the Bega and Wilberforce Labour Settlements; to repeal the Labour Settlements Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th October, 1917.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

4. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OR REPEAL OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT, 1899 :—Mr. Cochran moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 1 of General Business, on the Notice Paper for To-day, in reference to the suspension or repeal of certain provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1899.  
Question put.

The

24th October, 1917.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. P. M. McGirr,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. McKell,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. O'Brien.
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	

Noes, 32.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bruntzell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Coeks,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. James,	Mr. Grimm.
Mr. Lane,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (SUPERANNUATION AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. Ball, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to certain superannuation and other rights; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Government Railways (Amendment) Act, 1916; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.  
Question put and passed.
6. BOOKMAKERS (TAXATION) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to impose taxes on bookmakers; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose taxes on bookmakers; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 24th October, 1917.*
7. FINANCE TAXATION MANAGEMENT (AMENDING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
8. MURRUMBIDGEE MAIN CANAL ENLARGEMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Grahame moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Grahame, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
9. LIFE, FIRE, AND MARINE INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
10. FINANCE TAXATION MANAGEMENT (AMENDING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Finance Taxation Management Act, 1915.*"  
Question put and passed.

Ordered,



## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

24th October, 1917.

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 Finance Taxation Management Act, 1915*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th October, 1917.*

11. MURRUMBIDGE MAIN CANAL ENLARGEMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the enlarging of the Main Canal, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the enlarging of the Main Canal, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th October, 1917.*

12. JUDGES RETIREMENT BILL :—

- (1). The Order of the Day having been read,—on the motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 retirement of certain judges, and to provide for their pensions on such retirement; to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, the District Courts Act, 1912, the Judges Pensions Amendment Act, 1906, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the retirement of certain judges, and to provide for their pensions on such retirement; to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, the District Courts Act, 1912, the Judges Pensions Amendment Act, 1906, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the retirement of certain judges, and to provide for their pensions on such retirement; to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, the District Courts Act, 1912, the Judges Pensions Amendment Act, 1906, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Hall (*by consent*) 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. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

13. LIFE, FIRE, AND MARINE INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Life, Fire, and Marine Insurance Act, 1902, and the law relating to bankruptcy.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Life, Fire, and Marine Insurance Act, 1902, and the law relating to bankruptcy,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th October, 1917.*

24th October, 1917.

## LIFE, FIRE, AND MARINE INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 24th October, 1917.

W. S. MOWLE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

- Page 2, clause 2, lines 6 to 12. *Omit* the paragraph, *insert* "Where such a policy has been effected by an uncertificated bankrupt the policy and the moneys payable thereunder or in respect thereof, shall to the extent mentioned in section five hereof, be the absolute property of the bankrupt, or of the persons claiming under or through him, and shall not be deemed to be property of the bankrupt divisible among his creditors within the meaning of the Bankruptcy Act, 1898."
- Page 2, clause 3, line 18. *After* "service" *insert* "or, if death occurs as a result of illness caused by, or injuries received during such service, within two years after ceasing to be so engaged."
- Page 2, clause 3, lines 22 and 23. *Omit* "a person shall be deemed to be engaged on war service" *insert* "the words 'engaged on war service' shall mean"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 24. *Omit* "if he is"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 26. *After* "Crown" *insert* "or of any of His Majesty's allies"
- Page 2, clause 3. *After* paragraph (a) *insert* new paragraphs:—  
 " (b) engaged on active service abroad as a member of the Medical Corps Nursing Service of the military or naval forces of the Crown or of any of His Majesty's allies; or  
 " (c) engaged on active service abroad in connection with the Army Medical Service or of any of His Majesty's allies; or"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 27. *Omit* "if he is"
- Page 2, clause 3, lines 30 to 33. *Omit* "the Young Men's Christian Association, the Australian Comforts Fund, or any other body with similar objects" *insert* "or of any religious or patriotic organisation"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 34. *Omit* "if" *insert* "being"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 34. *Omit* "he is"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 35. *Omit* "is" *insert* "being"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 37. *Omit* "if he is"

Examined,—

P. B. COLQUHOUN,  
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

## 14. VOLUNTARY WORKERS (SOLDIERS' HOLDINGS) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for homes for disabled members of the naval and military forces, and for the dependents of such members who have died; for that purpose to provide for the issue of Crown grants of land and for aiding voluntary workers' associations to purchase materials; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880 and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make provision for homes for disabled members of the naval and military forces, and for the dependents of such members who have died; for that purpose to provide for the issue of Crown grants of land and for aiding voluntary workers' associations to purchase materials; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880 and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for homes for disabled members of the naval and military forces, and for the dependents of such members who have died; for that purpose to provide for the issue of Crown grants of land and for aiding voluntary workers' associations to purchase materials; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880 and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## 15. COMPANIES (REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to companies; to provide for the registration of certain securities; to amend the Companies Act, 1899, the Bills of Sale Act of 1898, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered,

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Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.  
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to companies; to provide for the registration of certain securities; to amend the Companies Act, 1899, the Bills of Sale Act of 1898, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1917.

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

ALLEGED CLAIMS OF OLD PUBLIC SERVANTS ON RETIREMENT:—Mr. Fallick, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 7th August, 1917.

Ordered to be printed.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Stock Branch, Department of Agriculture, for year ended 30th June, 1917.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for year ended 30th June, 1917.

(2.) Report of the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1917, together with Balance-sheets, Appendices, &c.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Western Land Board for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba Railway.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Condoblin to Broken Hill Railway.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for establishment of a State Forest at Nundle.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) Defamation (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Defamation Act, 1912*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 25th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

- (2.) Life, Fire, and Marine Insurance (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Life, Fire, and Marine Insurance Act, 1902, and the law relating to bankruptcy*."

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

25th October, 1917.

4. **DISSENT FROM MR. SPEAKER'S RULING:**—Mr. Gregory McGirr moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, wherein he ruled that Government Business should now be proceeded with at 6.30 o'clock, on Tuesday last, to the exclusion of a motion for the adjournment under the 49th Standing Order, as he felt bound to follow the ruling of his predecessor unless a distinction could be drawn between the present case and that in connection with which the decision was given.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker, referring to the ruling of 28th September, 1915, said it was erroneous to say that Mr. Speaker Meagher notified the Honorable Member who had moved the motion for adjournment that he would be permitted to continue the debate on another date. Before the adjournment for tea, the Deputy-Speaker, who was in the Chair, had said, in reply to a question, that the debate would be continued because it was on a motion for adjournment which must be decided by the House. On the resumption of the House, Mr. Speaker Meagher, upon being appealed to, gave his ruling that Government Business should be proceeded with, and, upon being asked whether this Debate would be continued on Tuesday next, replied, "No," and the motion then lapsed. He had never dissented from the ruling of Mr. Speaker Meagher that a motion for adjournment was a dilatory motion, as he had always so regarded it. He had asked the Honorable Member for Yass to quote a decision in support of his argument, and he referred him to a decision given by Mr. Speaker McCourt in 1909, but he did not see any record of exception having been taken or of any question having been raised addressed to the Speaker. In 1893 there was a Sessional Order that after 7 o'clock, p.m., Government Business only should be dealt with. On the 22nd March, when Sir Joseph Abbott was Speaker, a motion of adjournment was moved, and Mr. Speaker, upon being asked to decide whether this debate, which was on a motion for the adjournment of the House and, therefore, not Government or General Business, should be interrupted under the Sessional Order which required that Government Business only should be proceeded with after 7 o'clock, p.m., decided that it was imperative on him to interrupt any unfinished Business at 7 o'clock, p.m., and that he was sustained in this decision by the action of Mr. Speaker Allen, in Session 1878-9, when a less stringent Sessional Order was in force, viz.:—"That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business after 7 o'clock on Tuesday." On turning to the "Votes and Proceedings," he found that on no fewer than three occasions, viz., 8th April, 13th May, and 27th May, 1879, under that Sessional Order, Mr. Speaker Allen ordered that Government Business should be proceeded with after 7 o'clock, to the exclusion of a motion for adjournment. When Mr. Speaker Meagher gave his ruling in 1915 he held that the Sessional Order at the time was practically the Sessional Order of 1906. On further consideration of the whole matter he had come to the conclusion that he quite agreed with the decision which Mr. Speaker Meagher had given on that occasion. If he had had the decisions just quoted before him in 1915, he would not have made the remarks which he did on that occasion. The Standing Orders Committee of last year gave consideration to the interpretation that should be put upon this Sessional Order, and unanimously came to the conclusion that it should be the instruction under such a Sessional Order that General Business should be interrupted so that Government Business might be proceeded with. This Standing Order, however, had not yet been adopted by the House. He merely wished to add that had he now to give a ruling for the first time, having those precedents which he had quoted of Sir Joseph Abbott and Sir Wigram Allen before him, he would give the same ruling as he had given on Tuesday last.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

5. **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:**—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

- (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. James, passed.

Mr. James then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law enforcing the attendance at school; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880, and the Public Instruction (Amendment) Act, 1916.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law enforcing the attendance at school; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880, and the Public Instruction (Amendment) Act, 1916,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th October, 1917.*

6. **UNIVERSITY PRIZES AND MEDALS ALTERATION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. James moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

## 7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James 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. James, 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. James, the report was adopted.

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

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

Mr. James then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; to authorise the imposition of an annual charge upon pipes, wires, rails, poles, cables, tunnels, or structures in public places; to validate certain charges; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; to authorise the imposition of an annual charge upon pipes, wires, rails, poles, cables, tunnels, or structures in public places; to validate certain charges; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 25th October, 1917.

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

(1.) Bookmakers (Taxation) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose taxes on bookmakers; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 25th October, 1917.

FRED FLOWERS,

President.

(2.) Forestry (Temporary Commissioners) Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Forestry (Temporary Commissioners) Act, 1916,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 25th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

(3.) Church of England Trust Property Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to property held upon any trust for or for the use, benefit, or purposes of the Church of England in dioceses within New South Wales, and the Acts conferring powers upon the Synods of the said dioceses with reference to the said property; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 25th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and (*by consent*) read a second time at a later hour of the day.

(4.) Execution of Trusts (War Facilities) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the execution of trusts, and to amend the law relating to the limitation of actions and suits during the present war, and for a certain period thereafter; to validate certain powers of attorney, deeds, and acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 25th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and (*by consent*) read a second time at a later hour of the day

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9. UNIVERSITY PRIZES AND MEDALS ALTERATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
Bill, on motion of Mr. James, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. James then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide that certain prizes and medals founded at the University of Sydney for award at certain examinations of the University may be awarded at certain other examinations of the University, and to vary the terms and conditions on which the prizes and medals may be awarded; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that certain prizes and medals founded at the University of Sydney for award at certain examinations of the University may be awarded at certain other examinations of the University, and to vary the terms and conditions on which the prizes and medals may be awarded; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th October, 1917.*

10. VOLUNTARY WORKERS (SOLDIERS' HOLDINGS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
Mr. Ashford 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. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

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

- (1.) Finance Taxation Management (Amending) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Finance Taxation Management Act, 1915,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th October, 1917.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

FINANCE TAXATION MANAGEMENT (AMENDING) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 25th October, 1917.*

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, subclause 2, lines 26 and 27. Omit "the secretary or the chairman" insert "an official"

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

- (2.) Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1902, the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1905, and certain other Acts; to provide for the Municipal Council of Sydney accepting money on deposit and paying interest thereon; to provide for band and other musical performances in public parks within the city; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th October, 1917.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and (by consent) read a second time at a later hour of the day.

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25th October, 1917.

12. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Kearsley, as Chairman, brought up the Thirteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

13. COMPANIES (REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES) BILL :—Mr. D. R. Hall, pursuant to leave granted on 24th October, 1917, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to companies ; to provide for the registration of certain securities ; to amend the Companies Act, 1899, the Bills of Sale Act of 1898, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and (*by consent*) read a second time at a later hour of the day.

14. JUDGES RETIREMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Osborne, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

15. CITY AND SUBURBAN RAILWAYS (RESUMPTION RESCISSION) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ball 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. Ball, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

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

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on the motion of Mr. Ball, passed.

Mr. Ball then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the rescission of certain resummptions under the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Sydenham to Botany Railway Act, 1913 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the rescission of certain resummptions under the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Sydenham to Botany Railway Act, 1913 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 26th October, 1917 A.M.

And the House continuing to sit after Midday,—

FRIDAY, 26th OCTOBER, 1917.

16. PAPER :—Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th September, 1917.  
Ordered to be printed.

17. FINANCE TAXATION MANAGEMENT (AMENDING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

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

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Finance Taxation Management Act, 1915.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

18. CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall 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. Hall, 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. Hall, the report was adopted.

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

(2.)



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

Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to property held upon any trust for or for the use, benefit, or purposes of the Church of England in dioceses within New South Wales, and the Acts conferring powers upon the Synods of the said dioceses with reference to the said property; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to property held upon any trust for or for the use, benefit, or purposes of the Church of England in dioceses within New South Wales, and the Acts conferring powers upon the Synods of the said dioceses with reference to the said property; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

19. VOLUNTARY WORKERS (SOLDIERS' HOLDINGS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Ashford, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make provision for homes for disabled members of the naval and military forces, and for the dependents of such members who have died; for that purpose to provide for the issue of Crown grants of land and for aiding voluntary workers' associations to purchase materials; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880 and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for homes for disabled members of the naval and military forces, and for the dependents of such members who have died; for that purpose to provide for the issue of Crown grants of land and for aiding voluntary workers' associations to purchase materials; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880 and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

20. JUDGES RETIREMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the retirement of certain judges, and to provide for their pensions on such retirement; to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, the District Courts Act, 1912, the Judges Pensions Amendment Act, 1906, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the retirement of certain judges, and to provide for their pensions on such retirement; to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, the District Courts Act, 1912, the Judges Pensions Amendment Act, 1906, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

21. PAPER:—Mr. David Storey laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Director-General of Public Health for 1916.

Ordered to be printed.

22. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall 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. Hall, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

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

(1.) Murrumbidgee Main Canal Enlargement Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the enlarging of the Main Canal, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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## (2) University Prizes and Medals Alteration Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that certain prizes and medals founded at the University of Sydney for award at certain examinations of the University may be awarded at certain other examinations of the University, and to vary the terms and conditions on which the prizes and medals may be awarded; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## (3.) Public Instruction (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law enforcing the attendance at school; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880, and the Public Instruction (Amendment) Act, 1916,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## (4.) Crown Lands (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Acts relating to Crown lands; to modify the conditions attaching to certain holdings; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Acts amending it; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

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Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 7, clause 4. *After line 27 insert :—*

"Subsection two (d): Omit 'such persons shall jointly perform the condition of residence' and insert 'any residence condition attaching thereto may be fulfilled by one of such 'persons' in lieu thereof."

Pages 7 and 8, clause 4. *Omit all the words after "forty-eight" in line 35 to end of line 12 on page 8.*

Page 8, clause 4. *After line 33 insert :—*

"Section fifty-six: The words 'upon application' are omitted and the words 'as prescribed' are inserted in lieu thereof."

Page 9, clause 4. *After line 24 insert :—*

"Section seventy-eight: Omit the fifth paragraph and insert in lieu thereof: 'The lease "shall have a term not exceeding fourteen years and in respect of any lease granted "for a lesser period than fourteen years, the lessee may, with the approval of the "Minister, be granted an extension of the term to fourteen years from the date of "commencement of the lease, subject to the payment of such annual rent as may be "determined by the local land board.'"

Page 11, clause 4, line 16. *After "ninety-seven" insert :—*

"Subsection 2A: Omit 'such persons shall jointly perform the condition of residence' and insert 'any residence condition attaching thereto may be fulfilled by one of such "persons' in lieu thereof."

Page 11, clause 4, line 25. *After "insert" insert "Provided further that".*

Page 12, clause 4, line 1. *After the word "three" insert :—*

"Subsection 2A: Omit 'such persons shall jointly perform the condition of residence' and insert 'any residence condition attaching thereto may be fulfilled by one of such "persons'."

Page 12, clause 4, lines 1 and 2. *Omit "The words 'the following is added at the end of the "section'".*

Page 12, clause 4. *After line 42 insert :—*

"Omit 'such persons shall jointly perform the condition of residence' and insert 'any "residence condition may be fulfilled by one of such persons' in lieu thereof."

Page 13, clause 4, lines 39, 40, and 41. *Omit "such persons shall jointly perform the condition of "residence" and insert "any residence condition may be fulfilled by one of such persons".*

Page 16, clause 4, lines 20 and 21. *Omit "such persons shall jointly perform the condition of "residence" and insert "any residence condition may be fulfilled by one of such persons."*

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- Page 18, clause 4, line 10. *After the word "inserted" insert:—*  
 "After the word 'furnished' in the second paragraph the following words are inserted:—  
 " 'And such provision shall apply to any consent declaration or other document required  
 " 'to be lodged with any application for conversion of a holding, appraisement of capital  
 " 'or rental value or subdivision of any holding where such consent declaration or  
 " 'document is required.' "
- Page 18, clause 4. *After line 23 insert:—*  
 " Section one hundred and sixty-two: At the end of the section the following words are  
 " inserted:—'Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act any enhanced  
 " 'value in any Crown land arising from or created by improvements and due to the  
 " 'inherent capabilities of the soil shall be the property of the Crown; and in the setting  
 " 'apart of any such land under any form of purchase, homestead selection, or lease, shall  
 " 'be included in the notified capital value of the land and in any subsequent appraise-  
 " 'ment of such capital value: Provided that the foregoing shall not apply to any  
 " 'enhanced value created by or arising from any improvements effected by the holder of  
 " 'any such purchase, homestead selection, or lease.' "
- Page 19, clause 4, line 33. *After "any" insert "conditional purchase, conditional lease, conditional  
 " purchase lease, or conditional purchase being a conversion of a conditional purchase  
 " lease."*
- Page 20, clause 4, line 9. *After "seven'y-eight" omit to end of line 18.*
- Page 22, clause 4. *After line 42 insert:—"Paragraph (d) the words 'he shall be entitled to have a  
 " 'Crown grant issued to him' are omitted and the following words are inserted 'a  
 " 'Crown grant shall be issued as prescribed.' "*
- Page 24, clause 4. *After line 38 insert "After the word 'conversion' in the first proviso,  
 " insert 'or determination of capital value.' "*
- Page 25, clause 4, lines 11 and 12. *Omit "the Crown-lease" and insert "such conversion."*
- Page 25, clause 4, line 29. *After "1917" insert:—*  
 " The words 'such date' are omitted and the words 'the date of the confirmation of such  
 " 'conversion' are inserted in lieu thereof."
- Page 25, clause 4, line 34. *After "conversion" insert "into a conditional purchase."*
- Page 26, clause 4. *After line 21 insert:—*  
 " The following new section and short heading are inserted next after section 188A of the  
 " 'Principal Act:—  
 " ' *Conversion of certain additional holdings.*  
 " ' 188B. Where a homestead farm or Crown-lease has been granted as an additional  
 " ' area to any homestead selection or lease and has been continuously held in conjunction  
 " ' therewith such area may, on the recommendation of the local land board, be deemed to  
 " ' be of the same class of tenure as the holding by virtue of which it was granted and  
 " ' may be included therewith in one application for conversion under section one hundred  
 " ' and eighty-three or section one hundred and eighty-four of this Act.  
 " ' In like manner, where such a homestead farm or Crown-lease has been granted  
 " ' as an additional area to a conditional purchase and is converted under one of the  
 " ' aforesaid sections, any holding into which such homestead farm or Crown-lease may be  
 " ' converted shall in all respects be deemed to be an additional to the conditional purchase  
 " ' in virtue of which the area was originally granted.' "
- Page 27, clause 4, lines 21, 22, 23, and 24. *Omit all the words from "the" to "thereof" inclusive,  
 and insert "after the words 'such portion' the words 'in the case of a pastoral or  
 " 'homestead lease in the Western Division' are inserted. After the words 'in area' the  
 " 'words 'and in any other case under the section a home maintenance area' are inserted."*
- Page 27, clause 4, line 25. *After the word "such" insert "home maintenance."*
- Page 30, clause 4, line 18. *After "resistance" insert "but notice shall be given as prescribed."*
- Page 31, clause 4, line 12. *After "district surveyor" insert "or in the case of lands within an  
 " irrigation area, by the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission."*
- Page 31, clause 4, lines 12 and 13. *Omit "such determination" insert "A determination by a local  
 " land board"*
- Page 31, clause 4, line 14. *Omit "the" insert "a"*
- Page 31, clause 4. *After line 17 insert:—*  
 " The words 'or watercourse' are inserted after the word 'road' wherever occurring in the  
 " 'subsection.'
- Page 32, clause 4, line 11. *After "add" insert "Provided nevertheless the Minister shall have  
 " discretion to grant his consent where a holding devolves upon a married woman under  
 " the will of one of her parents or on an intestacy."*
- Page 33, clause 4. *After line 14 insert:—*  
 " Section two hundred and sixty-five: The words 'mortgage or charge the same with the  
 " 'repayment of moneys advanced on the security thereof' are omitted."
- Page 34, clause 4, line 3. *After "forfeiture" insert "if such agreement or contract be not  
 " submitted for the approval of the Minister within three months from date of execution  
 " thereof."*

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Page 34, clause 4. At end of clause *add* :—

"Section two hundred and seventy-four, subsection one: After the word 'mortgage' the words 'or release of mortgage' are inserted."

"Subsection two: At the end of the subsection the words 'Provided that this subsection shall not apply to a transfer by way of mortgage or release of mortgage of a homestead farm or Crown-lease' are inserted."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

## 24. UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL :—

(1.) 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 that certain unclaimed moneys be paid to the Treasurer as public revenue; to give publicity to information relating to such moneys; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—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, 26th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 26th October, 1917.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title, line 2. *After* "the" *insert* "Colonial"Page 2, clause 2, line 5. *After* "company" *insert* "or society"Page 2, clause 2, line 8. *After* "companies" *insert* "or societies"Page 3, clause 3, line 1. *After* "company" *insert* "holding any unclaimed moneys"Page 3, clause 5, line 22. *After* "company" *insert* "holding any unclaimed moneys"Page 4. At end of clause 8 *add* new paragraph, as follows :—

"The Colonial Treasurer may also examine the books and accounts of any company not furnishing a return of unclaimed moneys."

Page 4, clause 9. *Omit* clause, and *insert* new clause to stand as clause 9 in lieu thereof, as follows :—

"9. The owner of any unclaimed money paid over to the Colonial Treasurer shall, upon proving his ownership, be entitled to recover the same from the Colonial Treasurer."

Page 4, clause 10, line 13. *After* "paid" *insert* "by the Colonial Treasurer"Page 4, clause 12, line 25. *After* "any" *insert* "official assignee or"Page 5, First Schedule. *Omit* all the words after line 5 to end of Schedule.

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Osborne, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that certain unclaimed moneys be paid to the Treasurer as public revenue; to give publicity to information relating to such moneys; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

25. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1902, the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1905, and certain other Acts; to provide for the Municipal Council of Sydney accepting money on deposit and paying interest thereon; to provide for band and other musical performances in public parks within the city; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1902, the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1905, and certain other Acts; to provide for the Municipal Council of Sydney accepting money on deposit and paying interest thereon; to provide for band and other musical performances in public parks within the city; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 26th October, 1917.

W. S. MOWLE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 2, line 12. *After "sections" insert "nine"*  
 Page 2, clause 5. *At end of clause add "and section twenty-four of the same Act is amended by striking out the word 'principal'"*  
 Pages 3 and 4, clause 8. *Omit the clause.*  
 Page 4, clause 9, line 33. *Omit "five" insert "three"*  
 Page 4, clause 10. *Omit the clause.*  
 Page 5, clause 11, line 10. *Omit "and"*

Examined,—

DANIEL LEVY,  
Chairman of Committees.

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

(1.) Returned Soldiers Settlement (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the settlement of returned or discharged soldiers and sailors; to provide for and maintain training farms for such soldiers and sailors; to amend the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, and the Acts amending those Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

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W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 17. *Omit "country where he enlisted." insert "Commonwealth"*  
 Page 2, clause 2, line 24. *Omit "the" secondly occurring insert "a"*  
 Page 2, clause 2, line 35. *After "Kingdom" insert "or of any of His Majesty's Dominions"*  
 Page 4, clause 5, line 13. *After "may" insert "with the exception of a holding within an irrigation area"*  
 Page 7, clause 5, subclause 4d, line 20. *At beginning of line insert the words "except where otherwise provided"*  
 Page 7, clause 5, subclause 4d, line 20. *After "board" insert "or in the case of a holding within an irrigation area, the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission"*  
 Page 8, clause 5, subclause 4e, line 3. *After "farms" insert "or settlements"*  
 Page 8, clause 5. *At end of clause add the following new section :—*  
     "4f. Whenever residence is a condition attaching to a holding under this or the Crown Lands Acts or the Closer Settlement Acts, and held by a soldier or sailor on active service abroad, as defined in section 4d, such condition shall be deemed to have been complied with by such service abroad for the period of the same."  
 Page 8, clause 6, line 32. *At end of paragraph (c) add "or the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission."*

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

(2.)

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## (2.) Local Government (Amending) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; to authorise the imposition of an annual charge upon pipes, wires, rails, poles, cables, tunnels, or structures in public places; to validate certain charges; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 26th October, 1917.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 25. Omit "finally"

Page 2, clause 2. At end of sub-clause 3 add "Should either party be dissatisfied with the amount settled by the Court of Petty Sessions, he may within a period of twenty-one days from such finding appeal to a Judge of the District Court for the district within which the Council's office is situated, which appeal shall be by way of re-hearing, and the decision of such Judge shall be final and binding on both parties."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

27. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, 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. Ashford, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Acts relating to Crown lands; to modify the conditions attaching to certain holdings; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Acts amending it; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

28. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James, 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. James, 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 Local Government Act, 1906; to authorise the imposition of an annual charge upon pipes, wires, rails, poles, cables, tunnels, or structures in public places, to validate certain charges; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

29. RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, 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. Ashford, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the settlement of returned or discharged soldiers and sailors; to provide for and maintain training farms for such soldiers and sailors; to amend the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, and the Acts amending those Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

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30. EXECUTION OF TRUSTS (WAR FACILITIES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read;—Mr. D. R. Hall 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. Hall, 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. Hall, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

31. PAPERS:—Mr. James laid upon the Table the following Papers:—  
(1.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery for 1916.  
(2.) Report of the Local Government Department for the year ended 30th June, 1917.  
Ordered to be printed.

32. SYDNEY CORPORATION (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 the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1902, the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1905, and certain other Acts; to provide for the Municipal Council of Sydney accepting money on deposit and paying interest thereon; to provide for band and other musical performances in public parks within the city; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

33. CITY AND SUBURBAN RAILWAYS (RESUMPTION RESCISSION) BILL:—  
(1.) 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 rescission of certain resumptions under the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Sydenham to Botany Railway Act, 1913; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

CITY AND SUBURBAN RAILWAYS (RESUMPTION RESCISSION) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 26th October, 1917.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2. At end of subclause 2 *add* "and shall also be subject to any interests in or equities binding on the compensation moneys created since the resumption or taking"

Page 2, clause 2, line 25. *After* "person" *insert* "or any person claiming through or under him"

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, 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. Ball, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the rescission of certain resumptions under the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Sydenham to Botany Railway Act, 1913; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.

34. EXECUTION OF TRUSTS (WAR FACILITIES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to facilitate the execution of trusts, and to amend the law relating to the limitation of actions and suits during the present war, and for a certain period thereafter; to validate certain powers of attorney, deeds, and acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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 facilitate the execution of trusts, and to amend the law relating to the limitation of actions and suits during the present war, and for a certain period thereafter; to validate certain powers of attorney, deeds, and acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.*

## EXECUTION OF TRUSTS (WAR FACILITIES) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 26th October, 1917.*

W. S. MOWLE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 3, clause 5, line 38. *After "trustee" insert "who was at the time of the execution of the " power or who has since been "*

Examined,—

DANIEL LEVY,  
Chairman of Committees.

## 35. VOLUNTARY WORKERS (SOLDIERS' HOLDINGS) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make provision for homes for disabled members of the naval and military forces, and for the dependents of such members who have died; for that purpose to provide for the issue of Crown grants of land and for aiding voluntary workers' associations to purchase materials; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880 and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.*

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Deputy-President.

## VOLUNTARY WORKERS (SOLDIERS' HOLDINGS) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 26th October, 1917.*

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliament.

Page 3. *After clause 3 insert new clause as follows:—*

"The Public Trustee may at the request of a Voluntary Workers' Association acquire, hold, Public Trustee may acquire land to provide homes. subdivide, alienate, and mortgage lands for the purpose of providing homes for members of the " forces and dependents."

Page 3. *After clause 6 (now 7) insert the following new clauses to stand as clauses 8 and 9:—*

8. "Every house heretofore or hereafter built by a Voluntary Workers' Association, and Property to be exempt from insolvency or bankruptcy laws. the land on which the same is erected shall—but so long only as the same house and land remain " the property of a member of the forces, or a dependent to whom the same may have been or " hereafter may be given or transferred—be exempt from any law now or hereafter in force relating " to insolvency or bankruptcy, or from being seized or levied upon by or under the process of any " court; and no such house and land shall be alienated or charged without the consent of the " Public Trustee: Provided, however, that nothing herein shall affect the rights and remedies of " mortgagees under mortgages given prior to the passing of this Act, or under mortgages hereafter " given with the approval of the Public Trustee."

9. "The Auditor-General, whenever he thinks it desirable so to do, may investigate the Investigation of accounts by Auditor-General. " accounts of any Voluntary Workers' Associations, and shall report the result of his investigation " to the Minister for Lands, who shall take such action as he may seem desirable to safeguard the " interests of such Voluntary Workers' Association or the persons whom it is the object of the " Voluntary Workers' Association to benefit."

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,  
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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. Ashford, the report was adopted.

Ordered,



25th October, 1917.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for homes for disabled members of the naval and military forces, and for the dependents of such members who have died; for that purpose to provide for the issue of Crown grants of land and for aiding voluntary workers' associations to purchase materials; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880 and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.*

36. EXECUTION OF TRUSTS (WAR FACILITIES) BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the execution of trusts, and to amend the law relating to the limitation of actions and suits during the present war, and for a certain period thereafter; to validate certain powers of attorney, deeds, and acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th October, 1917.*

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Deputy-President.

37. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Fuller (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 29th January, 1918.  
Question put and passed.

38. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Fuller moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes after Nine o'clock, until *Tuesday, 29th January, 1918*, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

N. W. South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 JANUARY, 1918.

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

MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned gentlemen having each taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took their seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named:—

George Caun, Esquire, for Canterbury.

The Honorable William Arthur Holman, for Cootamundra.

2. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF GLOUCESTER—*Issue and Return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the resolution of the 18th October, 1917, a.m., declaring the seat of Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of the said Richard Atkinson Price, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Gloucester.
3. ADDITIONS TO DOCUMENTS LAID UPON THE TABLE:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received communications,—
- (1.) From the Secretary to the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage notifying that certain statements, documents, photos, &c., had been inadvertently omitted from the Annual Report of that Department for the year 1916–1917, as laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on 16th October, 1917, and requesting that the papers in question be added to and printed with the Report.
- (2.) From the Secretary to the Department of Public Health asking authority for insertion in the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1916, as laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on 26th October, 1917, certain notes containing purely scientific information which had been inadvertently omitted,—and that in both cases he had given the necessary authority.
4. ASSENT TO BILLS:—Mr. Speaker reported that during the adjournment he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor:—

- (1.) Apiaries (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 43.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Apiaries Act, 1916*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 29th October, 1917.

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## (2.) City and Suburban Railways (Resumption Rescission) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 44.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the rescission of certain resumptions under the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Sydenham to Botany Railway Act, 1913; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd November, 1917.

## (3.) Unclaimed Moneys Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 45.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that certain unclaimed moneys be paid to the Colonial Treasurer as public revenue; to give publicity to information relating to such moneys; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd November, 1917.

## (4.) Execution of Trusts (War Facilities) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 46.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the execution of trusts, and to amend the law relating to the limitation of actions and suits during the present war, and for a certain period thereafter; to validate certain powers of attorney, deeds, and acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.

## (5.) Crown Lands (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 47.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Acts relating to Crown Lands; to modify the conditions attaching to certain holdings; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Acts amending it; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 12th November, 1917.

## (6.) Life, Fire, and Marine Insurance (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 48.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Life, Fire, and Marine Insurance Act, 1902, and the law relating to bankruptcy,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.

## (7.) Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 49.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1902, the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1905, and certain other Acts; to provide for band and other musical performances in public parks within the city; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.

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## (8.) Church of England Trust Property Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 50.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to property held upon any trust for or for the use, benefit, or purposes of the Church of England in dioceses within New South Wales, and the Acts conferring powers upon the synods of the said dioceses with reference to the said property; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.*

## (9.) Defamation (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 51.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Defamation Act, 1912,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.*

## (10.) Bookmakers (Taxation) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 52.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose taxes on bookmakers; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.*

## (11.) Forestry (Temporary Commissioners) Amendment Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 53.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Forestry (Temporary Commissioners) Act, 1916,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.*

## (12.) Finance Taxation Management (Amending) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 54.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Finance Taxation Management Act, 1915,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.*

## (13.) Murrumbidgee Main Canal Enlargement Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 55.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the enlarging of the Main Canal, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.*

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## (14.) University Prizes and Medals Alteration Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 56.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that certain prizes and medals founded at the University of Sydney for award at certain examinations of the University may be awarded at certain other examinations of the University, and to vary the terms and conditions on which the prizes and medals may be awarded; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.

## (15.) Public Instruction (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 57.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law enforcing the attendance at school; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880, and the Public Instruction (Amendment) Act, 1916,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.

## (16.) Local Government (Amending) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 58.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; to authorise the imposition of an annual charge upon pipes, wires, rails, poles, cables, tunnels, or structures in public places; to validate certain charges; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.

## (17.) Bega and Wilberforce Labour Settlements Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 59.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the disposal of certain lands at the Bega and Wilberforce labour settlements; to repeal the Labour Settlements Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.

## (18.) Returned Soldiers Settlement (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 60.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the settlement of returned or discharged soldiers and sailors; to provide for and maintain training farms for such soldiers and sailors; to amend the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, and the Acts amending those Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.

29th January, 1918.

## (19.) Voluntary Workers (Soldiers' Holdings) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 61.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for homes for disabled members of the naval and military forces. and for the dependents of such members who have died; and for that purpose to provide for the issue of Crown grants of land and for aiding Voluntary Workers' Associations to purchase materials; to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880 and certain other Acts: and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1917.*

## 5. PAPERS :—

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Public Service List for 1917.
  - (2.) Report of the Public Service Board for period 1st January, 1916, to 30th June, 1917.
  - (3.) Amended Regulations Nos. 111A, 121, 122, 126, 319, and 368, under the Public Service Act, 1902.
  - (4.) Additional Regulation No. 35c, and amendment of Regulations Nos. 25, 29, 77, and 80, under the Prisons Act, 1899.
  - (5.) Amended Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Acts, 1912-1916.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Report of the Commissioners for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st December, 1917.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by provision of Engine Round House at Wagga Wagga.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the construction of a Concrete and Masonry Dam across the Cordeaux River.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico Railway.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the City and Suburban Electric Railway.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the construction of a Dry Dock at Ashby.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the construction of a Service Reservoir for Peak Hill Water Supply.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Katoomba Water Supply.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Tamworth Water Supply.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the extension of Callan Park Mental Hospital.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the establishment of Kowana Public Watering-place.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for providing a road of access from the main road between East Maitland and Largs to King's or Narrowgut Island (Hunter River).
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the erection of Leading Marks or Beacons for purposes of navigation in the Port of Newcastle.
- (14.) Notification of rescission of resumption of land, under the City and Suburban Railways (Resumption Rescission) Act, 1917 (No. 1.)
- (15.) Notification of rescission of resumption of land, under the City and Suburban Railways (Resumption Rescission) Act, 1917 (No. 2.)
- (16.) Notification of rescission of resumption of land, under the City and Suburban Railways (Resumption Rescission) Act, 1917 (No. 3.)
- (17.) Notification of rescission of resumption of land, under the City and Suburban Railways (Resumption Rescission) Act, 1917 (No. 4.)
- (18.) Notification of rescission of resumption of land, under the City and Suburban Railways (Resumption Rescission) Act, 1917 (No. 5.)
- (19.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Nowra, by quadruplicating between Sydenham and Rockdale.
- (20.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for a Gravel Quarry Site near Singleton.
- (21.) By-laws of the Municipality of Orange, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (22.) By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916.
- (23.) By-laws of the Municipality of Kempsey—Willow Swamp Drainage Scheme, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage (Amendment) Act, 1905.
- (24.) By-laws of the Municipality of Quirindi, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (25.) By-laws of the Municipality of Casino, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.

29th January, 1918.

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1917.
- (2.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies for quarter ended 30th September, 1917.
- (3.) By-laws under the Meat Industry Act, 1915.
- (4.) Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909.
- (5.) Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Report of the Director of Botanic Gardens, Government Domains, and Centennial Park for 1916.
- (2.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Curlwaa (late Wentworth) Irrigation Area for 1917.
- (3.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Hay Irrigation Area for 1917.
- (4.) Regulations under the Apiaries Act, 1916.
- (5.) Regulations under the Stock Diseases (Tick) Acts, 1901-1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Statement of Balances of Appropriations of the year 1916-17, written off as Savings on 30th June, 1917, under the Audit Act, 1902.
- (2.) Report of the State Debt Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1917.
- (3.) Statement of Accounts of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1917.
- (4.) Balance-sheet, Trading Account, and Profit and Loss Account of the State Clothing Factory for year ended 30th June, 1917.
- (5.) Amended Regulations Nos. 137, 138, 139, 140, and 144, under the Navigation Acts, 1901-1904.
- (6.) Regulation No. 30, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (7.) Regulations Nos. 298 and 299, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (8.) Regulation No. 300, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Acts, 1900-1914.
- (9.) Regulations Nos. 1 to 9, under the Finance Taxation Management Acts, 1915-1917.
- (10.) Regulation No. 301, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (11.) Amended Regulation No. 15, under the Navigation Acts, 1901-1904.
- (12.) Rules Nos. 2 and 4, under the Mines Inspection Act, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a Public Cemetery at Nerriga.
- (4.) Particulars of Western Land Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts from 2nd November to 31st December, 1917.
- (5.) Report of the Department of Lands and Western Land Board for the year ended 30th June 1917; also Report of the Director of Soldiers' Settlements for the period October 1916, to June, 1917.
- (6.) Amended Forms Nos. 1 and 3, under the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916.
- (7.) Amended Form No. 129, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (8.) Additional Regulation No. 325A, and Additional Form No. 129A, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (9.) Additional Regulations Nos. 195, 196c, 196d, 213b, 220a, 228a, 250a, and 267a; Additional Forms Nos. 67, 68b, 68c, 78b, 80, 83a, 97a, 102a, and 111b; Amended Regulations Nos. 4, 14, 25, 44, 49, 73, 74, 119, 122, 163, 186, 193, 214, 217a, 218, 225, 227, 228, 242, 244, 245, 247, 250, 253, 278, 282, 325, and 353; Amended Forms Nos. 9, 10, 20, 40, 48, 49, 60, 82a, 87, 89, 90, 94, 96, 97, 99, 102, 104, 117, and 129; and Cancellation of Regulations Nos. 158, 187, 282a, and 283; also Forms Nos. 18, 63, 66, 66a, 98a, and 117a, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (10.) Amended Regulations Nos. 2, 5, 6, and 7; Additional Regulations Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, and Additional Forms, Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, under the Returned Soldiers Settlements Act, 1916.
- (11.) Regulations Nos. 1, 2, and 3, and Form No. 1, under the Bega and Wilberforce Labour Settlement Act, 1917.
- (12.) Amended Regulation No. 313, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (13.) Additional Regulation No. 205A, Amended Regulation No. 222, and Amended Form No. 135, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

29th January, 1918.

6. ADJOURNMENT—SYMPATHY WITH H. W. LANE, ESQUIRE, M.L.A., AND MR. G. H. CANNON, PRINCIPAL MESSENGER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENT :—Mr. Holman, in moving, That this House do now adjourn, invited the House to join in an expression of sympathy with the Honorable Member for Armidale, Mr. H. W. Lane, in the bereavement which had befallen him by the death of his second and only surviving son, Lieutenant L. W. Lane, in the field of battle ; also with the Principal Messenger of the Staff of this House, who had suffered a bereavement, by the death of his son, Sergeant R. G. Cannon.

Mr. John Storey having addressed the House and added his sympathy,—

Debate ensued on the motion, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 44.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 JANUARY, 1918.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire, was introduced, and having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gloucester.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, "Knights' Applications for Mineral Rights of certain Conditional Purchases; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Colquhoun,—“(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances relating to the applications of John Knight, Thomas Knight, Franklin Knight, Felix Knight, Edwin Knight, David Knight, Harriett Knight, and Mary Jane Knight, for a grant of the mineral rights of Conditional Purchases Nos. 65-385 and 66-3602, of portions 150 and 157, parish of Southend, county of Cumberland, and the issue of leases in respect thereof, and to the damage (if any) which they have sustained in consequence of the resumption of the surface of such Conditional Purchases by the Crown, and to inquire into and report what compensation (if any) they are entitled to. (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ashford, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Ley, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover”;—postponed until Tuesday, 12th February.
3. URGENCY—COMMANDEERING OF SHIPS FOR CARRIAGE OF FOODSTUFFS:—Dr. Arthur moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 2 of General Business on the Business Paper for To-day.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Dr. Arthur,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. George Cann,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Lang,  
Mr. Gregory McGirr,  
Mr. P. M. McGirr,  
Mr. McKell,  
Mr. Nesbitt,  
Colonel Onslow,  
Mr. Walker.

Tellers.

Mr. Kearsley,  
Mr. Keegan.

Mr. Ashford,  
Mr. Ball,  
Mr. Bavin,  
Mr. Beeby,  
Mr. Briner,  
Mr. Brookfield,  
Mr. Bruntnell,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. F. M. Burke,  
Mr. Bushell,  
Mr. Buttenshaw,  
Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Colquhoun,  
Mr. Crane,  
Mr. William Davies,  
Mr. Doe,  
Mr. Doyle,  
Mr. Fallick,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Fuller,

Noes, 56.

Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. Grahame,  
Mr. Grimm,  
Mr. D. R. Hall,  
Mr. Simon Hickey,  
Mr. Holman,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Hunt,  
Mr. Lane,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. Lazzarini,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Levy,  
Mr. Ley,  
Mr. Loughlin,  
Mr. Manning,  
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,  
Mr. McGarry,  
Mr. Gus. Miller,  
Mr. Harry Morton,

Mr. Mutch,  
Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Quirk,  
Mr. Tom Smith,  
Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Wearne,  
Mr. Weaver,  
Mr. Wright,  
Mr. Zuill.

Tellers.

Mr. Bagnall,  
Mr. Michael Burke.

And so it passed in the negative.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day of Government Business, and Orders of the Day of General Business Nos. 1, 2, and 4, be postponed to follow Notice of Motion No. 1 of General Business.  
Question put and passed.

30th January, 1918.

5. VOTE OF CENSURE :—Mr. John Storey moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House protests against,—
- (1.) The action of the Government in connection with the coal and other contracts.
  - (2.) The administration of the Government in connection with the recent industrial upheaval.
  - (3.) (a) The violation of the pledges given to the people by certain members of the Government on the issue of conscription; (b) the Premier's secret memorandum upon recruiting; (c) and their actions generally, which do not warrant their continuance in office.
  - (4.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Loughlin 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.

6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Memorandum by the Secretary, Premier's Department, respecting the Minute on Recruiting submitted by the Premier to Cabinet on 7th February, 1917.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table :—Balance-sheets, Trading Accounts, &c., of the State Industrial Undertakings for year ended 30th June, 1917, together with the Report of the Auditor-General thereon.

Ordered to be printed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 45.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1918.

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

**RESUMPTION OF LAND KNOWN AS NIELSEN PARK** :—Colonel Onslow presented a Petition from the Watson's Bay and South Shore Ferry Company, Limited, praying to be heard by Counsel, Agents, and Witnesses before any Committee to whom this Petition may be referred, appointed to inquire into the Company's land resumed by the Crown for a Park which was subsequently known as Nielsen Park, and that the Honorable the Minister for Lands may be directed to carry out the agreement entered into by him with the Company.  
Petition received.

2. **VOTE OF CENSURE** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. John Storey, "That this House protests against,—  
" (1.) The action of the Government in connection with the coal and other contracts.  
" (2.) The administration of the Government in connection with the recent industrial upheaval.  
" (3.) (a) The violation of the pledges given to the people by certain members of the Government on the issue of conscription; (b) the Premier's secret memorandum upon recruiting; (c) and their actions generally, which do not warrant their continuance in office.  
" (4.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1918, A.M.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midday,—

FRIDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1918.

Debate continued.

Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That the Question be now put.

*Disorder* :—By direction of Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Member for Annandale, Mr. O'Brien, was removed from the Chamber by the Serjeant-at-Arms, under Standing Order No. 392.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

31st January, 1918.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.		Noes, 30.
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Ley,	Mr. F. M. Burke,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Bushell,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. George Cann,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Cocks,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,	Mr. Doyle,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Doe,	Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Walker,	Mr. Lazzarini,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Loughlin,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Zuill,	Mr. P. M. McGirr,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. McKell,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. James,	Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Preece,
Mr. Lane,		Mr. Quirk,
		Mr. Tom Smith,
		Mr. John Storey,
		Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
		Mr. Wright.

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

And Mr. Storey having spoken in reply,—

Question put,—That this House protests against,—

- (1.) The action of the Government in connection with the coal and other contracts.
- (2.) The administration of the Government in connection with the recent industrial upheaval.
- (3.) (a) The violation of the pledges given to the people by certain members of the Government on the issue of conscription; (b) the Premier's secret memorandum upon recruiting; (c) and their actions generally, which do not warrant their continuance in office.
- (4.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 50.
Mr. Brookfield,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Kearsley,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Ashford,
Mr. Michael Burke,		Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. Bushell,		Mr. Ball,
Mr. George Cann,		Mr. Bavin,
Mr. Cochran,		Mr. Beeby,
Mr. William Davies,		Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Dooley,		Mr. Briner,
Mr. Doyle,		Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Estell,		Mr. Buttenshaw,
Mr. Gardiner,		Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Simon Hickey,		Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Johnston,		Mr. Crane,
Mr. Lang,		Mr. Doe,
Mr. Lazzarini,		Mr. Eelden,
Mr. Loughlin,		Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Gregory McGirr,		Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. P. M. McGirr,		Mr. Fuller,
Mr. McKell,		Mr. Graff,
Mr. Osborne,		Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Quirk,		Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Tom Smith,		Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. John Storey,		Mr. Holman,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,		Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Wright.		Mr. Hunt,
		Mr. James,
		Mr. Lane,
		Mr. Latimer,
		Mr. Lee,
		Mr. Levy,
		Mr. Ley,
		Mr. Manning,
		Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
		Mr. McGarry,
		Mr. W. Millard,
		Mr. Harry Morton,
		Mr. Nesbitt,
		Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
		Mr. Oakes,
		Colonel Onslow,
		Mr. Perry,
		Mr. Robson,
		Mr. David Storey,
		Mr. Thomas,
		Mr. Thompson,
		Mr. Weaver,
		Mr. Zuill.
		<i>Tellers,</i>
		Mr. Walker,
		Mr. Wearne.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

- (1.) Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 62.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law for the regulation of the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to provide for the establishment of a Board of Trade; to provide for the better organisation of the labour market; to modify the provisions for the repression of lock-outs and strikes; to establish special and deputy Courts of Industrial Arbitration; to provide for secret compulsory ballots in certain cases; to enlarge the powers of trade unions, and to extend the rights and responsibilities of their members; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1916, the Trade Union Act, 1881, the Masters and Servants Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 30th January, 1918.*

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

(2.)

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31st January, 1918.

## (2.) Early Closing Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

Message No. 63.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Early Closing; to regulate the times of opening and closing of shops and the employment of shop assistants and persons delivering goods, and to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to amend the Auctioneers' Licensing Act, 1898, the Auctioneers' Licensing (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Police Offences Act, 1901, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 30th January, 1918.*

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

4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ELECTION ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
5. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Beeby moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law for the regulation of the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to provide for the establishment of a Board of Trade; to provide for the better organisation of the labour market; to modify the provisions for the repression of lock-outs and strikes; to establish special and deputy Courts of Industrial Arbitration; to provide for secret compulsory ballots in certain cases; to enlarge the powers of trades unions, and to extend the rights and responsibilities of their members; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1916, the Trade Union Act, 1881, the Masters and Servants Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
6. EARLY CLOSING BILL:—Mr. Beeby moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Early Closing; to regulate the times of opening and closing of shops and the employment of shop assistants and persons delivering goods, and to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to amend the Auctioneers' Licensing Act, 1898, the Auctioneers' Licensing (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Police Offences Act, 1901, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
7. GAS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Beeby moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Gas Act, 1912, and to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of his late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for lighting with Gas the Town of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales, and to enable certain persons associated under the name, style, and firm of the Australian Gaslight Company to sue and be sued in the name of the Secretary for the time being of the Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned."  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Noes, 28.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lee,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cocks,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Holman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Latimer.
Mr. James,	

Mr. Brookfield,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. F. M. Burke.
Mr. George Cann,	
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Wright,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8.

31st January, 1918.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ashford moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Latimer,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bagoall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. James,	Mr. Ley.
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Briner,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Buckley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Bushell.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least thirty Members,”—

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Ley,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. Bavin,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Grimm.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Buckley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Tom Smith.
Mr. Bushell,	
Mr. George Cann,	
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes before Twelve o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 46.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY, 1918.

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 the Ministers named, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

By Mr. J. C. I. Fitzpatrick,—

- (1.) Public Accounts Committee Election Enabling Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 64.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 nomination, election and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 30th January, 1918.*

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

By Mr. Beeby,—

- (2.) Gas (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 65.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Gas Act, 1912, and to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for lighting with gas the Town of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, " and to enable certain persons associated under the name, style, and firm of the Australian Gaslight " Company, to sue and be sued in the name of the Secretary for the time being of the Company, " and for other purposes therein mentioned."

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 31st January, 1918.*

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

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report by the Industrial Commissioner on the New South Wales Strike Crisis, 1917.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulations under the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.

5th February, 1918.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Amended Regulation No. 20, under the Hay Irrigation Act, 1902.
- (2.) Amended Regulations Nos. 21 and 22, under the Wentworth Irrigation Act.
- (3.) Report of the Department of Agriculture for year ended 30th June, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Notifications of resumptions of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Public School Purposes at Blue Knob, Goodwood, Lillyville, and Neilrex.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Willyama, Mr. Wright, 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.:—“To call attention to the extraordinary conduct of the Stipendiary Magistrate, Mr. Giles Shaw, acting as Coroner on 28th January, 1918, at the Court-house, Broken Hill, when the Jury brought in a verdict through the death of the late Ivan Vosilleff, killed at the Junction North Mine, at Broken Hill, on the 17th day of January, 1918.  
“I also object to the above-mentioned Coroner allowing the Counsel for the above-mentioned mine to address the Jury, which amounted to intimidation, after the verdict was given.”  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Wright moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
4. ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE LOTTERIES:—Mr. Osborne moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that legislation should be introduced authorising the Government to establish and conduct State lotteries; that 10 per cent. of the total proceeds of the same be deducted and paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue.  
Mr. Fallick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
5. ALLEGED CLAIMS OF OLD PUBLIC SERVANTS ON RETIREMENT:—Mr. Fallick moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on “Alleged Claims of Old Public Servants on Retirement,” brought up on 25th October, 1917, be now adopted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
6. PREFERENCE FOR EMPLOYMENT AND OVERTIME IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS:—Dr. Arthur moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, preference for employment and for overtime should be given in all Government Departments to married men with families, an exception being made only in the case of returned soldiers.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 4th October, 1917.*

7. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Beeby, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law for the regulation of the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to provide for the establishment of a Board of Trade; to provide for the better organisation of the labour market; to modify the provisions for the repression of lock-outs and strikes; to establish special and deputy Courts of Industrial Arbitration; to provide for secret compulsory ballots in certain cases; to enlarge the powers of trade unions, and to extend the rights and responsibilities of their members; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1916, the Trade Union Act, 1881, the Masters and Servants Act of 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law for the regulation of the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to provide for the establishment of a Board of Trade; to provide for the better organisation of the labour market; to modify the provisions for the repression of lock-outs and strikes; to establish special and deputy Courts of Industrial Arbitration; to provide for secret compulsory ballots in certain cases; to enlarge the powers of trade unions, and to extend the rights and responsibilities of their members; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1916, the Trade Union Act, 1881, the Masters and Servants Act of 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
On motion of Mr. Beeby, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.)



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5th February, 1918.

(2.) Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law for the regulation of the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to provide for the establishment of a Board of Trade; to provide for the better organisation of the labour market; to modify the provisions for the repression of lock-outs and strikes; to establish special and deputy Courts of Industrial Arbitration; to provide for secret compulsory ballots in certain cases; to enlarge the powers of trade unions, and to extend the rights and responsibilities of their members; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1916, the Trade Union Act, 1881, the Masters and Servants Act of 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

8. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Kearsley, *on behalf of the Chairman*, brought up the Fourteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

9. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ELECTION ENABLING BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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 nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 1918.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulations under the Weights and Measures Act, 1915.  
 (2.) Report of the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales for 1917.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulations under the Forestry Act, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Resolutions and Proceedings of the Conference of Commonwealth and States Taxation Officers, held at Melbourne, March, 1917. Ordered to be printed.

2. TRANSFER OF RECORDS TO CUSTODY OF MITCHELL LIBRARY:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the following Manuscript Records be transferred to the custody of the Mitchell Library, under the control of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales, viz.:—Post Office—Letter and Memo. from Postmaster-General, 1839; White Woman with Gippsland Aborigines, 1846; Doctor Leichhardt's Correspondence, 1852; Mail Roads—Letter from Surveyor-General, 1852; Captain Flinders—Letter from his Daughter, 1854; Benjamin Boyd—Report from Captain Denham, 1855.  
 Question put and passed.
3. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAYS—MONDAY AND FRIDAY (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at 4 o'clock, p.m., on Monday and Friday in each week, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Lang moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday, 14th February.
4. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day for consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Beeby, discharged.
5. EARLY CLOSING BILL:—The Order of the Day for consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Beeby, discharged.
6. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Beeby moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Mr. John Storey moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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7. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ELECTION ENABLING BILL:--The Order of the Day having been read,—  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 FEBRUARY, 1918.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Return to an Order made on 23rd October, 1917,—“Purchase of Bodington Consumptive Home, Wentworth Falls.”  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Forestry Commission for year ended 30th June, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Bective Estate, on the Tamworth to Barraba Railway.

(3.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Toole's Creek Estate and Walsh's Farm, on the Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba Railway.

(4.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Grawlin Estate, on the Forbes to Stockinbingal Railway.

Ordered to be printed.

2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ELECTION ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 7th February, 1918.*

3. GAS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Beeby, 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 Gas Act, 1912, and to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled “*An Act for lighting with Gas the Town of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales, and to enable certain persons associated under the name, style, and firm of the Australian Gaslight Company to sue and be sued in the name of the Secretary for the time being of the Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*”

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

7th February, 1918.

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 Gas Act, 1912, and to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for lighting with Gas the Town of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales, and to enable certain persons associated under the name, style, and firm of the Australian Gaslight Company to sue and be sued in the name of the Secretary for the time being of the Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

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

- (2.) Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Gas Act, 1912, and to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled 'An Act for lighting with Gas the Town of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales, and to enable certain persons associated under the name, style, and firm of the Australian Gaslight Company to sue and be sued in the name of the Secretary for the time being of the Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'*"—and moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Briner,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fuller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Nesbitt.
Mr. James,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Buckley,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Johnston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. George Cann,
Mr. Lang,	Mr. Doyle.
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. Gregory McGirr,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

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

4. PAPER:—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Correspondence in connection with the Coal Contract entered into by the New South Wales and Victorian Governments.  
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, at nine minutes after Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 49.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, 1918.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Proceedings of the River Murray Commission, together with Progress Reports regarding investigations and works carried out by the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, for the purposes of the Murray River Agreement, during the period 31st January to 30th June, 1917, in pursuance of the provisions of the River Murray Waters Act.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(3.) Additional Regulation No. 51, and Additional Forms Nos. 41 and 42, under the Closer Settlement Acts.

(4.) Amended Regulation No. 43, under the Forestry Act, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. ABORIGINES PROTECTION (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 Aborigines Protection Act, 1909, and the Aborigines Protection Amending Act, 1915,*"—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 February, 1918.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## ABORIGINES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th February, 1918.*

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2. After subclause (i) insert the following new subclauses to stand as subclauses (ii) and (iii):—

"(ii) In section eight—

"(a) by inserting the following at the end of subsection one:—

"Provided that the board may, by permit in the prescribed form, authorise,

"subject to such terms and conditions as it may think fit, any person

"apparently having an admixture of aboriginal blood to enter or remain upon

"or be within the limits of any such reserve"; and

"(b) by inserting in subsection two of the same section after 'aborigine' the words

"'or other person.'"

"(iii) In section nine by inserting after 'aborigine' the words 'or person having

"'apparently an admixture of aboriginal blood.'"

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,  
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

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

12th February, 1918.

3. "HANSARD" REPORTS:—Mr. Speaker, referring to a Question asked him on Wednesday, 6th February by the Honorable Member for Waverley, whether his attention had been drawn to the statement made by the Speaker of the Federal Parliament in regard to the reporting of Member's speeches in *Hansard*, and whether he was prepared to make a statement in regard to the practice as to how far members are allowed to correct their speeches in *Hansard*, and whether the *Hansard* staff keeps a record of the original proofs, together with corrections made by Honorable Members, for the perusal of other Members, said: With regard to the first part of the question, he had carefully perused in the Federal *Hansard* the report of Mr. B. Harry Friend, Principal Parliamentary Reporter, and the statement made by the Honorable the Speaker. He did not think it would be fit and proper for him to make any comment whatever on that, and he would abstain from doing so. With regard to the second portion of the Question, he had a report from the Principal Shorthand writer, and he would read it to the House:—

"In reporting, by direction of Mr. Speaker, upon the Question asked by the Honorable Member for Waverley, Mr. Oakes, on the 6th instant, I desire to say:—

"No rule has been laid down with regard to the correction by Honorable Members of proofs of their speeches, but it is left to the Principal Shorthand-writer to determine what shall or shall not be admitted as corrections.

"The practice is to accept as a matter of course corrections which are properly so-called; that is the correction of errors on the part of the reporter or on the part of the Member. Care is taken not to admit as a correction anything which would alter the import of a speech, and to see that new matter is not introduced; but verbal amendments intended to express more clearly the meaning of the speaker are, within reasonable limits, not objected to.

"Other occasions sometimes arise when emendations in the report are admissible, as for example, when the reporter has failed to hear certain remarks, which often happens in the case of speeches delivered on the Opposition side of the House. In such a case no objection is offered to the omission being supplied; also, if an Honorable Member wishes to omit some unimportant or irrelevant remark (perhaps made in reply to an interjection) which interrupts the continuity of the speech, such omission is usually allowed.

"It is impracticable to follow any fixed rule on the subject, but in every case the guiding consideration enunciated above—namely, no alteration of sense, and no addition of new matter—is kept in view by the staff and myself when dealing with the emendations suggested by Honorable Members.

"The original proofs, and also the proofs returned by Honorable Members, are kept as long as the storage accommodation available will permit, which is long enough to cover any probability of reference being made to them.

"(Signed) JOHN B. LAING,  
Principal Shorthand-writer.

"The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, 12th February, 1918."

Mr. Speaker also said that since then Mr. Laing had seen him, and wished to add that the occasions when the limits prescribed had been exceeded were extremely rare, and that he gladly acknowledged the assistance rendered by Honorable Members in making the reports a faithful reproduction of their utterances. His own experience of the reporting of the Debates of this House was that they were excellently and accurately done. There was no attempt to alter the speeches made by Members of this House. His experience since he had been in the Chair was that there has been no desire on the part of Honorable Members to do so.

4. SITTING OF PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Speaker said that on Thursday last, at the termination of the sitting at a few minutes past 6 o'clock, the Honorable Member for Cessnock asked him for a ruling upon the point whether the Printing Committee, in connection with which he had received a notice for 6.45 p.m. that day, could sit while the House was not sitting. He replied that he was not prepared to give a ruling at that stage, but if the Honorable Member had correctly stated the case, and the House adjourned *then*, the Committee would not be able to sit. Standing Order No. 358 said: "Except by leave of the House, no Select Committee may sit after the hour appointed for the sitting of the House, nor on those days over which the House is adjourned." By the terms of its appointment by Sessional Order on 1st August last, the Printing Committee has leave to sit "during the sittings of the House." The House having adjourned at nine minutes after 6 o'clock, and the time appointed for the sitting of the Committee having been 6.45 o'clock, it was clear that as the Committee was not authorised to sit during the adjournment of the House the summons calling it together was superseded, and the sitting could not properly be held. He would refer Honorable Members who might wish to pursue their inquiries further to "May's" Parliamentary Practice, tenth edition, page 390.
5. KNIGHTS' APPLICATIONS FOR MINERAL RIGHTS OF CERTAIN CONDITIONAL PURCHASES:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Colquhoun,—
- "(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances relating to the applications of John Knight, Thomas Knight, Franklin Knight, Felix Knight, Edwin Knight, David Knight, Harriett Knight, and Mary Jane Knight, for a grant of the mineral rights of Conditional Purchases Nos. 65-385 and 66-360<sup>2</sup>, of portions 150 and 157, parish of Southend, county of Cumberland, and the issue of leases in respect thereof, and to the damage (if any) which they have sustained in consequence of the resumption of the surface of such Conditional Purchases by the Crown, and to inquire into and report what compensation (if any) they are entitled to

"(2.)

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"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ashford, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Ley, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Lang requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—

Question,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances relating to the applications of John Knight, Thomas Knight, Franklin Knight, Felix Knight, Edwin Knight, David Knight, Harriett Knight, and Mary Jane Knight, for a grant of the mineral rights of Conditional Purchases Nos. 65-325 and 66-3602, of portions 150 and 157, parish of Southend, county of Cumberland, and the issue of leases in respect thereof, and to the damage (if any) which they have sustained in consequence of the resumption of the surface of such Conditional Purchases by the Crown, and to inquire into and report what compensation (if any) they are entitled to,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot.

Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Ashford, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ley, Mr. Oakes, Mr. D. R. Hall.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 4th October, 1917.

6. GAS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Beeby moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Dooley moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report."

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Beeby, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Mutch, Mr. F. M. Burke, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Perry, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Doe,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Fuller,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Weaver.

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Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Cochran,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Johnston.
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question put,—That the Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cocks,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Doe,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Ley.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Price,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Dooley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Bushell.
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Osborne,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill



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Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

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SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

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WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 1918.

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

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr Beeby, "That this Bill be now read a "second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Stuart-Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1918.

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

KNIGHTS' APPLICATIONS FOR MINERAL RIGHTS OF CERTAIN CONDITIONAL PURCHASES:—Mr. Colquhoun presented a Petition from Franklin Knight, Felix Knight, and Edwin Knight, representing that a Select Committee had been appointed to inquire into the circumstances relating to applications by the Knights for mineral rights of certain Conditional Purchases; and praying for permission to appear before the Select Committee in person, by Solicitor or Counsel, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses before the said Committee.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulations under the Dairy Industry Act, 1915.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. STRANGERS:—Mr. Speaker said: Some time ago attention was drawn by the then Speaker, to the practice of strangers being admitted to parts of the House occupied by Honorable Members. Only last year he had had to call attention to the same practice, and he then expressed the hope that Honorable Members would assist him and the staff in carrying out the Standing Orders and the practice of the House. He had received a further complaint, he was sorry to say, that strangers were admitted to rooms set apart for Members for their private correspondence, and he hoped this practice would now be discontinued. He had given instructions to the Serjeant-at-Arms to see that no strangers at all were admitted to portions of the House set apart for the use of Members for the conduct of their business. When the House was not sitting Members might bring strangers in, but they could not bring strangers into rooms that were set apart for private Members and allow them to occupy those rooms during portions of the day, thus preventing private Members from attending to their correspondence.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Bondi' Colonel Onslow, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—The failure of the Minister for Lands to fulfil a contract entered into by him with the Watson's Bay and South Shore Ferry Company, Limited, respecting certain land resumed by the Crown from that Company, and being now a portion of Nielsen Park.

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Colonel Onslow moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

*Interruption.*

5. PAPER:—Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Proclamation of intention to acquire Estates under the Closer Settlement Acts, and Proclamation notifying list of Estates on the authorised line of Railway from Henty to Billabong Creek.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—The Debate, on the motion of Colonel Onslow on this subject, interrupted by the proceedings in Entry 5 above recorded,—resumed.  
Question put and negatived.

14th February, 1918.

7. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAYS—MONDAY AND FRIDAY (*Sessional Order*):—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Holman, "That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at 4 o'clock, p.m., on Monday and Friday in each week, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business."

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

8. GAS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1918, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment. On motion of Mr. Beeby, the report was adopted.

- (2.) Mr. Beeby (*by consent*) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Crane,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Ley.
Mr. Latimer,	

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Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. George Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Mutch.
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. O'Brien,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Beeby then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Gas Act, 1912, and to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled 'An Act for lighting with gas the town of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales, and to enable certain persons associated under the name, style, and firm of the Australian Gaslight Company to sue and be sued in the name of the Secretary for the time being of the company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'*"

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 Gas Act, 1912, and to amend an Act passed in the eight year of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled 'An Act for lighting with gas the town of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales, and to enable certain persons associated under the name, style, and firm of the Australian Gaslight Company to sue and be sued in the name of the Secretary for the time being of the company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 15th February, 1918, A.M.*

9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Beeby (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.
10. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Bennett, as Chairman, brought up the Fifteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
- The House adjourned, at twenty-six minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 52.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, 1918.

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

KNIGHTS' APPLICATIONS FOR MINERAL RIGHTS OF CERTAIN CONDITIONAL PURCHASES:—Mr. Colquhoun presented a Petition from John Thomas Keating, Acting Under Secretary for Lands, representing that a Select Committee had been appointed to inquire into the circumstances relating to applications by John Knight, Thomas Knight, Franklin Knight, Felix Knight, Edwin Knight, David Knight, Harriett Knight, and Mary Jane Knight, for mineral rights of certain Conditional Purchases; and praying for permission to appear before the Select Committee in person, by Solicitor or Counsel, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses before the said Committee.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR WALTER DAVIDSON, K.C.M.G., AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

*Message No. 1.*

Sir Walter Davidson has the honor to inform the Legislative Assembly that His Majesty has been graciously pleased, by Commission under His Royal Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at St. James' the first day of October, 1917, to appoint him to be the Governor in and over the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia; and that on the 18th February last he took the Oath of Allegiance and the Official Oath before the Executive Council, and assumed the administration of the Government of the State accordingly.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 19th February, 1918.*

Ordered, That the Message be taken into consideration To-morrow.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Scheme suggested by Dr. H. W. Palmer, Medical Superintendent, Waterfall Sanatorium, for the control and treatment of Tuberculosis in New South Wales.

(2.) Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies, Trade Unions, Building Societies, Co-operative Societies, and transactions under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, for 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulations under the Navigation Acts, 1901-1904.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Amendment of Regulations Nos. 46, 47, 49, 83, 88, 165A, 166, 168, 200, 201, 282, 301A, 301B, 374, and 381, and Additional Regulation No. 50A, under the Public Service Act, 1902.

(2.) Amendment of Regulation No. 328, under the Public Service Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Amended Regulations Nos. 193, 194, and 252, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and Amended Regulation No. 11, under the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915.

(2.) *Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

19th February, 1918.

4. **LOYALTY TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That, with the object of protecting the honor and fair fame of this country from any misunderstanding abroad, this House desires to place upon record the fervent expression of loyalty of the people of New South Wales towards the Throne of His Majesty the King, and the unalterable attachment of the people to the laws and institutions of the British Empire.  
Question put and passed.
5. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day "Use of Trust Lands for War Purposes Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Levy*];—postponed until Tuesday next.
6. **WESTERN LANDS (DECLARATORY) BILL:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Ashford, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message. No. 66.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 extension of the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board as from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen; to validate certain powers exercised and acts done on and after the said date; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 16th February, 1918.*

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

7. **PREFERENTIAL VOTING:**—Mr. Loughlin moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act should be amended so as to provide for "preferential voting."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Beeby moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "preferential voting" and inserting the words "proportional representation,"—instead thereof.

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

Mr. Speaker having expressed the opinion that the proposed amendment was out of order,—  
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he saw no reason to alter the conclusion which he had already suggested. It was laid down in "May," 10th Edition, page 278, that every amendment must be relevant to the question on which the amendment is proposed. The motion was to provide for preferential voting, and an amendment favouring a different kind of voting would be subversive of the motion. He referred to a ruling by Mr. Speaker McCourt, on 24th September, 1903, a.m., when, in upholding the opinion of the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Meagher), he ruled that, on a motion to submit the question of the reduction of Members to a referendum, an amendment to omit the words "to submit the question of" and insert the word "for" was subversive of the motion. The leading principle of the motion in this case was for preferential voting, and, as the amendment would be subversive of that principle, he must hold it was not in order.

Debate continued.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 4th October, 1917.*

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

- (1.) The Glebe Loan Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Municipal Council of The Glebe to borrow certain moneys; for that purpose to amend the law relating to Local Government; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th February, 1918.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

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

- (2.) Sydney Corporation (Declaratory) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1908, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1916; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th February, 1918.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

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

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9. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Beeby, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 1918.

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

WESTERN LANDS (DECLARATORY) BILL:—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the extension of the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board as from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen; to validate certain powers exercised and acts done on and after the said date; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.

2. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Beeby, "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 after Midnight,—

THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY, 1918, A.M.

Mr. Keegan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 54.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1918.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amendment of Regulation under the Forestry Act, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Department of Public Works for year ended 30th June, 1917.

(2.) Amended By-laws under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1905, of the Municipality of Orange.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Act, 1916, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 21st February, 1918.

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

(2.) Sutherland Water Supply Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of works of water supply for places within the Shire of Sutherland; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 21st February, 1918.

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

3. APPOINTMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR WALTER DAVIDSON, K.C.M.G., AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That His Excellency's Message No. 1, be read.

Question put and passed.

And the Message (as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings No. 52, of 19th February, 1918, Entry 2), read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

Mr.

21st February, 1918.

Mr. Holman 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 Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

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 State, in virtue of a Commission from His Most Gracious Majesty appointing you Governor.

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

Debate ensued.

*Disorder*: By direction of Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Member for King, Mr. Tom. Smith, was removed from the Chamber by the Serjeant-at-Arms, under Standing Order No. 392.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. P. M. McGirr,
Mr. Doc,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Holman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. James,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Loughlin,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. F. M. Burke,
Mr. Gregory McGirr.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Holman informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address in acknowledgment of His Excellency's Message No. 1, on Wednesday next, at half-past Four o'clock, p.m., at Government House.

4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ELECTION ENABLING 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 provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*

*Sydney, 21st February, 1918.*

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

5. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Beeby, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson referring to clause 6 submitted that the Bill proposed to amend clauses 1 and 10 of the Truck Act without mention in the Title, and the Bill was, therefore, out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the Honorable Member had pointed to clauses 1 and 10 as an amendment of the Truck Act without mention being made in the Title. If every Act proposed to be incidentally affected by a Bill were recited, the Title would be unduly prolix. The general test to apply was whether Honorable Members had been taken by surprise by the intention of the Bill as set out in the Order of Leave. He endorsed the remarks of previous Speakers, and especially those of Mr. Speaker Peel, in the House of Commons, when he said, "There is no necessity whatever in the Title of a Bill to enter into particularities. All that is necessary— and it is a much safer process—is that the Title of the Bill shall be in general terms and cover the general scope and purport so as to include all the subject-matter comprised in the Bill." He did not consider any Bill was out of order, the Title of which presented the main purposes of the Bill, and he would not feel inclined to rule any Bill out of order simply because it incidentally amended some provision which was necessary for the purposes of the Bill, even though the Order of Leave contained no reference to it. He knew of no decision in this House or the House of Commons where a Bill had been ruled out of order simply because there were incidental provisions contained necessary for the purposes of the Bill. He therefore could not uphold the Point of Order.

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1918, A.M.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance on the part of the Honorable Member for Newcastle, Mr. Gardiner, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Levy,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Grimm.
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Mutch,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. William Davies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. O'Brien.
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Beeby, 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.

6. SUTHERLAND WATER SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. Ashford, *on behalf of* Mr. Ball, 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 works of Water Supply for places within the Shire of Sutherland; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.
7. WARDELL ROAD TO DARLING ISLAND RAILWAY DEVIATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Ashford, *on behalf of* Mr. Ball, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Act, 1916, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.
8. UNIVERSITY (SENATE) AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Ashford, *on behalf of* Mr. James, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that the members of the present Senate of the University of Sydney shall continue in office until a day to be proclaimed by the Governor, and for that purpose to amend the Acts relating to the said University. Question put and passed.
9. WESTERN LANDS (DECLARATORY) BILL:—
  - (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, 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 extension of the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board as from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen; to validate certain powers exercised and acts done on and after the said date; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received. The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
 

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the extension of the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board as from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen; to validate certain powers exercised and acts done on and after the said date; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

 On motion of Mr. Ashford, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
  - (2.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to provide for the extension of the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board as from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen; to validate certain powers exercised and acts done on and after the said date; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,”—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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10. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Kearsley, *on behalf of* the Chairman, brought up the Sixteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
  11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Beeby (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Monday next.  
Question put and passed.
  12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Beeby moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes before Four o'clock, a.m., until *Monday next*, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 1918.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Statement by the Director-General of Public Health respecting "X" Disease.
- (2.) Additional Regulation under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908.
- (3.) Report of the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales for 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board for the year ended 30th June, 1917, together with Appendices and Plans.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) By-laws of the Municipality of Narrandera, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Correspondence between the Honorable the Prime Minister and the Honorable the Premier of New South Wales with reference to Government Shipbuilding Scheme at Walsh Island.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. WARDELL ROAD TO DARLING ISLAND RAILWAY DEVIATION (TUNNELS) AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Ball, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Act, 1916, the Government Railways (Amendment) Act, 1916, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 23rd February, 1918.

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

3. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (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

25th February, 1918.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight, —

TUESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 1918, A.M.

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

4. SUTHERLAND WATER SUPPLY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ball moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for places within the Shire of Sutherland; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Manning,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Zuill,	Mr. Zuill,
	<i>Tellers,</i>
	Mr. McGarry,
	Mr. Nesbitt,

Noes, 27.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. F. M. Bourke,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Dooley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. William Davies,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. McKell,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. Mutch,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 works of Water Supply for places within the Shire of Sutherland; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Ball, the resolution was read a second time.

Mr. Ball moved, That the resolution be agreed to.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Nesbitt,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Zuill,	Mr. Zuill,
	<i>Tellers,</i>
	Mr. Doe,
	Mr. Manning,

Noes, 27.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. McKell,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Mutch,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. George Cann,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Doyle,
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Mr. Ball then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for places within the Shire of Sutherland; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Ball moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

25th February, 1918.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Graff.
Mr. McGarry,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Mutch,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. William Davies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Tom Smith.
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kears'ey,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McKell,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 56.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 1918.

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

ROLL OF HONOR:—Mr. Speaker informed Honorable Members that the Roll of Honor of Members and Staff of the State Parliament who had offered and been accepted for service during the present war would be unveiled in the Vestibule of Parliament House to-morrow afternoon at a quarter before Six o'clock. At the appointed time he proposed to leave the Chair and invite Honorable Members to proceed to the Vestibule.

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

- (1.) Gas (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to amend the Gas Act, 1912, and to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled 'An Act for lighting with gas the town of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales, and to enable certain persons associated under the name, style, and firm of the Australian Gaslight Company to sue and be sued in the name of the Secretary for the time being of the Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned,'"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th February, 1918.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## GAS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 26th February, 1918.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2. After clause 1 insert new clauses 2 and 3 as follows:—

"2. Sections four and seven of this Act shall not apply to the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company, Limited, if within three months from the commencement of this Act that company gives written notice to the Minister that such company desires that such sections shall not apply to it.

"3. Section three of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the words 'twenty' the words 'twenty-one.'"

Page 3, clause 3. At end of clause add new paragraph as follows:—

"(e) By adding at the end of the section the following new subsection:—

"(6) if the public accountant aforesaid shall certify that the total amount which has, since the passing of this Act, been charged against revenue on account of depreciation exceeds the sum of the amounts which, calculated at the thirty-first day of December of each year since the passing of this Act, are equivalent to three and one-half per centum of the amounts expended at those dates out of borrowed and share capital on buildings and manufacturing and distributing plant belonging to and in use by the company, such excess amount shall be transferred to the Special Purposes and Depreciation Fund, and shall form part of the said fund."

Page 7, clause 10. After line 12 add new paragraph to stand as paragraph (a) as follows:—

"(a) by inserting before 'Balance-sheet of the Company' the letter 'K'."

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Page 7, clause 10. At end of clause *add* new sub-clause as follows:—

“(5.) The following is added at the end of Schedule Five of the Principal Act:—

L.—List of Shareholders.

Name of Shareholder.	Address.	Occupation.	Number of Shares held.	Class of Shares.	Date of purchase or allotment.

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

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

(2.) Registration of Deeds (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Registration of Deeds Act, 1897,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th February, 1918.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

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

3. USE OF TRUST LANDS FOR WAR PURPOSES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
Mr. Levy 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. Levy, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Levy, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
4. PREFERENTIAL VOTING :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Loughlin, “That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that “the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act should be amended so as to provide for “preferential voting,”—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Thursday, 4th October, 1917.*

5. SUTHERLAND WATER SUPPLY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ball moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That” and inserting the words “the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for “consideration and report.  
“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ball, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Simon Hickey, “Mr. Weaver, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Ley, and the Mover.  
“(3.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House, or any adjournment “thereof,”—instead thereof.  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Weaver moved, That the Question be now put.  
Question,—“That the Question be now put,”—put and negatived.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Walker moved, That the Question be now put.  
Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

26th February, 1918.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Doe,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald.
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Price,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Doyle,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

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

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of words left out, be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Latimer.
Mr. Ley,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Buckley,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Price,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Lang,	Mr. William Davies.
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then,—That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ball, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Weaver, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Ley, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House, or any adjournment thereof,—put and passed.

6. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

7. UNIVERSITY (SENATE) AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that the members of the present Senate of the University of Sydney shall continue in office until a day to be proclaimed by the Governor, and for that purpose to amend the Acts relating to the said University.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide that the members of the present Senate of the University of Sydney shall continue in office until a day to be proclaimed by the Governor, and for that purpose to amend the Acts relating to the said University.

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

(2.) Mr. James then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that the members of the present Senate of the University of Sydney shall continue in office until a day to be proclaimed by the Governor, and for that purpose to amend the Acts relating to the said University*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and (by consent) now read a second time.

(3.)

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(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1918.

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

APPOINTMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR WALTER DAVIDSON, K.C.M.G., AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—The Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor their Address in acknowledgment of His Excellency's Message No. 1, informing the House of his assumption of the Government.

And being returned,—

Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had presented to the Governor their Address in acknowledgment of His Excellency's Message No. 1, and that his Excellency had been pleased to give thereto the following answer:—

Government House, Sydney.

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,—

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

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

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

27th February, 1918.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Reports by Mr. W. D. Loveridge, Deputy Member of the Public Service Board, as to the omission to supply the Crown Solicitor with certain reports by the Railway Commissioners in connection with the Contract for the erection of Sydney Terminal Wheat Elevator—Teasdale Smith's tender.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. UNIVERSITY (SENATE) AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. James, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. James then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide that the members of the present Senate of the University of Sydney shall continue in office until a day to be proclaimed by the Governor, and for that purpose to amend the Acts relating to the said University.*"

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 that the members of the present Senate of the University of Sydney shall continue in office until a day to be proclaimed by the Governor, and for that purpose to amend the Acts relating to the said University,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th February, 1918.

27th February, 1918.

4. USE OF TRUST LANDS FOR WAR PURPOSES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Levy, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Levy then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable trustees of lands devoted to charitable, public, religious, and other similar purposes to use such lands for the use or benefit of members of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces without incurring any injunction, forfeiture, penalty, or damages, and to validate such usage as may have taken place before this 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 enable trustees of lands devoted to charitable, public, religious, and other similar purposes to use such lands for the use or benefit of members of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces without incurring any injunction, forfeiture, penalty, or damages, and to validate such usage as may have taken place before this Act,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th February, 1918.*

5. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (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 after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1918, A.M.

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

6. UNIVERSITY (SENATE) 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 provide that the members of the present Senate of the University of Sydney shall continue in office until a day to be proclaimed by the Governor, and for that purpose to amend the Acts relating to the said University,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th February, 1918.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-three minutes before Six o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 58.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1918.

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

ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Cessnock, Mr. Kearsley, 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 bringing of men from Victoria to work in the Pelaw Main and Richmond Main Coal-mines, and the general working of mines."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Kearsley moved, That this House do now adjourn.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick submitted that this motion was not definite as it disclosed two matters, viz.:—The bringing of men from Victoria and the general working of mines.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said it had been laid down on several occasions that a motion for adjournment must definitely state the subject to be discussed, and be restricted to a single specific matter. This motion involved two matters; the bringing of men from Victoria to work in the Pelaw Main and Richmond Main mines and "the general working of mines." The motion really involved more than one specific matter, and as it was worded it was open to Honorable Members to discuss the general working conditions of coal and other mines throughout the State. The motion was not restricted to a single specific matter, as required by the Standing Orders; therefore he must uphold the Point of Order.

2. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (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 after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 MARCH, 1918, A.M.

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FRIDAY, 1 MARCH, 1918.

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

3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ELECTION ENABLING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the nomination, election, and appointment of the Public Accounts Committee for the present Parliament; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th February, 1918.

28th February, 1918.

4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, according to Section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, he had received from the Secretary for Mines and Assistant Colonial Treasurer the nominations of,—

Mr. Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks,  
Mr. Mark Fairles Morton,  
Mr. Simon Hickey,  
Mr. Follet Johns Thomas, and  
Mr. John Percy Osborne,

for election and appointment as Members of the Public Accounts Committee, constituted under that Act, and stated that it would be his duty to submit these names, one by one, in alphabetical order, to the House for decision by open voting, which he would do after formal business had been disposed of on Monday next.

5. PAPER :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Graff, *on behalf of* the Chairman, brought up the Seventeenth Report from the Printing Committee.
7. GAS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Beeby, 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. Beeby, the report was adopted.

Mr. Beeby moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Gas Act, 1912, and to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled 'An Act for lighting with Gas the Town of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales, and to enable certain persons associated under the name, style, and firm of the Australian Gaslight Company to sue and be sued in the name of the Secretary for the time being of the Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'*"

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Sydney, 1st March, 1918.*

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Ball,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Crauc,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Graff,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Bavin,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Hunt.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Ley,	
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Buckley,
Mr. F. M. Burke,
Mr. Michael Burke,
Mr. Bushell,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Loughlin,
Mr. McKell,
Mr. Mutch,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Doyle,
Mr. P. M. McGirr.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, at one minute after Eleven o'clock until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 4 MARCH, 1918.

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

**GAS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. Speaker said that on Friday last, on a motion for Committee of the Whole to consider the Legislative Council's amendments in the Gas (Amendment) Bill, the Honorable the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. John Storey, had drawn attention to the following new clause inserted by the Council—"Section three of the Principal Act is amended by substituting "for the word 'twenty' the words 'twenty-one'",—and pointed out that this House had had nothing to do with this section when the Bill was under discussion in this Chamber. The Honorable Member desired to know whether it was competent for the Council to include in its amendments a new clause amending a section of the Act which was not before this House, and with which it had nothing to do. He replied that at that time he did not think the amendment of the Council was out of order. He had since looked carefully into this matter, and saw no reason to change the opinion he then expressed. Whilst he desired to safeguard the rights and jurisdiction of the Chairman of Committees in giving an opinion on a matter of Committee procedure, he thought he might state that this was an amendment which certainly came within the scope of the Bill upon which a decision had been obtained upon a second reading, and which had been referred to a Committee of the Whole House to consider in detail.

2. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Correspondence regarding the return to work of men at the Pelaw Main and Richmond Main Collieries.

(2.) Notice of intention to declare that Crown Lease No. 16/6, Land District of Windsor, portion 91, Parish of St. Albans, County of Northumberland, applied for by John Henry Hough, shall cease to be voidable.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for St. George, Mr. Bagnall, 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 urgency of taking some steps to secure the registration of securities given by limited liability companies."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Bagnall moved, That this House do now adjourn.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Osborne drew attention to Order of the Day No. 11 for the second reading of the Companies (Registration of Securities) Bill, and submitted that this Debate could take place on that Order of the Day.

Mr. Speaker said that, as the Debate would undoubtedly anticipate discussion on the Order of the Day referred to, he must uphold the objection.

(2.) Whereupon Mr. Osborne moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (d) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained. Question put.

The



4th March, 1918.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. P. M. McGirr,	Dr. Arthur,	Mr. James,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Mutch,	Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. O'Brien,	Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. Tom Smith,	Mr. Doe,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Wright.	Mr. Graff,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Johnston,		Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Kearsley,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Buttenshaw,
Mr. Lang,	Mr. Lazzarini,	Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Loughlin,	Mr. McKell.	Mr. Hunt,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (3.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Macquarie, Mr. P. M. McGirr, 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 conviction of Mr. Allen Herring and Mr. Patrick Woods, at Dubbo, on 7th December, 1917, under the "Vagrancy Act."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. McGirr moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Cochran moved, That the Honorable Member for Macquarie, Mr. P. M. McGirr, be not further heard.

Question put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cochran moved, That the Honorable Member for Cotamundra, Mr. Holman, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. McKell,	Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Mutch,	Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Tom Smith,	Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Doyle,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Doe,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Wright.	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Simon Hickey,		Mr. Graff,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Loughlin,	Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. O'Brien.	Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Lang,		Mr. Hoskins,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Lazzarini,		Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. P. M. McGirr,		Mr. James,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.

4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE :—The Order of the Day having been read for the Election of the Members of the Committee, and the Division Bells having been rung,—
- (1.) Question,—That Mr. Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks be appointed a member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
- (2.) Question,—That Mr. Simon Hickey be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
- (3.) Question,—That Mr. Mark Fairless Morton be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
- (4.) Question,—That Mr. John Percy Osborne be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
- (5.) Question,—That Mr. Follet Johns Thomas be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
5. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (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 after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 5 MARCH, 1918, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Osborne, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the Day.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

4th March, 1918.

6. SUTHERLAND WATER SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. Ley, 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 February, 1918; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ley then moved, That the Bill be read a second time at a later hour of the Day.

Question put and passed.

7. REGISTRATION OF DEEDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James 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. James, 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. James, the report was adopted.

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

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

Mr. James then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Registration of Deeds Act, 1897.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Registration of Deeds Act, 1897,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 5th March, 1918, A.M.

8. THE GLEBE LOAN BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James 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. James, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

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

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

Mr. James then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the Municipal Council of The Glebe to borrow certain moneys; for that purpose to amend the law relating to Local Government; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Municipal Council of The Glebe to borrow certain moneys; for that purpose to amend the law relating to Local Government; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 5th March, 1918, A.M.

9. SYDNEY CORPORATION (DECLARATORY) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1908, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1916; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

4th March, 1918.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1908, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1916; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th March, 1918, A.M.*

10. WARDELL ROAD TO DARLING ISLAND RAILWAY DEVIATION (TUNNELS) AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ball, 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 Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Act, 1916, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Act, 1916, the Government Railways Act, 1916, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Ball then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Act, 1916, the Government Railways Act, 1916, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the Day.

And the House continuing to sit after Midday,—

TUESDAY, 5 MARCH, 1918.

11. ABORIGINES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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. Fitzpatrick, 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 Aborigines Protection Act, 1909, and the Aborigines Protection Amending Act, 1915.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th March, 1918.*

12. LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave be given to the Library Committee to sit during the sittings of the House.

Question put and passed.

13. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Beeby moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Osborne 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 5, paragraph 2, section (a)" instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Kearsley moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding thereto the words "clause 4, section 13c."

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

Mr. Keegan moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "clause 16, section 46."

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

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The

4th March, 1918.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Ley.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Price,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Mr. Doyle,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. William Davies
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Quick.
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. Mutch,	
Mr. O'Brien,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—again proposed.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Manning.
Mr. Latimer,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Quick,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Mr. Doyle,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Lazzarini.
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Loughlin,	
Mr. P. M. McGirr,	
Mr. M'Kell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mutch,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Beeby, *passé*.

Mr. Beeby then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law for the regulation of the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to provide for the establishment of a Board of Trade; to provide for the better organisation of the labour market; to modify the provisions for the repression of lock-outs and strikes; to establish special and deputy Courts of Industrial Arbitration; to provide for secret compulsory ballots in certain cases; to enlarge the powers of trade unions, and to extend the rights and responsibilities of their members; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1916, the Trade Union Act, 1881, the Masters and Servants Act of 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law for the regulation of the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to provide for the establishment of a Board of Trade; to provide for the better organisation of the labour market; to modify the provisions for the repression of lock-outs and strikes; to establish special and deputy Courts of Industrial Arbitration; to provide for secret compulsory ballots in certain cases; to enlarge the powers of trade unions, and to extend the rights and responsibilities of their members; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1916, the Trade Union Act, 1881, the Masters and Servants Act of 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
Sydney, 5th March, 1918.

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

(1.) Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Sewerage Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
*Governor.*

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a system of sewerage for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown districts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*  
Sydney, 5th March, 1918.

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

(2.)

4th March, 1918.

## (2.) Granville, Auburn, and Lidcome Sewerage Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage for Granville, Auburn, and Lidcombe; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 5th March, 1918.

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

## 15. WESTERN LANDS (DECLARATORY) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Grahame moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

*Disorder* : By direction of Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Member for Willyama, Mr. Wright, was removed from the Chamber by the Serjeant-at-Arms, under Standing Order No. 392.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. Grahame then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the extension of the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board as from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen; to validate certain powers exercised and acts done on or after the said date; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the extension of the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board as from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen; to validate certain powers exercised and acts done on or after the said date; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th March, 1918.

## 16. SUTHERLAND WATER SUPPLY BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ball 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. Ball, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

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

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

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

Mr. Ball then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for places within the Shire of Sutherland; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for places within the Shire of Sutherland; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th March, 1918.

## 17. WARDELL ROAD TO DARLING ISLAND RAILWAY DEVIATION (TUNNELS) AMENDMENT BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ball moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On

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4th March, 1918.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be *now* read a third time.

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

Mr. Ball then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Act, 1916, the Government Railways (Amendment) Act, 1916, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Act, 1916, the Government Railways (Amendment) Act, 1916, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th March, 1918.*

## 18. GRANVILLE, AUBURN, AND LIDCOMBE SEWERAGE BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Ball (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage for Granville, Auburn, and Lidcombe; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Ball, 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 system of Sewerage for Granville, Auburn, and Lidcombe; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*.—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage for Granville, Auburn, and Lidcombe; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Ball then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage for Granville, Auburn, and Lidcombe; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and (*by consent*) *now* read a second time.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered (*by consent*), That the Bill be *now* read a third time.

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

Mr. Ball then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage for Granville, Auburn, and Lidcombe; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage for Granville, Auburn, and Lidcombe; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th March, 1918.*

## 19. CANTERBURY, CAMPSIE, BELMORE, AND BANKSTOWN SEWERAGE BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Ball (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown districts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.)

4th March, 1918.

(2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Ball, 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 system of Sewerage for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown districts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Districts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Ball then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Districts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and (*by consent*) *now* read a second time.

(4.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered (*by consent*), That the Bill be *now* read a third time.

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

Mr. Ball then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown districts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown districts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th March, 1918.*

20. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Ball (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Thursday next.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until *Thursday next*, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 60.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 MARCH, 1918.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Particulars of Western Lands Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts, from 1st February to 22nd February, 1918.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Regulation No. 13, under the Forestry Act, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. David Storey laid upon the Table the following Paper:—By-law under the Meat Industry Act, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the Comptroller-General of Prisons for 1917.
  - (2.) Report of the President of the State Children Relief Board for year ended 5th April, 1917.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. USE OF TRUST LANDS FOR WAR PURPOSES BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable trustees of lands devoted to charitable, public, religious, and other similar purposes, to use such lands for the use or benefit of members of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces without incurring any injunction, forfeiture, penalty, or damages, and to validate such usage as may have taken place before this Act,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th March, 1918.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

By Mr. Ball,—

- (1.) Northern Suburbs Sewerage Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage with ocean outfall for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 6th March, 1918.

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

By



7th March, 1918.

By Mr. Holman,—

## (2.) University (Senate) Amendment Bill :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to provide that the members of the present Senate of the University of Sydney shall continue in office until a day to be proclaimed by the Governor, and for that purpose to amend the Acts relating to the said University,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 7th March, 1918.

## 4. URGENCY—COMMANDERING OF SHIPS FOR CARRIAGE OF FOODSTUFFS :—

(1.) Dr. Arthur moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 18 of General Business on the Notice Paper for To-day.

Question put.

The House divided.

*In Division—Point of Order* :—Mr. Perry asked whether this motion was in order, the Honorable Member for Middle Harbour having moved a similar motion this Session. Mr. Speaker said he could not uphold the Point of Order. It was merely a matter of taking this business out of its proper position, and although a similar motion might have been defeated on a previous occasion this Session, that did not prevent this motion being moved now.

Ayes, 24.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bavin,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lazzarini,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. William Davies,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Doyle,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. McKell.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Graff,	
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. McGarry,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Dr. Arthur moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of Notice of Motion No. 18 of General Business on the Notice Paper for To-day.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Bavin,	Mr. McKell,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. F. M. Burke,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. William Davies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Doyle,	
Mr. Gardiner,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Doe,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Graff,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Buttenshaw
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Manning.
Mr. Latimer,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Surry Hills, Mr. Buckley, 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 comments of Judge Docker in the execution of his judiciary functions."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Buckley moved, That this House do now adjourn.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Levy, referring to Standing Order 49, and to the practice of the House of Commons, as laid down in "May," 10th edition, page 241, submitted that the matter of this motion was not a "single specific matter of recent occurrence," and contended that if this motion could be moved it would be open to Members to discuss the whole of the comments which Judge Docker had ever made in the course of his judicial career.

Debate ensued.

*Further Point of Order* :—Mr. Bavin submitted that following the rule as laid down in "May," 10th edition, pages 263-4, the conduct of a Judge could not be discussed upon a motion for adjournment, but only upon a substantive motion which could be dealt with by amendment, or by the distinct vote of the House.

Debate

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Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker said it was laid down in "May," 10th edition, page 241, that the motion must refer to a specific matter of recent occurrence. It had been urged that that rule applied to the Imperial Parliament, but not to this Parliament, but he found there was a series of decisions given in this House to the effect that the motion must be restricted to a single specific matter of recent occurrence. The motion could have been worded in such a way to refer to the comments of Judge Docker on a specific matter of recent occurrence. In this motion the mover commented on the conduct of Judge Docker ever since that official had been on the Bench. That could be done on a substantive motion, but not on a motion of adjournment. The motion moved on 8th July, 1903, in regard to a statement made by Mr. Justice Pring in the case *W. P. Crick v. Daniel O'Connor* was specific. He had to follow rulings which had been given. The matter referred to by the Honorable Member for Surry Hills was not a single specific matter, and for that reason he ruled it out of order. Having ruled the motion out of order on that ground there was no necessity for him now to deal with the Point taken by the Honorable Member for Gordon.

6. JUDGES RETIREMENT 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 retirement of certain judges, and to provide for their pensions on such retirement; to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, the District Courts Act, 1912, the Judges Pensions Amendment Act, 1906, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th March, 1918.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## JUDGES RETIREMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th March, 1918.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 4. Omit "Industrial Court" insert "Court of Industrial Arbitration"

Page 2, clause 4, line 18. Omit "retiring under this Act" insert "holding office at the commencement of this Act who retire under this Act"

Page 2, clause 4, line 32. Omit "under" insert "retiring under section twelve of"

Page 2, clause 4, paragraph (b), line 34. Omit all the words after the figures "1900" to the end of the paragraph.

Page 2, clause 4, paragraph (c) lines 39 and 40. Omit "A judge entitled to a pension under the District Courts Act, 1912," insert "Any other judge of the Court of Industrial Arbitration and any judge of a District Court entitled to a pension retiring under this Act"

Page 2, after clause 4. Insert new clause to stand as clause 5, as follows:—

"5. Any judge appointed in succession to the present senior judge of the Court of Industrial Arbitration shall be entitled to the pension of a puisne judge of the Supreme Court under section two of the Judges Pensions Amendment Act, 1906".

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

7. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—BECTIVE, TOOLE'S CREEK, WALSH'S FARM, GRAWLIN:—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreements with the owners, the private lands comprised in the estates particularised, and at the prices indicated, in the Schedule hereunder:—

Estate.	Owner.	Situation.	Area (more or less).			Price per acre on a freehold basis.	
			a.	r.	p.	£	s. d.
Bective ...	Executors late J. S. Vickery	Near Tainworth ...	29,647	0	0	4	7 6
Toole's Creek...	Mary Ann Moran ...	Near Wagga Wagga ...	11,344	0	0	6	12 6
Walsh's Farm...	Rose, Agatha Cecily, and Mary Ann Moran.	Near Wagga Wagga ...	662	3	29	6	12 6
Grawlin ...	Thomas Gordon ...	Near Forbes ...	5,648	0	0	5	1 0

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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8. **JUDGES RETIREMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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. Fitzpatrick, the report was adopted. Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,**—
- The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the retirement of certain judges, and to provide for their pensions on such retirement; to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, the District Courts Act, 1912, the Judges Pensions Amendment Act, 1906, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 7th March, 1918.
9. **PRINTING COMMITTEE**:—Mr. Kearsley, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Eighteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
10. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**—(*System of Sewerage with Ocean Outfall for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney*):—Mr. Ball (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it is expedient the construction of a system of Sewerage with ocean outfall for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
11. **NORTHERN SUBURBS SEWERAGE BILL**:—
- (1.) Mr. Ball (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage with ocean outfall for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.
- (2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Ball, 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 system of Sewerage with ocean outfall for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received. The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
- Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage with ocean outfall for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
- On motion of Mr. Ball, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (3.) Mr. Ball then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage with ocean outfall for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and (*by consent*) *now* read a second time.
- (4.) Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Ball, 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. Ball, the report was adopted. Ordered (*by consent*), That the Bill be *now* read a third time.
- (5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Ball, *passed*. Mr. Ball then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage with ocean outfall for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*" Question put and passed. Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,**—
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage with ocean outfall for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 7th March, 1918.
12. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday next. Debate ensued. Question put.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

7th March, 1918.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Ley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bavin,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Lang,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Manning.
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. F. M. Burke,
Mr. Doyle,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. McKell,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Quirk.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick 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 seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Buckley, Mr. F. M. Burke, Mr. Doe, Mr. Doyle, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Lang, Mr. Latimer, Mr. McGarry, Mr. McKell, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Quirk, Mr. Robson, Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. John Storey, and Mr. Wright,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at eleven minutes before Ten o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 MARCH, 1918.

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

PAPERS :—

Mr. Graham laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Amended Regulations under the Wentworth Irrigation Act, 1890.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Amended Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Acts, 1912-1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Return showing the name, position, and salary of each member of the staff of the office of the Agent-General for New South Wales in London.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. David Storey laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1917.

(2.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies for quarter ended 31st December, 1917.

(3.) Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Acts, 1900-1913.

(4.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for 1917.

(5.) Amended Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Report on operations of the Coal Board on behalf of the New South Wales Government, and Report by the Accounting Officer on State Coal Operations.

Ordered to be Printed.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipality of Orange, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Additional Regulation No. 205B, Regulation No. 222A, and Additional Form No. 137 under the Crown Land Consolidation Act, 1903.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. REVOCATION OF DEDICATION OF STATE FORESTS :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Ashford, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 10.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 19th section of the Forestry Act, 1916, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that a resolution be adopted authorising the revocation of the dedication as State Forests of certain lands as per attached Schedule.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 5th March, 1918.

Ordered to be printed, together with the attached Schedule.

12th March, 1918.

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

## (1.) Western Lands (Declaratory) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the extension of the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board as from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen; to validate certain powers exercised and acts done on and after the said date; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th March, 1918.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## (2.) Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Act, 1916, the Government Railways (Amendment) Act, 1916, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th March, 1918.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## (3.) Granville, Auburn, and Lidcombe Sewerage Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage for Granville, Auburn, and Lidcombe; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th March, 1918.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## (4.) Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Sewerage Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown districts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th March, 1918.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## (5.) Northern Suburbs Sewerage Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a system of Sewerage with ocean outfall for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th March, 1918.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## (6.) The Synod of Eastern Australia Property Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the vesting, holding, and management of, and dealing with all property in the State of New South Wales held by or on behalf of or in connection with the Synod of Eastern Australia or any congregations, bodies, and adherents connected therewith, and whether standing in the names of the said Synod or any congregations, bodies, or adherents connected therewith, or any person or persons holding the same in trust for the said Synod or any such congregations, bodies, or adherents, and for other purposes in connection with the premises,*"—presents to same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

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

## 4. NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNDER 49TH STANDING ORDER:—Mr. Speaker drew attention that one of the attendants of the House had informed him that a Notice of Motion for the adjournment of the House had been placed in the box before he took the Chair. That practice was very irregular. The box for the reception of Notices of Motions for the adjournment of the House was provided by direction of Mr. Speaker Abbott because, on one occasion, five or six Honorable Members approached him at the same time with motions of adjournment; he therefore decided to have a box wherein Notices could be deposited, and be drawn out by him. These Notices must not be put in the box until after the Speaker had taken the Chair, and he had given instructions that in future the box must be empty when it was placed on the desk beside him.

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5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick 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 seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Michael Burke, Mr. Cochran, Mr. William Davies, Mr. Dooley, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Lang, Mr. Gregory McGirr, Mr. P. M. McGirr, Mr. McKell, Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, and Mr. Wright,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at two minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH, 1918.

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

URGENCY—COMMENT OF JUDGE DOCKER DURING APPEAL OF MRS. LILY MARY MCGRAW:—Mr. Buckley moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 2 of General Business on the Notice Paper for To-day, in reference to the comment of Judge Docker during the hearing of the appeal of Mrs. Lily Mary McGraw.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. Tom Smith,
Mr. George Cunn,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. William Davies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. McKell.
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. O'Brien,	

Noes, 20.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Briener,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Buttenshaw,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Dox,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Ley.
Mr. McGarry,	

And so it passed in the negative.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 63.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH, 1918.

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

WESTERN LANDS (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 and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901, and the Western Lands (Amendment) Act of 1905; 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, 13th March, 1918.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th March, 1918.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 4, line 16. *After* "aforesaid" *insert* "or to the owner himself."Page 3, clause 9. *Omit* clause and *insert* new clause to stand as clause 9 as follows:—

"9. The Governor may withdraw the whole or any part of the land comprised in any western lands lease and situated within the land district of Walgett North in any case in which in his opinion such land is required for the purpose of settlement, and in connection with such withdrawal shall acquire any freehold portions owned by the lessee and situated within, and used in conjunction with such lease. Upon publication in the *Gazette* of such withdrawal or acquisition the lessee shall be entitled as compensation to the market value of his interest in the lease of the land so withdrawn together with the market value of such freehold portions. Where part only of the land comprised in a lease is withdrawn the lessee shall be further entitled to compensation for any damage caused to the residue of such land by severance. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the Commissioners.

"Unless otherwise agreed to, the lessee shall be allowed not less than six months from the date of the publication in the *Gazette* of the withdrawal within which to remove his stock and plant from the land so withdrawn and shall pay rent at the same rate per acre as under the western lands lease."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

14th March, 1918.

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

## (1.) Gas (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Gas Act, 1912, and to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled 'An Act for lighting with gas the town of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales, and to enable certain persons associated under the name, style, and firm of the Australian Gaslight Company to sue and be sued in the name of the Secretary for the time being of the Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned,'"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 12th March, 1918.

## (2.) The Glebe Loan Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to authorise the Municipal Council of The Glebe to borrow certain moneys; for that purpose to amend the law relating to Local Government; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 12th March, 1918.

## (3.) Registration of Deeds (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Registration of Deeds Act, 1897,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 12th March, 1918.

## (4.) Sydney Corporation (Declaratory) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1908, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1916; and for other purposes,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 12th March, 1918.

## (5.) Aborigines Protection (Amendment) Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909, and the Aborigines Protection Amending Act, 1915,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (6.) Use of Trust Lands for War Purposes Bill:—

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to enable trustees of lands devoted to charitable, public, religious, and other similar purposes to use such lands for the use or benefit of members of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces without incurring any injunction, forfeiture, penalty, or damages, and to validate such usage as may have taken place before this Act,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, 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 eviction by the Government of tenants of the Model Lodging House.”  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Cochran moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Question be now put.  
Question put,—“That the Question be now put,”—and voices given.  
Mr. Speaker called upon the House to divide in order to ascertain whether the majority consisted of “at least thirty Members.”  
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bavin,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cotquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Doe,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Latimer,	Tellers,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Lazzarini.
Mr. McGarry,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Steart-Robertson.
Mr. Michael Burke,	Tellers,
Mr. Bushell,	Mr. George Cadu,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. P. M. McGirr.
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Tom Smith,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the requirements of Standing Order No. 175, that the motion shall not be decided in the affirmative unless by a vote of “at least thirty Members” in favour thereof, had not been complied with,—

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Honorable Member for Surry Hills, Mr. Buckley, be not further heard.

Question put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.

## 4. PAPERS :—

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Correspondence with the Commonwealth Government and the Government of New South Wales respecting the establishment of a Commonwealth Police Force.

(2.) Correspondence regarding the use of Ministerial motor-cars and the provision of more convenient garage accommodation.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Correspondence in connection with the Wheat Bulk-handling Scheme, the Country Grain Silos Contract, and the Erection of the Wheat Terminal Elevator in Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

## 5. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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. Fitzpatrick, 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 and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901, and the Western Lands (Amendment) Act of 1905; and for other purposes.”

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## 6. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Kearsley, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Nineteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

## 7. POSTPONEMENT :—The remaining Government Business was postponed until after Order of the Day No. 1 of General Business.

## 8. THE SYNOD OF EASTERN AUSTRALIA PROPERTY BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Zuill 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. Zuill, 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 the motion of Mr. Zuill, the report was adopted.

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

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

Mr. Zuill then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the vesting, holding, and management of and dealing with all property in the State of New South Wales held by or on behalf of or in connection with the Synod of Eastern Australia or any congregations, bodies, and adherents connected therewith, and whether standing in the names of the said Synod or any congregations, bodies, or adherents connected therewith, or any person or persons holding the same in trust for the said Synod or any such congregations, bodies, or adherents, and for other purposes in connection with the premises.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the vesting, holding, and management of and dealing with all property in the State of New South Wales held by or on behalf of or in connection with the Synod of Eastern Australia or any congregations, bodies, and adherents connected therewith, and whether standing in the names of the said Synod or any congregations, bodies, or adherents connected therewith, or any person or persons holding the same in trust for the said Synod or any such congregations, bodies, or adherents, and for other purposes in connection with the premises,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th March, 1918.*

9. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) 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 law for the regulation of the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to provide for the establishment of a Board of Trade; to provide for the better organisation of the labour market; to modify the provisions for the repression of lock-outs and strikes; to establish special and deputy Courts of Industrial Arbitration; to provide for secret compulsory ballots in certain cases; to enlarge the powers of trades unions, and to extend the rights and responsibilities of their members; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1916, the Trade Union Act, 1881, the Masters and Servants Act of 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—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, 14th March, 1918.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Messages of 14th March, 1918.*

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. Omit "the Masters and Servants Act of 1902" insert "the Apprentices Act, 1901, "and the Apprentices (Amendment) Act, 1915"

Page 2, clause 2, line 12. Omit "by" insert "as follows:—"

Page 2, clause 2, line 19. After the figures "1902" insert "and the Police Regulation Act, 1899"

Page 2, clause 2. At end of clause add new subclause (d) as follows—

"(d) insert after the definition of the word 'Magistrate' a further definition to read as follows:—

" 'Managerial position' means the position of an employee who is principally engaged in the direction and control of other employees."

Pages 2 and 3, clause 3. After "words" in line 35, page 2, omit all the words to end of subclause

(1) insert "or to the extent to which in his opinion the interests under this Act of persons

" represented by the applicant union may be protected by a previously registered industrial

" union which has not since the passing of the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act,

" 1918, taken part in, aided, or abetted an illegal strike."

Page 3, clause 3. At end of subclause (1) add new subclause to stand as subclause (2) as follows:—

" (2) Within six months after the passing of this Act the Minister may, with the concurrence

" of the senior judge of the court, direct that one or more or all of the unions which

" suffered cancellation of registration as industrial unions at the hands of the court for

" complicity in the general strike of the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen

" shall be reinstated as industrial unions, and upon a notification by him to such effect

" being filed in the office of the registrar any union affected by such notification shall be

" deemed to be a registered industrial union. The concurrence of the senior judge

" shall be obtained by application in open court and any union registered in the same

" industry as the union with respect to which the application is made shall have notice

" of the application and shall be entitled to appear thereon."

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- Page 3, clause 4, lines 26 and 27. *Omit* "Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways" *insert* "Railway Commissioners for New South Wales, Metropolitan Meat Industry Board"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 28. *Omit* "Metropolitan"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 30. *After* "Commission" *insert* "The Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 31. *After* "last" *insert* "preceding"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 39. *After* "assessors" *insert* "appointed in the same manner"
- Page 4, clause 4, lines 6 and 7. *Omit* "or a chairman appointed by the Governor" *insert* "or a chairman nominated by the Court and appointed by the Governor."
- Page 4, clause 4, line 17. *Omit* "eighteen"
- Page 4, clause 5, line 23. *Omit* "subsection is inserted after" *insert* "words are inserted at the end of"
- Page 4, clause 5, line 25. *Omit* "salaries" *insert* "remuneration of persons occupying managerial positions except by the special court for Crown matters exercising jurisdiction under section 13B of this Act, or of any wages or remuneration"
- Page 4, clause 5, line 28. *After* "that" *insert* "after the first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen"
- Page 5, clause 5. At end of clause *add* new paragraph (c) as follows:—  
 "(c) The following words are added after the word 'industrial' in the proviso to subsection (1) (g), of section 24 of the Principal Act 'or trade' "
- Page 5, clause 6, line 8. *Omit* "section" *insert* "sections"
- Page 5, clause 6, line 10. *Omit* "quantum" *insert* "quantity"
- Page 5, clause 6. At end of paragraph (2) *add* "doing the same class of work"
- Page 5, clause 7, line 23. *Omit* the figure "7" *insert* "24B"
- Page 5, clause 7, line 27. *After* "declared" *insert* "in their regard"
- Page 5, clause 7, line 28. *Omit* "excepting such as are included in any award made before the passing of this Act" *insert* "with the exception of employees whose conditions of employment have been regulated by any award"
- Page 5, clause 7, lines 30, 31, and 32. *Omit* "the Principal Act, the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1916, or of"
- Page 5, clause 8, line 35. At end of clause *add* "and by adding at the end of subsection (1) thereof the words and after such period until varied or rescinded by the Board."
- Page 5, clause 9, lines 39 and 40. *Omit* "Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways" *insert* "Crown, the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales"
- Page 6, clause 9, lines 1 and 2. *Omit* "Metropolitan"
- Page 6, clause 9, line 2. *After* "Sewerage" *insert* "the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales, the Metropolitan Meat Industry Board"
- Page 6, clause 10, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "by any"
- Page 7, clause 16, lines 14 and 15. *Omit* "Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways" *insert* "Railway Commissioners for New South Wales"
- Page 7, clause 16, lines 16 and 17. *Omit* "Metropolitan"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 19. *After* "Commission" *insert* "the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales, the Metropolitan Meat Industry Board"
- Page 7, clause 16. At end of subclause (a) *add* "or of a statutory board or committee representing the interests in any combination of shires or municipalities or by employees engaged in any contracts for military or naval purposes."
- Page 7, clause 16, line 25. *Omit* "fixed" *insert* "wholly or partially regulated"
- Page 7, clause 16, lines 27, 28, and 29. *Omit* "not comprising employees of the classes mentioned in the previous subsection may" *insert* "may render an award which has been in operation for a period of at least twelve months no longer binding on its members"
- Page 7, clause 16, lines 35 to 40. *Omit* all the words after "part" in line 35, to end of paragraph.
- Page 8, clause 16, line 10. *Omit* "a substantial number of whose"
- Page 9, clause 16, line 3. *After* "1901" *omit* to end of paragraph *insert* "or any Act passed in substitution for or amendment of that Act"
- Page 9, clause 16. *Omit* lines 8 to 25 inclusive.
- Page 10, clause 16, line 20. *Omit* "illegal"
- Page 10, clause 17, line 38. *Omit* "any" *insert* "final"
- Page 11, clause 18, lines 13 and 14. *Omit* "and the following section substituted"
- Page 11, clause 18, line 15. *Omit* the figure "7" *insert* "(2)"
- Page 11, clause 18. At end of paragraph (a) *add* new paragraph (a 1) as follows:—  
 "(a 1) subject to the provision of the next succeeding subsection hereof apply to the Court or to any District Court or Court of Petty Sessions having jurisdiction in the locality for, and obtain an order directing the payment by any of its members of any fine, levy, penalty, call, or subscription in pursuance of the rules of the union"
- Page 12, clause 18, line 14. *Omit* "this" *insert* "the last preceding"
- Page 12, clause 18, line 37. *Omit* "this section" *insert* "the last preceding subsection"
- Page 13, clause 18, line 4. *Omit* "this subsection" *insert* "the last preceding section"
- Page 13, clause 18, lines 11 and 12. *Omit* "made in pursuance of this subsection" *insert* "relating to any of the matters mentioned in section 52A subsection (2) (b) of this Act"
- Page 13, clause 18, line 13. *Omit* "of Industrial Arbitration"
- Page 13, clause 18, lines 28 to 34. *Omit* paragraph (c)
- Page 15, clause 18, line 22. *Omit* "Every" *insert* "Provided that any"
- Page 15, clause 18, lines 39 and 40. *Omit* "constitution and"

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Page 16, clause 18, line 17. *After* "prescribed" *add* "and"Page 16. *After* clause 18 *add* new clauses to stand as clauses 18A, 18B, and 18C, as follows:—

18A. Section sixty-eight of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from subsection one thereof the words "and at the place where his employees in such industry are working" and inserting in their place the words "at the workshop or factory where he carries on his business";
- (b) by omitting from subsection two thereof the words "at the place where the industry is carried on" and inserting in their place the same words as inserted in the said subsection one.

18B. Section sixty-nine of the Principal Act is repealed.

18C. Section seventy-two of the Principal Act is amended by the omission of the words "Act and the Clerical Workers Act, 1910" and the substitution therefor of the words "and the preceding Parts of this Act."

Page 16, clause 19. *Omit* heading and sub-heading "Part IX.—The Board of Trade"Page 16, clause 19, line 27. *Omit* "sections" *insert* "Parts"Page 16, clause 19. *After* line 29 *insert* heading and sub-heading as follows:—

"Part IX  
"The Board of Trade"

Pages 16 and 17, clause 19. *Omit* paragraphs 75, 76, and 77, *insert* new paragraphs as follows:—

75. (1) The Board of Trade shall comprise a president, who shall be a judge of the court, a deputy president, and four commissioners.  
(2) The Minister shall be an associate commissioner of the Board of Trade, and may take part in its deliberations, but shall not cast a vote in connection with the determinations of the board.  
(3) The president shall have a casting as well as an original vote upon any proceedings of the board in connection with which the vote taken is otherwise equally divided.  
(4) The president shall sit with the Board of Trade whenever it is exercising the powers and functions conferred upon it by sections 79 and 79A of this Act.
76. The Governor shall, as soon as practicable after the passing of this Act, make all necessary appointments to the Board of Trade; the members of such Board of Trade, other than the president and the Minister, shall be paid such fees or salaries and allowances as may be prescribed; and such fees or salaries and allowances shall become a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue.
77. (1) The members of the Board of Trade shall be appointed for a period of five years, provided that any member may be suspended from office for misbehaviour or incapacity.  
(2) The Minister shall, within seven days after the suspension of any member of the Board of Trade, if Parliament is then sitting, or if Parliament is not then sitting within seven days after the next meeting of Parliament, cause to be laid before both Houses of Parliament a full statement of the grounds of suspension. A member who has been suspended shall be restored to office unless each House of Parliament, within forty days after the statement has been laid before it in the same Session, pass an address praying for his removal on the grounds of proved misbehaviour or incapacity.

Page 18, clause 19. At end of paragraph 79 *add* new paragraphs 79A and 79B, as follow:—

79A. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Apprentices Act, 1907, the Apprentices (Amendment) Act, 1915, and this Act, and notwithstanding the effect of any custom of or against apprenticeship, the Board of Trade shall—

- (a) determine in what occupations and industries apprenticeship shall be a condition of employment of minors;
- (b) prescribe the hours of employment, wages, and conditions of apprenticeship;
- (c) determine whether and to what extent there shall be a limitation of the number of apprentices indentured in any trade or calling;
- (d) determine to what extent technical education if procurable, shall be obligatory upon apprentices and their masters;
- (e) co-operate with the Department of Education in encouraging young persons to attend technical trade and continuation schools;
- (f) establish and maintain an apprenticeship register and record therein all indentures or other contracts of apprenticeship and protect the contracts and interests of apprentices and all workers of minor age who are learners, and ensure the attendance of apprentices and learners at technical or trade schools;
- (g) prescribe standard forms of apprenticeship for different trades and callings, and the manner in which and the persons by whom the making, carrying out, and transfer of indentures or other contracts of apprenticeship shall be supervised;
- (h) control and direct the conditions in all respects of apprenticeship in any industry.

79B. (1) Upon the exercise by the Board of Trade of the powers and functions specified in the two preceding sections the Governor may make regulations incorporating the determinations and directions of such board and any matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying such determinations and directions into effect.

(2) Upon the publication of any such regulations the provisions of awards relating to the matters dealt with by the Board of Trade shall cease to have effect.

Page 18, clause 19, line 4. *After* "is" *insert* "further"Page 18, clause 19, lines 7 to 31. *Omit* sub-paragraphs (a) to (f) inclusive.Page 20, clause 19, line 35. *Omit* "Board of Trade" *insert* "Governor"

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- Page 21, clause 19, line 7. At end of sub-paragraph (f) *add* "and may by such regulations impose penalties not exceeding fifty pounds for any breach thereof"
- Page 21, clause 19, line 14. *Omit* the letter (A) in sub-heading "State Labour Exchanges" *insert* "Division (I)"
- Page 24, clause 19, line 1. *Omit* heading "Part XI"
- Page 24, clause 19, line 2. *Before* sub-heading "Private Employment Agencies" *insert* "Division "II"
- Page 25, clause 19, line 6. *After* "employment" *insert* "and pays a fee in respect of his application"
- Page 25, clause 19, line 10. *After* "labour" *insert* "and pays a fee in respect of his application"
- Page 26, clause 19, line 12. *Omit* "for" *insert* "from"
- Page 27, clause 19, line 25. *Omit* heading "Part XII" *insert* "Division III"
- Page 27, clause 19, line 26. At end of sub-heading *add* "for the purposes of this Part"
- Page 27, clause 19. *Omit* paragraph 102.
- Page 28, clause 19. *Omit* paragraph 103.
- Page 28, clause 19, line 4. *After* "this" *insert* "Part of this"
- Page 28, clause 19, line 5. *Omit* "by this Act"
- Page 28, clause 19, lines 8 to 12. *Omit* paragraph 105.
- Page 28, clause 19, line 19. *Omit* "Part XI of the Principal Act" *insert* "this part of this Act"
- Page 28, clause 19, lines 21 and 22. *Omit* "in carrying out Part XI of the Principal Act"
- Page 28, clause 19, line 24. *Omit* "under Part XI of the Principal Act"
- Page 28, clause 19, lines 27 and 28. *Omit* "by Part XI of the Principal Act"
- Page 28, clause 19, lines 31 and 32. *Omit* "Part XI of the Principal Act" *insert* "this Part of this Act"
- Page 29, clause 20. *Omit* clause.

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

- (2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Beeby, 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 after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title.

Mr. Beeby moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Doe,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Bavin,
Mr. Ley,	Mr. Grimm.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Brookfield,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Buckley,	
Mr. Michael Burke,	Mr. Bushe'll,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Johnston.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. William Davies,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Laug,	
Mr. Lazzarini,	
Mr. McKell,	
Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Wright,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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, intitled "An Act to amend the law for the regulation of the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to provide for the establishment of a Board of Trade; to provide for the better organisation of the labour market; to modify the provisions for the repression of lock-outs and strikes; to establish special and deputy Courts of Industrial Arbitration; to provide for secret compulsory ballots in certain cases; to enlarge the powers of trade unions, and to extend the rights and responsibilities of their members; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1916, the Trade Union Act, 1881, the Masters and Servants Act of 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—including the amendment in the Title.

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10. PAPERS:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
- (1.) Minute by the Colonial Secretary regarding the question of interest on cost of installation of Totalisator being charged to "cost" and paid out of the Sinking Fund of 1 per centum provided for by the Totalizator Act, 1916.
  - (2.) Statement showing the unforeseen expenditure and estimated losses incurred by the Government in connection with the Industrial Crisis of 1917.
  - (3.) Report by the Honorable W. A. Hohman, M.L.A., Premier and Colonial Treasurer, on the result of his official mission to the United Kingdom.
  - (4.) Correspondence between the Commonwealth Government and the Government of New South Wales respecting the supplementation of Soldiers' War Pensions.
- Ordered to be printed.
11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 26th March.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes before Five o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday, 26th March*, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

JOHN J. COHEN,  
*Speaker.*





## PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } BY His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of  
 to wit. } the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of  
 (L.S.) } the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of  
 W. E. DAVIDSON, }  
 Governor. } Australia.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being "An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution," it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor of New South Wales may prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now therefore, I, Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the thirtieth day of April next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

GEORGE W. FULLER.

GOD SAVE THE KING!



1917-18.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 20TH MARCH, 1918.)

QUESTIONS:—

1. MR. OAKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Is it a fact that the fish-cleaners in connection with the trawling industry have been reduced in pay?  
(2.) If so, how many times, and what has been the reduction each time?  
(3.) What is the reduction being made for?
2. MR. BROOKFIELD *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR LABOUR AND INDUSTRY,—  
Will he lay upon the Table of this House a record of all the accidents which have occurred during the last twelve months at the Broken Hill Proprietary Steel Works, Newcastle?
3. MR. BROOKFIELD *to ask* THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—  
In view of the frequent reference to child slavery, will he supply the House with (a) the total number of State children employed on dairy and other farms for the years 1915, 1916, 1917; (b) the number under 14 years of age during the same periods?
4. MR. BUSHELL *to ask* THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—  
Under what Act would a teacher of twenty-three years' good service be retired if he were an ex-contributor to Superannuation Fund (nine months' contributor)—the grounds for retirement being ill-health?
5. MR. GARDINER *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR LABOUR AND INDUSTRY,—  
(1.) Is it a fact that Judges recently when hearing applications for re-registration of unions have attempted to place restrictions on the unions with respect to union officials who held office prior to the recent strike?  
(2.) If so, under what authority have they so acted?
6. DR. ARTHUR *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) Is it a fact that a block of land in the Manly Municipality, which the owner states he is prepared to sell for £300, has been valued by the Valuer-General's Department at £700?  
(2.) Is a similar basis of valuation to be used in valuing private land to be resumed for public purposes?
7. MR. PRICE *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH,—  
(1.) Has his attention been directed to the prevalence of plague in the East and the possible danger of infection through rats escaping from vessels arriving at Newcastle, Sydney, and other ports?  
(2.) If so, is it a fact that there is a grave danger of the disease being spread to the North Coast?  
(3.) Is it a fact that friction exists between the Department and the municipal authorities of Newcastle and other places as to whose duty it is to destroy the rats?  
(4.) Will he take steps through the Board of Health to see that every effort is made to prevent the possibilities of plague being brought to New South Wales, and for the systematic destruction of rats?
8. MR. PRICE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Is it a fact that great loss is experienced by the residents of Moorland, on the North Coast Line, in consequence of no person being in charge of the Moorland station?  
(2.) Will he take steps to appoint an officer in charge of this station?
9. MR. WILLIAM DAVIES *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR LABOUR AND INDUSTRY,—  
(1.) Is it a fact that the final loss to the State in regard to the coal camps is about £15,000?  
(2.) Will that amount be paid by the coal companies or by the Government?
10. MR. WILLIAM DAVIES *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE,—  
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to a statement in the Press that the Victorian Government has no power to stop miners coming to this State?  
(2.) Will he ascertain who is responsible for the miners who have arrived in this State from Victoria up to the present time?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:

1. Establishment of State Lotteries ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Osborne, "That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that legislation should be introduced authorising the Government to establish and conduct State lotteries ; that 10 per cent. of the total proceeds of the same be deducted and paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue."
2. Preference for Employment and Overtime in Government Departments ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Dr. Arthur, "That, in the opinion of this House, preference for employment and for overtime should be given in all Government Departments to married men with families, an exception being made only in the case of returned soldiers."
3. The Ashtonfields Coal Mines Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Endowment to Families ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Dr. Arthur, "That, in the opinion of this House, the State should afford assistance to large families in the form of an endowment for every child after the second."
5. Preferential Voting ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Loughlin, "That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act should be amended so as to provide for preferential voting."

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. DR. ARTHUR to move,—  
That, in the opinion of this House, legislation should be introduced at once, embodying the following principles:—
  - (1.) Compulsory anonymous notification of venereal diseases.
  - (2.) Insistence that persons suffering from venereal diseases must submit themselves for regular treatment until certified as no longer in an infective condition.
  - (3.) Power to follow up persons who neglect to present themselves for treatment, and to compel them to continue treatment.
  - (4.) Making it a criminal offence to knowingly expose another person to the risk of acquiring venereal disease.
  - (5.) Granting a subsidy from the Consolidated Revenue for—
    - (a) the establishment of a post-graduate course in venereal diseases at the University ;
    - (b) adequate grants to the metropolitan, suburban, and country hospitals for the efficient treatment of patients suffering from venereal disease ;
    - (c) the establishment in some centre in the North Coast, Northern, North-western, Western, South Coast, and Southern Districts of a bacteriological laboratory, with a trained bacteriologist in charge ;
    - (d) the subsidising of male and female lecturers to give information on the dangers of venereal diseases ;
    - (e) the distribution of carefully-selected leaflets and booklets on venereal diseases.
  - (6.) Enforcing the production of a certificate of freedom from venereal disease in an infective stage from men before marriage.
  - (7.) Forbidding by severe penalties the treatment of venereal diseases except by a registered medical practitioner.
2. MR. MCGARRY to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for the British Parliament to grant home rule to Ireland.
  - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by the Premier to the Prime Minister of Great Britain.
3. MR. COCHRAN to move, That the appointment of the Clerks of the House to act as Tellers on Thursday, 28th February, 1918, a.m., on the motion of the Honorable G. S. Beeby, Minister for Labour and Industry, "That the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour be not further heard," is contrary to the rules and Standing Orders of this House, and the practice of the Imperial Parliament as laid down in May's Parliamentary Practice, and constitutes an infringement of the rights of Honorable Members, and a breach of the privilege of Parliament.
4. MR. BUCKLEY to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the comment of Judge Docker during the hearing of the appeal of Mrs. Lily Mary McGraw is such that no further confidence can be placed in him in the execution of his judicial functions.
  - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. WILLIAM DAVIES to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coal-mining employers shall be compelled to provide bathing and dressing accommodation for all men employed in and about coal-mines.
6. MR. WILLIAM DAVIES to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the miners' accident relief allowance should be increased from 15s. to 25s. per week to meet the increased cost of living.
7. MR. SIMON HICKEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
  - (1.) The number of paid special constables who enlisted during the recent strike, and of this number how many were ex-police.
  - (2.) The number of special men who were retained on 31st December, 1917.
  - (3.) The reason why they were still retained after the strike matter was overcome.
  - (4.) The number of ex-members of the Police Force, still so retained, who received their full retiring allowance as well as full pay as special constables.

Mr. F. M. BURKE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The number of convictions that have been recorded in this State against persons for sly-grog selling since the introduction of 6 o'clock closing, and total amount of fines.
  - (2.) The number of convictions for similar offences to above that were recorded for the same period when 11 o'clock closing was in force, and total fines.
  - (3.) The gross revenue paid yearly in this State for licenses by breweries, hotelkeepers, wine and spirit merchants, and other sources of a similar nature.
  - (4.) The number of hotelkeepers in this State that have been forced to pay a higher license fee for publicans' licenses since 6 o'clock closing, and the reason for such increases.
  - (5.) The number of police officers and men that are now acting as inspectors or sub-inspectors under the Liquor Act, and have power to enter hotels in that capacity.
  - (6.) The number of police who held that power three years ago.
  - (7.) The total number of cases of venereal diseases, including both sexes, treated or advised upon in public hospitals, clinics, dispensaries, or gaol hospitals, since 6 o'clock closing of hotels came into force.
  - (8.) The number that was treated for the corresponding period previous to 6 o'clock closing of hotels.
  - (9.) The number of convictions that were recorded against keepers of gambling-houses and all persons found gambling in such places, and the gross amount of fines recorded against all persons convicted of gambling or found betting in any house or shop since 6 o'clock closing of hotels has been in force.
  - (10.) The number of convictions that were recorded under similar circumstances, and the amount of fines when 11 o'clock closing was in force.
9. Mr. COCHRAN to move, That this House agrees to the immediate suspension or repeal of the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1899, which empower grasping landlords and their avaricious agents to invade the homes of tenants, in distress through the strike, by bailiffs and their assistants, armed with warrants for the distraint and sale of the furniture, goods, and chattels in the dwellings and premises, and all other goods in, on, or about the premises, sufficient to satisfy the claim for arrears of rent and all other expenses (which may exceed the amount of rent due) incurred in connection therewith.
  10. Mr. TOM SMITH to move, That, in view of the expected return of large numbers of our citizens now engaged in military operations, and in view of the numbers of able-bodied industrious men now out of work, this House should now proceed to discuss the desirability of the State dealing with the question of the right to work.
  11. Mr. M. ABBOTT to move, That this House invite the co-operation of the States of the Commonwealth in bringing about, as soon as possible after the close of the war, the election of a National Australian Convention, to examine and consider the relationship of the Australian Federal and States Constitutions, and to draft for submission to the people such alterations therein as such Convention shall deem expedient.
  12. Mr. STUART-ROBERTSON to move,—
    - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of the late Constable Claude William Alexander Bovard, of Forbes.
    - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Bushell, Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Tom Smith, and the Mover.
  13. Mr. STUART-ROBERTSON to move, That, for the purpose of providing employment generally to assist the widows and orphans of fallen soldiers, and to further enable the Government to carry out its promise to make proper provision for returned soldiers, it is expedient that the Government should impose an income tax of 5s. in the £ on all incomes over £400 per annum, for the period of the war and twelve months thereafter.
  14. Mr. COCHRAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of T. P. Dessaix, W. J. Goulding, and other persons in respect of the issue of a Certificate of Title (registered Vol. No. 1072, folio 249) to James Watson and others, trustees of the estate of the late Honorable John Fraser, whereby the said T. P. Dessaix, W. J. Goulding, and others were deprived of their title to certain properties situated in the Darling Harbour Electorate.
  15. Mr. P. M. MCGIRR to move, That, in view of the great increase in the cost of living, it is expedient that the Government immediately take such steps as may be necessary to increase the State allowance to widows to 10s. per week for every child maintained under the age of 15 years.
  16. Mr. P. M. MCGIRR to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the Government immediately take such steps as may be necessary to empower the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank to make advances to settlers, farmers, and share-farmers on the security of their hay in stacks.
  17. Mr. JOHN STOREY to move,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, an independent tribunal should be immediately established to inquire into and investigate the grievances of returned soldiers.
    - (2.) That such tribunal should be free from military influence or domination.
  18. Mr. MICHAEL BURKE to move,—
    - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the administration of the Police Force in the metropolitan area.
    - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Gregory McGirr, Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Mutch, and the Mover.

19. COLONEL ONSLOW to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of officers of the Public Instruction Department who hold rank in the Commonwealth Military Forces, and, being under the age of 45 years, have not offered themselves for service in the Australian Imperial Forces.
20. COLONEL ONSLOW to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the salary of the Members of the Legislative Assembly should be reduced to £300 per annum, as in these times of financial stringency the example of economy should be set by Parliament.
21. MR. GARDINER to move, That, owing to the pressing demand for the exercise of rigid economy by the Government, this House is of the opinion that the usual practice surrounding the appointment and upkeep of a State Governor should be discontinued, and that such office should in the future be combined with the office of Chief Justice and Lieutenant-Governor.
22. MR. MCGARRY to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of J. J. Keogh, the discoverer of Ardlethan Tin Fields, for the reward offered by the Mines Department to the discoverer of payable mineral fields.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Estell, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Bruntnell, and the Mover.
23. MR. PERRY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the administration of the arbitration laws by certain Judges is against the best interests of the country, and necessitates a change in the personnel of some of those now engaged.
24. MR. OAKES to move, That this House places on record its entire disagreement with, and strong disapproval of, the conduct and statements of Mr. P. Brookfield, at present State Member for Sturt in this Parliament; that certain of his actions and statements are in direct contravention of his oath of allegiance, and prejudicial to the well-being of State and Empire.
25. DR. ARTHUR to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should forthwith establish an institute similar to those existing in other countries where free legal advice and assistance in legal transactions can be obtained by persons whose financial condition renders them unable to pay legal charges, and that members of both branches of the legal profession be invited to do the work of the institute in an honorary capacity.
26. MR. BRUNTNELL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Liquor Act should be amended by making provision for the electors of the State to be given an opportunity of deciding, on the democratic principle of a bare majority, as to whether or not the traffic in intoxicating liquors should be prohibited throughout the State.
27. MR. KEARSLEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once bring in a Bill to provide that, upon demands being made by 50,000 voters under our State Constitutions, any law or resolution of general application passed by Parliament shall be submitted to the electors for acceptance or rejection.
28. MR. COLQUHOUN to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances relating to the applications of Mr. Charles Lancelot Garland for certain special gold leases on the Macquarie River, parishes of Muckerawa and Burrandgong, county of Wellington; the subsequent issue of certain leases to him pursuant thereto, and to the various causes of delay in the issue of such leases; to the damage (if any) which Mr. Garland sustained in consequence of such delay; and to the subsequent agreement for reference for inquiry and report to John Christian Watson, Esquire, of Sydney, and to his report and finding thereon; and to the damage reported and found by the said John Christian Watson to have been suffered by Mr. Garland; and to inquire into and report what further compensation (if any) Mr. Garland is entitled to.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. Bagrall, Mr. Briner, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Weaver, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Progress Report from, Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of Session 1912 be referred to such Committee.
29. MR. WALKER to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the survey of certain lands in the County of Northumberland owned by Messrs. I. Walker and G. Ambrose.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Buttenshaw, Mr. Bushell, and the Mover.
30. MR. KEEGAN to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. Roger Duffy, of Banksia, near Rockdale, to certain land in Grose-street, Camperdown, known as section 28 of the Camperdown Estate, and also into the circumstances which prevented the said Roger Duffy from asserting his claim to such land in a court of law.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Grimm, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. F. M. Burke, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. McKell, and the Mover.
31. MR. HOSKINS to move, That full *Hansard* reports of Members speeches be discontinued, with a view of expediting the business of the House.
32. MR. PERRY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no unmarried male person of military age and physically fit, except those who are the support of their parents, or specially exempted, should be paid more than 6s. per day during the period of the war, and for twelve months after.
33. MR. PERRY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no subsidy should be paid in any shape or form to denominational or other schools outside the control of the Department of Public Instruction.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

## 1. MR. ASHFORD to move,—

(1.) That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Forestry Act, 1916, this House agrees to the revocation of the dedication of the State forests indicated in the schedule hereunder:—

No.	State Forest No.	County.	Parish.	Area.	Portion.
				acres.	
1	2	Buller ... ..	Mandle ... ..	2,260	Part.
2	8	Richmond ... ..	Doubleduke and Tabbimoble ... ..	18,000	Part.
3	10	Richmond ... ..	Marsh ... ..	22,000	Whole.
4	14	Richmond ... ..	Whiporie and Myrtle ... ..	2,750	Whole.
5	16	Richmond ... ..	Gibberagee ... ..	1,080	Part.
6	17	Richmond ... ..	Powerpa and Camira ... ..	840	Whole.
7	21	Fitzroy ... ..	Towallum ... ..	460	Part.
8	22	Clarence and Richmond	Banyabba and Camira ... ..	3,300	Whole.
9	48	Gloucester ... ..	Wallingat ... ..	2	Part.
10	48	Gloucester ... ..	Forster ... ..	115	Part.
11	102	Denison ... ..	Cottaditta ... ..	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	Part.
12	141	Dampier ... ..	Bodalla ... ..	25	Whole.
13	147	St. Vincent ... ..	Benandra ... ..	9	Part.
14	147	St. Vincent ... ..	Currowan ... ..	12	Part.
15	147	St. Vincent ... ..	Currowan ... ..	2	Part.
16	152	Richmond ... ..	Darke ... ..	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Part.
17	154	Mitchell ... ..	Gillenbah ... ..	5	Part.
18	169	Richmond and Clarence	Banyabba, Mitchell, and Myall ... ..	10,760	Whole.
19	172	Clarence ... ..	Chapman, Clifden, and Stuart ... ..	6,240	Part.
20	174	Gipps ... ..	Wollongough ... ..	53 $\frac{1}{4}$	Part.
21	175	King ... ..	Mundoonen ... ..	2	Part.
22	177	Pottinger ... ..	Calala ... ..	9,000	Part.
23	188	Mitchell ... ..	Mundowry ... ..	50	Part.
24	208	Gipps ... ..	Clear Ridge ... ..	90	Part.
25	208	Gipps ... ..	Clear Ridge ... ..	5	Part.
26	272	Baradine ... ..	Yarrigan ... ..	25	Part.
27	315	Richmond ... ..	Nandabah ... ..	11	Part.
28	369	Cadell ... ..	Tatalla ... ..	360	Part.
29	490	Fitzroy ... ..	Leigh ... ..	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	Part.
30	576	Cadell ... ..	Gulpa ... ..	175	Part.
31	204	Dudley ... ..	Stuart and Bellbrook ... ..	84	Whole.
32	490	Fitzroy ... ..	Leigh ... ..	40	Part.

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

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- Careless Use of Fire (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [Mr. Fuller.]
- Theatres and Public Halls (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [Mr. Fuller.]
- Birds and Animals Protection Bill (Council Bill); second reading. [Mr. Fuller.]
- Statute of Limitations Bill (Council Bill); to be further considered in Committee. [Mr. D. R. Hall.]
- Companies (Registration of Securities) Bill; second reading. [Mr. D. R. Hall.]
- Mascot Municipality (Housing Board) Bill; second reading. [Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.]
- Water and Sewerage (Rating) Bill; second reading. [Mr. Ball.]
- University and University Colleges (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [Mr. James.]
- Real Estate and Stock Agents Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [Mr. James.]
- Stock Food Bill; second reading. [Mr. Grahame.]
- Ambulance Transport Service Bill; second reading. [Mr. David Storey.]
- Sea-carriage of Goods Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill concerning Bills of Lading and other documents relating to the sea-carriage of goods from any place in the State of New South Wales to any other place in the said State. [Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.]
- Harbour and Tonnage Rates Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for levying and collecting harbour and tonnage rates and berthing and buoyage charges, and for the management and control of every public wharf, and the lands, buildings, or property connected therewith in certain ports; for regulating the berthing and removal of vessels in any of such ports, and the discharging, loading, storing, stacking, and removing of goods on or from any such wharf; to repeal the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, and the Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Act, 1916; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.]
- State Salaries (Commonwealth Taxation) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to render certain salaries, allowances, and remunerations liable to taxation by the Commonwealth; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [Mr. D. R. Hall.]

15. Government Railways (Superannuation Amendment) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to certain superannuation and other rights ; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Government Railways (Amendment) Act, 1916 ; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon. [*Mr. Ball.*]
16. Closer Settlement (Amendment) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Acts, the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, and the Acts amending those Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Ashford.*]
17. Early Closing Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Early Closing ; to regulate the times of opening and closing of shops and the employment of shop assistants and persons delivering goods, and to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles ; to amend the Auctioneers Licensing Act, 1898, the Auctioneers Licensing (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Police Offences Act, 1901, and other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Beaby.*]
18. Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1912, and the Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Act, 1915 ; and for other purposes. [*Mr. David Storey.*]
19. Pure Food (Amendment) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Pure Food Act, 1908 ; to regulate the publication of statements relating to certain food, drugs, and appliances ; to provide for registration in respect of certain businesses dealing with food and drugs ; to provide that the business of hairdressers be carried on in a sanitary manner, and to amend the Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1915 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. David Storey.*]
20. Dairies Supervision (Amendment) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Dairies Supervision Act, 1901. [*Mr. David Storey.*]
21. Supply ; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.*]
22. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.*]



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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNT-OUTS,  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1917-18.

Total number of Divisions in the House, 89; Divisions in Committee, 145; Count-outs, 2.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Count-outs.	Total.
Abbott, Macartney, Esq. ... ..	51	50	...	110
Arkins, James Guy Dalley, Esq. (Granted leave of absence for Military Service, 18th July, 1917.)	...	...	...	...
Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D. ... ..	47	68	...	115
Ashford, The Hon. William George ... ..	64	52	...	116
Bagnall, William Roy Clifford, Esq. ... ..	55	93	1	154
Ball, The Hon. Richard Thomas ... ..	83	121	...	204
Ravin, Thomas Rainsford, Esq. ....	81	121	...	202
Beeby, The Hon. George Stephenson ... ..	72	97	...	169
Bennett, The Hon. Walter ... ..	40	95	...	135
Briner, George Stuart, Esq. ... ..	60	77	...	137
Brookfield, Percival, Esq. ... ..	85	130	2	217
Bruntnell, Albert, Esq. ... ..	82	117	...	199
Buckley, Arthur William, Esq. ... ..	69	82	2	153
Burke, Francis Michael, Esq. ... ..	61	94	1	156
Burke, Michael, Esq. ... ..	79	126	1	206
Bushell, Claude Hilton, Esq. ... ..	74	88	...	162
Buttenshaw, Ernest Albert, Esq. ... ..	56	82	...	138
Cann, George, Esq. (Granted leave of absence for Military Service, 18th July, 1917.)	16	45	...	61
Carmichael, The Hon. Ambrose Campbell. (Granted leave of absence for Military Service, 18th July, 1917.)	...	...	...	...
Chaffey, Frank Augustus, Esq. (Granted leave of absence for Military Service, 18th July, 1917.)	...	...	...	...
Cochran, John Patrick, Esq. ... ..	82	95	1	178
Cocks, Arthur Alfred Clement, Esq. ... ..	56	83	...	139
Cohen, The Hon. John Jacob ( <i>Speaker</i> ) ... ..	...	...	...	...
Colquhoun, Percy Brereton, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> )	85	118	...	203
Crane, John Thomas, Esq. ... ..	21	77	...	98
Davies, William, Esq. ... ..	80	128	1	209
Doc, Brian James, Esq. (Elected 22nd September, 1917) ... ..	33	59	1	93
Dooley, James, Esq. ... ..	62	63	1	132
Doyle, John William, Esq. ... ..	82	106	1	189
Dunn, William Fraser, Esq. (Granted leave of absence for Military Service, 18th July, 1917.)	..	...	...	...
Edden, The Hon. Alfred ... ..	22	37	...	59
Estell, John, Esq. ... ..	53	92	...	145
Fallick, James, Esq. ... ..	80	136	...	216
Fern, Charles Stuart, Esq. (Granted leave of absence on account of ill health, 18th July, 1917.)	...	...	...	...
Fitzpatrick, The Hon. John Charles Lucas ... ..	87	133	2	222
Fuller, The Hon. George Warburton ... ..	67	51	...	118
Gardiner, Arthur Rowland, Esq. ... ..	44	65	...	109
Graff, Alexander, Esq. ... ..	74	137	...	211
Grahame, The Hon. William Calman ... ..	53	64	...	117
Grimm, Arthur Hetherington, Esq. ... ..	53	109	...	162
Hall, The Hon. David Robert ... ..	53	49	...	107
Henley, Thomas, Esq. (Granted leave of absence for Military Service, 18th July, 1917.)	...	...	...	...
Hickey, Simon, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	76	100	1	177
Holman, The Hon. William Arthur. (Granted leave of absence on account of absence from State, 9th July, 1917.)	16	38	...	54
Hoskins, Tom James, Esq. ... ..	83	144	...	232
Hunt, John Charles, Esq. ... ..	63	116	...	179

	Divisions in the House	Divisions in Committee.	Count-outs.	Total.
James, The Hon. Augustus George Frederic...	72	63	...	135
Johnston, Valentine Carlyle Ross Wood, Esq.	73	131	1	205
Kearsley, William, Esq....	76	134	1	211
Keegan, Thomas, Esq. ...	74	108	...	182
Lane, Herbert William, Esq. ...	79	108	...	187
Lang, John Thomas, Esq. ...	84	140	2	226
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq. ...	49	112	1	162
Lazzarini, Carlo Camillo, Esq. ...	52	85	...	137
Leo, The Hon. Charles Alfred ...	49	62	...	111
Levy, Daniel, Esq. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> ) ...	69	5	...	74
Ley, Thomas John, Esq....	83	91	...	174
Loughlin, Peter Ffrench, Esq. ...	54	55	...	109
Manning, Arthur Gibson, Esq....	67	68	...	135
McDonald, George Roy William, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ...	44	53	...	102
McGarry, Patrick, Esq....	72	80	1	153
McGirr, John Joseph Gregory, Esq. ...	47	58	1	106
McGirr, Patrick Michael, Esq....	28	86	1	115
McKell, William John, Esq. ...	81	139	2	222
Millard, William, Esq. ...	76	139	...	215
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq. ...	26	27	...	53
Morton, Henry Douglas, Esq. ...	65	92	...	157
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq. ...	48	85	...	133
Mutch, Thomas Davies, Esq. ...	76	126	...	202
Nesbitt, George, Esq. ...	80	133	...	213
Nicholson, Lieut.-Colonel Charles Edward, V.D. ...	40	78	...	118
Oakes, The Hon. Charles William ...	76	119	...	195
O'Brien, William Joseph, Esq....	80	116	1	197
Onslow, Colonel James William Macarthur ...	69	96	...	165
Osborne, John Percy, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ...	66	91	...	157
Perry, The Hon. John ...	68	73	...	141
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq. (Expelled from House, 17th October, 1917; re-elected 10th November, 1917.)	26	24	...	50
Quirk, John, Esq. ...	81	127	1	209
Robson, William Elliott Veitch, Esq. ...	79	108	1	188
Smith, Thomas Januarius, Esq. ...	79	83	2	164
Storey, The Hon. David ...	74	119	...	193
Storey, John, Esq. ...	81	114	1	196
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James, Esq. ...	54	119	1	164
Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ...	64	54	...	118
Thompson, William, Esq. (Granted leave of absence on account of ill health, 23rd October, 1917.)	11	29	...	40
Walker, Robert Bruce, Esq. ...	78	135	...	213
Wearne, Walter Ernest, Esq. ...	73	123	...	196
Weaver, Reginald Walter Darcy, Esq. ...	86	116	...	202
Wright, Jabez, Esq. ...	85	132	2	219
Zuill, William Arthur, Esq. ...	70	124	...	194

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Sydney, 20th March, 1918.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
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BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1917-18.

1. New Writs issued ... ..										3
2. Select Committees :—										
On Public Matters ... ..									3	
On Public Bills ... ..									1	
On Private Bills ... ..										
										4
3. Standing Committees ... ..										6
4. Public Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent ... ..									35	
Otherwise disposed of ... ..									19	
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent ... ..									8	
Otherwise disposed of ... ..									3	
										65
5. Private Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent ... ..										
Otherwise disposed of ... ..										
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent ... ..									1	
Otherwise disposed of ... ..										
										1
6. Petitions received :—										
Printed ... ..									6	
Not Printed ... ..										
										6
7. Divisions :—										
In the House ... ..									89	
In Committee of the Whole ... ..									145	
										234
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2) :—										
Days of Meeting ... ..										63
Hours of Sitting ... ..									599 h.	35 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight ... ..									194 h.	48 m.
Daily Average ... ..									9 h.	30 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business ... ..										
After commencement of Business ... ..									2	
										2
9. Votes and Proceedings :—										
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done... ..									529	
										529
Daily Average ... ..										8
Entries in Question Paper—										
Of Questions answered ... ..									344	
										344
Daily Average ... ..										5
Entries in Notice Paper—										
Of Questions ... ..									1,027	
Of Notices of Motion ... ..									1,748	
Of Orders of the Day ... ..									1,422	
										4,197
Daily Average ... ..										68
10. Notices of Amendments in Committee of the Whole ... ..										5
11. Orders for Papers ... ..										2
12. Addresses for Papers ... ..										2
13. Other Addresses ... ..										2
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—										
By Message ... ..									82	
By Command ... ..									257	
In Returns to Orders ... ..									2	
In Returns to Addresses ... ..									2	
Reports from Standing and Select Committees ... ..									21	
										864
Ordered to be Printed ... ..									135	
Not ordered to be Printed ... ..									229	
										364

## 16. Sittings of the House :—

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1917-18, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings :—

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Mid-night.	Entries in Votes.
	1917.				h. m.	h. m.	
1	17 July	Tuesday	12 noon	7:40 p.m.	7 40	...	17
2	18 "	Wednesday	4 o'clock p.m.	10:45 p.m.	6 45	...	3
3	19 "	Thursday	4 "	11:0 p.m.	7 0	...	2
4	24 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:30 p.m.	7 30	...	12
5	25 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:6 p.m.	7 6	...	5
6	26 "	Thursday	4 "	10:40 p.m.	6 40	...	4
7	31 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:5 p.m.	7 5	...	7
8	1 August	Wednesday	4 "	1:9 a.m.	9 9	1 9	22
9	2 "	Thursday	4 "	9:45 p.m.	5 45	...	11
10	7 "	Tuesday	4 "	9:5 p.m.	5 5	...	7
11	8 "	Wednesday	4 "	5:2 p.m.	1 2	...	5
12	9 "	Thursday	4 "	5:30 p.m.	1 30	...	2
13	14 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:7 p.m.	7 7	...	1
14	15 "	Wednesday	4 "	4:39 p.m.	0 39	...	1
15	16 "	Thursday	4 "	5:33 p.m., 17th	25 33	17 33	11
16	21 "	Tuesday	4 "	6:7 p.m.	2 7	...	4
17	22 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:21 p.m.	7 21	...	3
18	23 "	Thursday	4 "	4:30 a.m.	12 30	4 30	6
19	28 "	Tuesday	4 "	5:36 p.m.	1 36	...	4
20	29 "	Wednesday	4 "	12:14 a.m.	8 14	0 14	8
21	30 "	Thursday	4 "	12:21 a.m.	8 21	0 21	7
22	4 September	Tuesday	4 "	8:9 p.m.	4 9	...	5
23	5 "	Wednesday	4 "	8:6 p.m., 6th	28 6	20 6	8
24	11 "	Tuesday	4:30 "	12:8 a.m., 12th	7 38	0 8	5
25	13 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:53 p.m.	6 53	...	5
26	19 "	Thursday	4 "	1:7 p.m., 14th	21 7	13 7	14
27	20 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:23 p.m.	7 25	...	8
28	26 "	Thursday	4 "	8:30 p.m.	4 30	...	11
29	27 "	Wednesday	7 "	10:45 p.m.	3 45	...	7
30	27 "	Thursday	4 "	11:21 p.m.	7 21	...	9
31	2 October	Tuesday	4 "	6:2 p.m.	2 2	...	5
32	3 "	Wednesday	4 "	12:0 midnight	8 0	...	16
33	4 "	Thursday	4 "	9:50 p.m.	5 50	...	13
34	9 "	Tuesday	4 "	10:27 p.m.	6 27	...	12
35	10 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:50 p.m.	6 50	...	3
36	11 "	Thursday	4 "	4:38 a.m.	12 38	4 33	6
37	16 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:6 p.m.	7 6	...	11
38	17 "	Wednesday	4 "	1:5 a.m.	9 5	1 5	8
39	18 "	Thursday	4 "	5:50 p.m., 19th	25 50	17 50	8
40	22 "	Monday	4 "	11:56 p.m.	7 56	...	12
41	23 "	Tuesday	4 "	1:15 a.m.	9 15	1 15	13
42	24 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:16 p.m.	7 16	...	15
43	25 "	Thursday	4 "	9:8 p.m., 26th	29 8	21 8	38
	1918.						
44	29 January	Tuesday	4 "	5:14 p.m.	1 14	...	6
45	30 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:55 p.m.	6 55	...	6
46	31 "	Thursday	4 "	11:35 p.m. 1st Feb.	31 35	23 35	8
47	5 February	Tuesday	4 "	10:35 p.m.	6 35	...	10
48	6 "	Wednesday	4 "	9:35 p.m.	5 35	...	7
49	7 "	Thursday	4 "	6:9 p.m.	2 9	...	4
50	12 "	Tuesday	4 "	1:25 a.m.	9 25	1 25	6
51	13 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:35 p.m.	6 35	...	1
52	14 "	Thursday	4 "	2:26 a.m.	10 26	2 26	10
53	19 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:15 p.m.	7 15	...	9
54	20 "	Wednesday	4 "	1:3 a.m.	9 3	1 3	2
55	21 "	Thursday	4 "	3:40 a.m.	11 40	3 40	12
56	25 "	Monday	4 "	3:35 a.m.	11 35	3 35	5
57	26 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:3 p.m.	7 3	...	8
58	27 "	Wednesday	4 "	5:37 a.m.	13 37	5 37	7
59	28 "	Thursday	4 "	11:1 p.m., 1st Mar.	31 1	23 1	7
60	4 March	Monday	4 "	10:27 p.m., 5th Mar.	30 27	22 27	20
61	7 "	Thursday	4 "	9:49 p.m.	5 49	...	13
62	12 "	Tuesday	4 "	6:2 p.m.	2 2	...	5
63	13 "	Wednesday	4 "	5:38 p.m.	1 38	...	2
64	14 "	Thursday	4 "	4:55 a.m.	12 45	4 55	12
Total.....					598 45	194 48	529
Average length of sitting daily, 9 hours 30 minutes.							

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

No. 1.—REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1917-18.

Short Titles.	By whom initiated.	Message from Governor recommending provision for.	Originated in Committee of the Whole.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 <sup>o</sup> .	Read 2 <sup>o</sup> and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report Adopted.	Read 3 <sup>o</sup> . Passed and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council Without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council With Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Order of the Day discharged.	Assent Reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.
Aborigines Protection (Amendment).....	Mr. Fuller .....	1917.	1917. 20 Sept.	1917.	1917. 20 Sept.	1917. 9 Oct.	1917.	1917. 9 Oct.	1917. 9 Oct.	1917. 10 Oct.	1917.	1918. 12 Feb.	1918. 5 Mar.	.....	1918. 14 Mar.	1918. 7	
Ambulance Transport Service .....	Mr. David Storey .....	4 Oct.	4 Oct.	.....	4 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Apiaries (Amendment).....	Mr. Grahame .....	4 Sept.	20 Sept.	.....	20 Sept.	3 Oct.	.....	3 Oct.	3 Oct.	4 Oct.	.....	1917. 17 Oct.	1917. 19 Oct.	.....	20 Jan. 1917.	9	
Appropriation.....	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	2 Aug.	.....	14 Sept.	14 Sept.	14 Sept.	.....	14 Sept.	14 Sept.	14 Sept.	20 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	20 Sept. 1918.	6	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means.
Bega and Wilberforce Labour Settlements	Mr. Ashford .....	3 Oct.	4 Oct.	.....	4 Oct.	16 Oct.	.....	16 Oct.	16 Oct.	17 Oct.	24 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	29 Jan. 1918.	13	Title amended in Committee, 16 October, 1917.
Bookmakers (Taxation) .....	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	22 Oct. 1918.	.....	22 Oct.	22 Oct. 1918.	23 Oct. 1918.	.....	23 Oct. 1918.	23 Oct. 1918.	24 Oct. 1918.	25 Oct. 1918.	.....	.....	.....	29 Jan. 1918.	15 12	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means.
Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore and Bankstown Sewerage.	Mr. Ball .....	5 Mar.	5 Mar.	.....	5 Mar. 1917.	5 Mar.	.....	5 Mar. 1917.	5 Mar. 1917.	5 Mar. 1917.	12 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	*	.....	
Careless Use of Fire (Amendment) .....	Mr. Fuller .....	.....	9 Oct.	.....	9 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
City and Suburban Railways (Resumption Recession).	Mr. Ball .....	27 Sept. 1917.	4 Oct.	.....	4 Oct.	26 Oct. a.m.	.....	26 Oct. a.m.	26 Oct. a.m.	26 Oct. a.m.	.....	26 Oct. 1917.	26 Oct.	.....	29 Jan. 1917.	10	
Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment).....	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	16 Aug.	16 Aug.	.....	17 Aug. a.m.	17 Aug. a.m.	.....	17 Aug. a.m.	17 Aug. a.m.	17 Aug. a.m.	17 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	21 Aug.	3	Standing Orders Suspended—Urgency—16 August, 1917.
Companies (Registration of Securities)...	Mr. D. R. Hall .....	22 Oct.	24 Oct.	.....	26 Oct. a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Crown Lands (Amendment) .....	Mr. Ashford .....	1 Aug.	20 Sept.	.....	20 Sept.	27 Sept.	12 Oct. a.m.	12 Oct. a.m.	12 Oct. a.m.	16 Oct.	.....	26 Oct.	26 Oct.	.....	29 Jan. 1918.	27	
Dairies Supervision (Amendment) .....	Mr. David Storey .....	9 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bill not brought in.

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Defamation (Amendment)	Mr. D. R. Hall	1917.	1917.	1917.	1917.	1917.		1917.	1917.	1917.	1917.	1917.	1917.		1918.	1917.		
Early Closing	Mr. Beeby	7 Aug. 1918.												6 Feb.			Motion made for Committee of the Whole; Order of the Day discharged 6 February, 1918. Bill not brought in.	
Early Closing	Mr. Beeby	31 Jan.															Bill not brought in.	
Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency	Mr. Beeby	1917.	16 Aug.		16 Aug.	16 Aug.		16 Aug.	16 Aug.	16 Aug.	17 Aug.					1917.	2	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—16 August, 1917.
Finance Taxation (Amendment)	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	12 Sept.		12 Sept.	12 Sept.	12 Sept.		12 Sept.	12 Sept.	12 Sept.	14 Sept.					1918.	4	Founded on resolution of Ways and Means—Standing Orders Suspended—Urgency—12 September, 1917.
Finance Taxation Management (Amending).	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	23 Oct.	23 Oct.		23 Oct.	24 Oct.		24 Oct.	24 Oct.	24 Oct.		26 Oct. a.m.	26 Oct.			1918.	17	
Forestry* (Temporary Commissioners) Amendment.	Mr. Ashford			29 Aug.	19 Oct.	22 Oct.		22 Oct.	22 Oct.	23 Oct.	25 Oct.					1918.	16	
Gas (Amendment)	Mr. Beeby	5 Feb.	7 Feb.		7 Feb.	13 Feb.		15 Feb. a.m.	15 Feb. a.m.	15 Feb. a.m.	1918.	26 Feb.	1 Mar.			1918.	3	Motion to Refer to Select Committee Negatived, 13 February, 1918, a.m.
Granville, Auburn and Lidcombe Sewerage.	Mr. Ball	5 Mar. 1917.	5 Mar.		5 Mar.	5 Mar.		5 Mar.	5 Mar.	5 Mar.	12 Mar.						13	
Harbour and Tonnage Rates	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	17 July 1918.																Bill not brought in.
Industrial Arbitration (Amendment)	Mr. Beeby	31 Jan.	5 Feb.		5 Feb.	22 Feb. a.m.		5 Mar. a.m.	5 Mar. a.m.	5 Mar.		14 Mar. †	15 Mar. a.m.				10	Point of Order:—That Clause 6 amended the Truck Act without mention in the Title. Overruled by Mr. Speaker, 21 February, 1918. Amendment to re-commit negatived, 4 March, 1918. † Including an Amendment in the Title, 14 March, 1918.
Judges Retirement	Mr. D. R. Hall	1917. 24 Oct.	1917. 24 Oct.		1917. 24 Oct.	1917. 24 Oct.		1917. 26 Oct. a.m.	1917. 26 Oct. a.m.	1917. 26 Oct.		7 Mar.	7 Mar.				9	
Law of Evidence	Mr. Fuller				17 July													Pro forma Bill.
Loan	Mr. James	1917. 19 Sept.		19 Sept.	19 Sept.	19 Sept.		19 Sept.	19 Sept.	19 Sept.	20 Sept.					1917. 26 Sept.	7	Bill taken through all stages by consent. Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means, 19 September, 1917
Local Government (Amending)	Mr. James	10 Sept.	20 Sept.		20 Sept.	25 Oct.		25 Oct.	25 Oct.	25 Oct.		26 Oct.	26 Oct.			1918. 29 Jan.	12	
Mascot Municipality (Housing Board)	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	29 Aug.		3 Oct.	3 Oct.													Stopped by prorogation.
Medical Practitioners (Amendment)	Mr. David Storey	9 Oct.																Bill not brought in.
Murrumbidgee Main Canal Enlargement	Mr. Grahame	4 Sept.	23 Oct.		23 Oct.	24 Oct.		24 Oct.	24 Oct.	24 Oct.	26 Oct.					1917. 29 Jan.	18	
Navigation (Amendment)	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	12 Sept. 1918.	12 Sept. 1918.		12 Sept. 1918.	12 Sept. 1918.		12 Sept. 1918.	12 Sept. 1918.	12 Sept. 1918.	14 Sept. 1918.					1917. 10 Sept.	5	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—12 September, 1917.
Northern Suburbs Sewerage	Mr. Ball	7 Mar.	7 Mar.		7 Mar.	7 Mar.		7 Mar.	7 Mar.	7 Mar.	12 Mar.					1918. 14	14	
Public Accounts Committee Election Enabling.	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	5 Feb.	5 Feb.		5 Feb.	6 Feb.		6 Feb.	6 Feb.	7 Feb.	21 Feb.					1918. 1 Mar.	1	

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Public Instruction (Amendment)	Mr. James	1917. 30 Aug.	1917. 20 Sept.	1917. .....	1917. 20 Sept.	1917. 25 Oct.	1917. .....	1917. 25 Oct.	1917. 25 Oct.	1917. 25 Oct.	1917. 26 Oct.	1917. .....	1917. .....	1917. .....	1918. 29 Jan.	1917. 20	
Pure Food (Amendment)	Mr. David Storey	9 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bill not brought in.
Real Estate and Stock Agents	Mr. James	2 Aug.	9 Oct.	.....	9 Oct.	24 Oct. a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Returned Soldiers Settlement (Amendment).	Mr. Ashford	3 Oct.	4 Oct.	.....	4 Oct.	22 Oct.	.....	22 Oct.	22 Oct.	23 Oct.	.....	26 Oct.	26 Oct.	.....	29 Jan.	24	
Sea-carriage of Goods	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	22 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bill not brought in.
State Salaries (Commonwealth Taxation)	Mr. D. K. Hall	16 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bill not brought in.
Stock Food	Mr. Grahame	12 Sept.	3 Oct.	.....	3 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Supply	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	24 July	.....	.....	24 July	24 July	.....	24 July	24 July	24 July	25 July	.....	.....	.....	1917. 31 July	1	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means—Standing Orders suspended, 24 July, 1917.
Sutherland Water Supply	Mr. Ball	1918. 21 Feb.	1918. 26 Feb. a.m.	.....	1918. 26 Feb. a.m.	1918. 5 Mar. †	.....	1918. 5 Mar.	1918. 5 Mar.	1918. 5 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	†Motion made for 2 <sup>o</sup> , and Amendment to refer to Select Committee agreed to, 26 February, 1918. Report brought up, 5 March, 1918, a.m. Not returned by Council.
Theatres and Public Halls (Amendment)	Mr. Fuller	.....	1917. 9 Oct.	.....	1917. 9 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Unclaimed Moneys	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	1917. 17 July	3 Oct.	.....	3 Oct.	19 Oct.	.....	1917. 19 Oct.	1917. 19 Oct.	1917. 22 Oct.	.....	26 Oct. †	26 Oct.	.....	1918. 29 Jan.	11	†Including an Amendment in the Title.
University and University Colleges (Amendment).	Mr. James	19 Sept.	9 Oct.	.....	9 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
University Prizes and Medals Alteration	Mr. James	.....	9 Oct. 1918.	.....	9 Oct. 1918.	25 Oct. 1918.	.....	25 Oct. 1918.	25 Oct. 1918.	25 Oct. 1918.	26 Oct. 1918.	.....	.....	.....	29 Jan.	19 1918.	
University (Senate) Amendment	Mr. James	.....	26 Feb. 1917.	.....	26 Feb. 1917.	26 Feb. 1917.	.....	26 Feb. 1917.	26 Feb. 1917.	27 Feb. 1917.	28 Feb. a.m.	.....	.....	.....	7 Mar.	2	
Use of Trust Lands for War Purposes	Mr. Levy	.....	.....	2 Oct.	2 Oct.	26 Feb.	.....	26 Feb. 1917.	26 Feb. 1917.	27 Feb. 1917.	7 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	14 Mar.	8 1917. 25	
Voluntary Workers (Soldiers Holdings)	Mr. Ashford	22 Oct.	24 Oct.	.....	24 Oct.	25 Oct.	.....	26 Oct. a.m.	26 Oct. a.m.	26 Oct. a.m.	.....	26 Oct.	26 Oct.	.....	29 Jan.	25	
Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Amendment.	Mr. Ball	1918. 21 Feb. 25 Feb.	1918. 5 Mar. a.m.	.....	1918. 5 Mar. a.m.	1918. 5 Mar.	.....	1918. 5 Mar.	1918. 5 Mar.	1918. 5 Mar.	12 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	*	1918. 11	Further Message, 26 February, 1918.
Water and Sewerage (Rating)	Mr. Ball	1917. 12 Sept.	1917. 17 Oct.	.....	1917. 17 Oct.	.....	.....	1917. 19 Oct.	1917. 19 Oct.	1917. 19 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Western Lands (Amendment)	Mr. Ashford	3 Oct.	.....	.....	12 Oct. a.m.	16 Oct. a.m.	.....	1917. 19 Oct. a.m.	1917. 19 Oct. a.m.	1917. 19 Oct. a.m.	.....	1918. 14 Mar.	1918. 14 Mar.	.....	.....	15	
Western Lands (Declaratory)	Mr. Ashford	1918. 19 Feb.	1918. 22 Feb. a.m.	.....	1918. 22 Feb. a.m.	1918. 5 Mar.	.....	1918. 5 Mar.	1918. 5 Mar.	1918. 5 Mar.	12 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	*	1918. 10	

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 2.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE COUNCIL DURING THE SESSION OF 1917-18.

Short Titles of—		Brought up and read 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Read 2 <sup>d</sup> and Committed.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 <sup>d</sup> , passed without Amendment, and returned to Council.	Read 3 <sup>d</sup> , passed with Amendment, and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council.	Assent Reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.
Public Bills.	Private Bills.										
	The Ashtonfields Coal Mines Railway.....	1917. 1 Aug.	1917. .....	1917. .....	1917. .....	1917. .....	1917. .....	1917. .....	1917. .....	1917. .....	Stopped by prorogation.
Banks and Bank Holidays (Amendment) .....	.....	29 Aug.	3 Oct.	3 Oct.	3 Oct.	4 Oct.	.....	.....	16 Oct.	8	
Birds and Animals Protection .....	.....	23 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Church of England Trust Property .....	.....	25 Oct.	26 Oct.	26 Oct.	26 Oct.	26 Oct.	.....	.....	1918. 29 Jan.	21	
Execution of Trusts (War Facilities) .....	.....	25 Oct.	26 Oct.	26 Oct.	26 Oct.	.....	26 Oct.	26 Oct.	29 Jan.	26	
Life, Fire and Marine Insurance (Amendment) .....	.....	13 Sept. 1918.	19 Sept. 1918.	24 Oct. 1918.	24 Oct. 1918.	.....	24 Oct.	25 Oct.	29 Jan.	23 1918.	
Registration of Deeds (Amendment).....	.....	26 Feb. 1917.	5 Mar. 1917.	5 Mar. 1917.	5 Mar. 1917.	5 Mar. 1917.	.....	.....	14 Mar.	4	
Statute of Limitations .....	.....	1917. 12 Sept.	..... 3 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Sydney Corporation (Amendment) .....	.....	26 Oct. 1918.	26 Oct. 1918.	26 Oct. 1918.	26 Oct. 1918.	.....	26 Oct.	26 Oct.	29 Jan.	1917. 22	
Sydney Corporation (Declaratory) .....	.....	19 Feb. 1918.	5 Mar. 1918.	5 Mar. 1918.	5 Mar. 1918.	5 Mar. 1918.	.....	.....	14 Mar.	6	
The Glebe Loan.....	.....	19 Feb. 1917.	5 Mar. 1917.	5 Mar. 1917.	5 Mar. 1917.	5 Mar. 1917.	.....	.....	14 Mar.	5	
.....	The Synod of Eastern Australia Property.....	12 Mar.	14 Mar.	14 Mar.	14 Mar.	14 Mar.	.....	.....	*	.....	

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION OF 1917-18.

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					Called.	Held.												
1	The Governor's Opening Speech .....	17 July, 1917. Votes No. 1, Entry 16 (On motion of Mr. Ley.)	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mr. M. Abbott,</td> <td>Mr. Graff,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Bavin,</td> <td>Mr. M. Morton,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Bruntnell,</td> <td>Mr. Nesbitt,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Colquhoun,</td> <td>Mr. Weaver,</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mr. Ley.</td> </tr> </table>	Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Graff,	Mr. Bavin,	Mr. M. Morton,	Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,	Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Weaver,		Mr. Ley.	Mr. Ley .....	1	1	.....	17 July, 1917.
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2	Elections and Qualifications .....	17 July, 1917. Votes No. 1, Entry 11 (On motion of Mr. Fuller.) (By Mr. Speaker's Warrant, taking effect 25th July, 1917.)	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mr. M. Abbott,</td> <td>Mr. Kearsley,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Bagnall,</td> <td>Mr. Gus. Miller.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Colquhoun,</td> <td>Mr. M. Morton,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Grim,</td> <td>Mr. O-borne,</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mr. Stuart-Robertson,</td> </tr> </table>	Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Gus. Miller.	Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. M. Morton,	Mr. Grim,	Mr. O-borne,		Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	.....	.....	.....	.....	
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6	Printing .....	2 August, 1917, a.m. Votes No. 8, Entry 11. (On motion of Mr. Fuller.)	{ Mr. Scobie, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bushell, Mr. Graff, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Miller, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Fuller.	Mr. Bennett.....	21	19	.....	1917. 2, 14, 16, 23, 30 August; 6, 13, 20, 27 September; 4, 11, 18, 25 October. 1918. 31 January; 14, 21, 28 February; 7, 14 March.
7	Alleged claims of old public servants on retirement.	7 August, 1917. Votes No. 10, Entry 6... (On motion of Mr. Fallick.)	{ Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. W. Millard, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Fallick.	Mr. Fallick .....	13	7	12	25 October, 1917,
8	Case of Mr. James Fleming .....	21 August, 1917. Votes No. 16, Entry 4... (On motion of Mr. Kearsley.)	{ Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Wright, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Edden, Mr. T. J. Smith, Mr. Estell, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Kearsley.	Mr. Kearsley .....	6	3	2	.....
9	Knights' applications for mineral rights of certain conditional purchases.	12 February, 1918. Votes No. 49, Entry 5 (On motion of Mr. Colquhoun.)	{ Mr. Ashford, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Ley, Mr. M. Morton, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Colquhoun.	Mr. Colquhoun .....	6	3	3	.....
10	Sutherland Water Supply Bill .....	26 February, 1918. Votes No. 56, Entry 5 (On motion of Mr. Ball.)	{ Mr. Ball, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Ley, Mr. Weaver, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Brookfield, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	Mr. Ley .....	4	4	21	4 March, 1918.

Legislative Assembly Office,  
Sydney, 20 March, 1918.

W. S. MOWLE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.