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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 APRIL, 1917.

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:—The House met, at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the fifth day of April, 1917, of which a copy was read by Mr. William Stewart Mowle, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency SIR GERALD STRICKLAND, Count  
 “ TO WIT. } della Cutena, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order  
 “ (I.S.) } of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New  
 “ G. STRICKLAND, } South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of  
 “ Governor. } Australia.

“ IN pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Governor aforesaid, by virtue of  
 “ 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’: I do hereby proclaim that  
 “ a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the State of New South Wales,  
 “ for the despatch of business, shall commence and be holden on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of  
 “ April instant, at 12 o'clock at noon, in the buildings know as the Legislative Council Chambers,  
 “ in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney; and Members of the said Legislative Council and  
 “ Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time  
 “ and place accordingly.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this fifth day of April, in the year of  
 “ Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the seventh year of His  
 “ Majesty's Reign.

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

“ GOD SAVE THE KING !”

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a correct list, without any omission, certified by His Excellency the Governor, of the names of the several persons returned for the Electoral Districts set against such names respectively, at the General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales which was held in the month of March, 1917; and further certifying that the several Writs of Election, being eighty-five in number, were duly returned on or before the day on which they were legally returnable.

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Abbott, Macartney ... ..	Upper Hunter.
Arkins, James Guy Dalley ... ..	Castlereagh.
Arthur, Richard ... ..	Middle Harbour.
Ashford, William George ... ..	Liverpool Plains.
Bagnall, William Roy Clifford ... ..	St. George.
Ball, Richard Thomas ... ..	Corowa.
Bavin, Thomas Rainsford ... ..	Gordon.
Beeby, George Stephenson ... ..	Wagga Wagga.
Bennett, Walter ... ..	Durham.
Briner, George Stuart ... ..	Raleigh.
Brookfield, Percival ... ..	Sturt.
Bruntnell, Albert ... ..	Parramatta.
Buckley, Arthur William ... ..	Surry Hills.
Burke, Francis Michael ... ..	Newtown.
Burke, Michael ... ..	Belmore.
Bushell, Claude Hilton ... ..	Lyndhurst.
Buttenshaw, Ernest Albert ... ..	Lachlan.
Cann, George ... ..	Canterbury.

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Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Carmichael, Ambrose Campbell	Leichhardt.
Chaffey, Frank Augustus	Tamworth.
Coehran, John Patrick	Darling Harbour.
Cocks, Arthur Alfred Clement	St. Leonards.
Cohen, John Jacob	Petersham.
Colquhoun, Percy Brereton	Mosman.
Crane, John Thomas	Gwydir.
Davies, William	Wollongong.
Dooley, James	Hartley.
Doyle, John William	Phillip.
Dunn, William Fraser	Mudgee.
Edden, Alfred	Kahibah.
Estell, John	Wallsend.
Fallick, James	Singleton.
Fern, Charles Stuart	Cobar.
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas	Orange.
Fuller, George Warburton	Wollondilly.
Gardiner, Arthur Rowland	Newcastle.
Graff, Alexander	Drummoyne.
Grahame, William Calman	Wickham.
Grimm, Arthur Hetherington	Ashburnham.
Hall, David Robert	Enmore.
Heuley, Thomas	Burwood.
Hickey, Simon	Alexandria.
Holman, William Arthur	Comamundra
Hoskins, Tom James	Dulwich Hill.
Hunt, John Charles	Camden.
James, Augustus George Frederic	Gouburn.
Johnston, Valentine Carlyle Ross Wood	Bathurst.
Kearsley, William	Cessnock.
Keegan, Thomas	Glebe.
Lane, Herbert William	Armidale.
Lang, John Thomas	Granville.
Latimer, William Fleming	Woollahra.
Lazzarini, Carlo Camillo	Marrickville.
Lee, Charles, Alfred	Tenterfield.
Levy, Daniel	Darlinghurst.
Ley, Thomas John	Hurstville.
Loughlin, Peter Ffrench	Burrangong.
McDonald, George Roy William	Bingara.
McGarry, Patrick	Murrumbidgee.
McGirr, John Joseph Gregory	Yass.
McKell, William John	Redfern.
Millard, William	Bega.
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle	Monaro.
Morton, Henry Douglas	Hastings and Macleay
Morton, Mark Fairles	Allowrie.
Mutch, Thomas Davies	Botany.
Nesbitt, George	Lismore.
Nicholson, Charles Edward	Maitland.
O'Brien, William Joseph	Annandale.
Oakes, Charles William	Waverley.
Onslow, James William Macarthur	Bondi.
Osborne, John Percy	Paddington.
Quirk, John	Rozelle.
Robson, William Elliott Veitch	Ashfield.
Scolie, Robert	Murray.
Smith, Thomas Januarius	King.
Storey, David	Randwick.
Storey, John	Balmain.
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James	Camperdown.
Thomas, Follet Johns	Gough.
Thompson, William	Ryde.
Thrower, Thomas Henry	Macquarie.
Weaver, Reginald Walter Darcy	Willoughby.
Wright, Jacob	Willyama.
Zuill, William Arthur	Clarence.

3. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF KING—VALIDATION OF PROCEEDINGS:—The Clerk informed the House that he had received through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, copy of a Proclamation, dated 13th April, 1917, issued by command of His Excellency the Governor under the provisions of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, declaring to be valid any or all of the proceedings at or for the Election of a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of King, notwithstanding any impediment, miscarriage, or omission in the receipt of the Poll taken at Lord Howe Island Polling-place.

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4. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he 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 several Writs, being three 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.
Manning, Arthur Gibson ... ..	Albury.
Walker, Robert Bruce ... ..	Hawkesbury.
Wearne, Walter Ernest ... ..	Namoi.

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

The House went, and the President said:—

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—  
 "His Excellency the Governor, not deeming it fit to be personally present this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued, under the Public Seal of the State, constituting us Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor in the name and on the part of His Majesty the King, or in the name and on the part of His Excellency the Governor of the State, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, to deliver a Message to the Legislative Assembly, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no delay, as will more fully appear by the Commission itself, which must now be read."

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

"George the Fifth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

"To all to whom these presents shall come,—

"Greeting:

"WHEREAS by Proclamation made on the fifth day of April instant, His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor of our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor of our said State, by virtue of 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,' proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said State of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of April instant: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Frederick Flowers, President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable John Daniel FitzGerald, Vice-President of our Executive Council, Minister of Public Health, and Minister for Local Government, of our said State, and the Honorable John Garland, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of our said State, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said State, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said Frederick Flowers, John Daniel FitzGerald, and John Garland, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name, to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said seventeenth day of April or subsequent day, on our behalf, to do all things necessary to be done in our name or in the name of our Governor of our said State, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament, to deliver a Message to the Legislative Assembly, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no delay; Commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament, that to the said Frederick Flowers, John Daniel FitzGerald, and John Garland, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

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

"Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor of our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the seventh year of our reign.

"G. STRICKLAND,  
 "Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,  
 "J. C. I. FITZPATRICK."

The

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

The President said,—

“Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—We have it in command from the Governor to let you know that, it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be chosen; it is His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, repair to your own Chamber, and there, after Members shall have been sworn, proceed to the election of one of your number to be your Speaker.

And the House having returned,—

6. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS:—The Clerk informed the Assembly that he had received, through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, a Commission, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, and bearing the Seal of the State, authorising the Honorable George Warburton Fuller, Colonial Secretary, the Honorable David Robert Hall, Attorney-General, and the Honorable George Stephenson Beeby, Minister for Labour and Industry, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly,—which Commission the Clerk read, as follows:—

“By His Excellency 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, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honorable George Warburton Fuller, Colonial Secretary, the Honorable David Robert Hall, Attorney-General, and the Honorable George Stephenson Beeby, Minister for Labour and Industry, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, required by Law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State of New South Wales, at Sydney, in the State aforesaid, this thirteenth 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,  
“J. C. L. FITZPATRICK.”

7. MEMBERS SWORN:—The Honorable George Warburton Fuller took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable David Robert Hall, and the Honorable George Stephenson Beeby, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present,—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz.:—

Macartney Abbott, Esquire; Richard Arthur, Esquire, M.D.; The Honorable William George Ashford; the Honorable Richard Thomas Ball; Thomas Rainsford Bavin, Esquire; The Honorable Walter Bennett; George Stuart Briner, Esquire; Percival Brookfield, Esquire; Albert Bruntnell, Esquire; Arthur William Buckley, Esquire; Francis Michael Burke, Esquire; Michael Burke, Esquire; Claude Hilton Bushell, Esquire; Ernest Albert Buttenshaw, Esquire; John Patrick Cochran, Esquire; Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks, Esquire; John Jacob Cohen, Esquire; Percy Brereton Colquhoun, Esquire; John Thomas Crane, Esquire; William Davies, Esquire; James Dooley, Esquire; John William Doyle, Esquire; the Honorable Alfred Edden; John Estell, Esquire; James Fallick, Esquire; Charles Stuart Fern, Esquire; the Honorable John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick; Arthur Rowland Gardiner, Esquire; Alexander Graff, Esquire; the Honorable William Calman Crahame; Arthur Hetherington Grimm, Esquire; Simon Hickey, Esquire; Tom James Hoskins, Esquire; John Charles Hunt, Esquire; the Honorable Augustus George Frederic James; Valentine Carlyle Ross Wood Johnston, Esquire; Thomas Keegan, Esquire; Herbert William Lane, Esquire; John Thomas Lang, Esquire; William Fleming Latimer, Esquire; Carlo Camillo Lazzarini, Esquire; the Honorable Charles Alfred Lee; Daniel Levy, Esquire; Thomas John Ley, Esquire; Peter Ffrench Loughlin, Esquire; Arthur Gibson Manning, Esquire; Patrick McGarry, Esquire; John Joseph Gregory McGirr, Esquire; William John McKell, Esquire; William Millard, Esquire; Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire; Henry Douglas Morton, Esquire; Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire; Thomas Davies Mutch, Esquire; George Nesbitt, Esquire; the Honorable Charles William Oakes; William Joseph O'Brien, Esquire; Colonel James William Macarthur Onslow; John Percy Osborne, Esquire; John Quirk, Esquire; William Elliott Veitch Robson, Esquire; Robert Scobie, Esquire; Thomas Januarius Smith, Esquire; the Honorable David Storey; John Storey, Esquire; Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire; Pollett Johns Thomas, Esquire; William Thompson, Esquire; Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire; Robert Bruce Walker, Esquire; Walter Ernest Wearne, Esquire; Reginald Walter Darcy Weaver, Esquire; Jabez Wright, Esquire; William Arthur Zuill, Esquire.

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8. **ELECTION OF SPEAKER** :—Mr. M. Abbott, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, John Jacob Cohen, Esquire, and moved,—“That John Jacob Cohen, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Scobie.  
The House then calling Mr. Cohen to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he entertained of the honor proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.  
Debate ensued.  
The House then again unanimously calling him to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Abbott and Mr. Scobie, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be their Speaker,—  
And thereupon sat down in the Chair.  
Mr. Fuller and Mr. John Storey congratulated the Speaker.  
Mr. Fuller then informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Governor would receive their Speaker at Government House, at a quarter to Three o'clock, this afternoon.
9. **LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION** :—Mr. John Storey, the Honorable Member for Balmain, informed the House that he had been elected Leader of the Opposition.  
Whereupon Mr. Speaker and Mr. Fuller congratulated Mr. Storey.
10. **PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER** :—The House proceeded to Government House to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—  
And the House having returned,—Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, where he informed the Governor that, immediately after the opening of Parliament to-day, the Legislative Assembly, in the exercise of their undoubted right, had proceeded to the election of their Speaker, that their choice had fallen upon him, and that he had now to present himself to His Excellency as their Speaker ;—whereupon His Excellency was pleased to offer him his congratulations.—That he had then, on behalf of the House, laid claim to all their rights and privileges, particularly to freedom of speech in debate, to free access to His Excellency when occasion should require, and that the most favourable construction should, on all occasions, be put upon their language and proceedings ;—to all which His Excellency had readily assented.  
Mr. Speaker then repeated his grateful thanks for the honor the House had been pleased to confer upon him.
11. **MEMBER SWORN** :—William Kearsley, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance before the Honorable George Warburton Fuller, a Commissioner, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Cessnock.
12. **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE** :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, according to section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, he had received from the Assistant Treasurer the nominations of,—  
Mr. A. A. C. Cocks,  
Mr. Mark F. Morton,  
Mr. Simon Hickey,  
Mr. A. R. Gardiner, and  
Mr. F. J. Thomas,  
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 to-morrow.
13. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—DATE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES** :—Pursuant to the requirement of the 9th section of the Public Works Act, 1912, Mr. Speaker appointed Tuesday, the 24th April, instant, as the date up to and including which he would receive nominations of Members of the Legislative Assembly for Election and appointment as Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works ; such nominations to be delivered to the Clerk, together with the written consent of the Member nominated.
14. **VACANT SEAT—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF STURT** :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that since the last meeting of Parliament in accordance with the direction of the 70th Section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, his predecessor had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Sturt, in the room of John Henry Cann, Esquire, resigned ; and that the said Writ had been duly returned to him, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the Election of Percival Brookfield, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
15. **ASSENT TO BILLS** :—Mr. Speaker reported that, since the last meeting of Parliament, Messages from His Excellency the Governor, assenting to the following Bills, had been received :—  
(1.) Appropriation Bill :—  
G. STRICKLAND, Message No. 1.  
Governor.  
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, 1916, to the 30th day of June, 1917 (inclusive of both dates) ; to adjust the vote ‘Advance to

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to Treasurer,' 1915-16, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1915, to the 30th day of June, 1916 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1915-16; 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 Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (2.) Loan Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 19th December, 1916.

## (3.) Mining Leases Cancellation (Validation) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Mining Act, 1906; to validate certain notifications with regard to the cancellation, forfeiture, or voidance of certain leases: and to declare the law with regard to certain notifications signed by Ministers of the Crown,"—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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## (4.) Forestry (Temporary Commissioners) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to constitute the Forestry Commission under the Forestry Act, 1916, by the appointment of temporary and honorary assistant commissioners; and to amend the said Act,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (5.) Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the law with regard to the condition of Industries and Industrial Arbitration: to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (6.) Crimes Prevention Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to make further provision for the prevention of crimes; for that purpose to amend certain Acts; and for purposes incidental thereto,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(7.) Women's College Endowment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide endowment for the Women's College; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(8.) Totalizator Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to prescribe and regulate the use of the Totalizator on racecourses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; to prohibit the making of bets or wagers on a race dependent on the result of the working of the totalizator on such race; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(9.) Local Government (Amending) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with regard to Local Government, including the government of the City of Sydney: to regulate within the City of Sydney buildings and erections; to define the qualifications of electors and to regulate the voting in shires and municipalities; to apply to shires the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(10.) Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Amendment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Act, 1912; the Constitution Act, 1902; to provide for the management and control of industrial undertakings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(11.) University (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the endowment of the University of Sydney, and for that purpose to amend the University (Amendment) Act, 1912, and certain other Acts,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(12.) Destitute Children's Society (Vesting) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands and buildings now held by or on behalf of or vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children; to vest in the Public Trustee upon*

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upon certain trusts all moneys and securities for moneys held by or on behalf of or vested in the said Society; to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## 16. PAPERS:—

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

- (1.) Report of Inspector-General of Police for 1916.
  - (2.) Report of Inspector-General of Insane for 1916.
  - (3.) Report of the Board of Fire Commissioners for 1916.
  - (4.) Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies, Trade Unions, Building Societies, Co-operative Societies, and Transactions under Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, for 1916.
  - (5.) Report of the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales for 1916.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) Statement of Banks Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1916.
  - (7.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies for quarter ended 31st December, 1916.
  - (8.) Minute of the Public Service Board relating to the appointment, on probation, of Dr. R. A. Noble as Junior Assistant Medical Officer, Lunacy Department.
  - (9.) Amended Police Rules under the Police Regulation Act.
  - (10.) Amended By-law under the Newcastle District Abattoir and Sale-yards Act, 1912.
  - (11.) Amended By-law under the Meat Industry Act, 1915.
  - (12.) Additional Regulation under the Height of Buildings Acts.
  - (13.) Regulations made by the Condobolin Municipality under the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912.

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

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a Public Recreation Ground at Comlaroi.
- (2.) Amended Regulations Nos. 32, 32A, and 33A, and Amended Forms Nos. 29 and 31, under the Closer Settlement Acts; Cancellation of Forms Nos. 29A, 29B, and 31A, under the Closer Settlement Acts.
- (3.) Amended Regulation No. 104, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (4.) Amended Regulation No. 49, Additional Regulation No. 294A, and Additional Form No. 136, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (5.) Amended Regulation No. 57, and Amended Form No. 25, under the Pastures Protection Act, 1912.
- (6.) Additional Regulation No. 50, and Additional Form No. 40, under the Closer Settlement Acts.
- (7.) Amended Regulation No. 103, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (8.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Condition Purchase No. 1910-161, 490¼ acres, Portion No. 29, Parish of Willydah, County of Narromine, Land District of Dubbo, shall cease to be voidable.
- (9.) Notice of intention to declare that Non-residential Conditional Purchase No. 1916-14, 40 acres, Portion No. 59, Parish of Frederick, County of Cumberland, Land District of Windsor, shall cease to be voidable.

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

- (1.) Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for 1916.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Notifications of resumptions of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Public School Purposes at Bankstown North, Bondi North, Faithfull, Commissioner's Creek, Brighton-le-Sands, Undercliffe, Berendebba, Norton's Gap.
  - (3.) Amended Regulation under Public Instruction Act, 1880.
  - (4.) Amended Regulations under Public Instruction Act, 1880.
  - (5.) Amended By-laws, University of Sydney.

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

- (1.) Report of the Department of Agriculture for 1916.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) By-laws of the Weetaliba Bore Water Trust under the Water Act, 1912.
  - (3.) Regulations under the Water Act, 1912.
  - (4.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Wentworth Irrigation Area for 1916.
  - (5.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Hay Irrigation Area for 1916.
  - (6.) Regulations Nos. 335 to 363 under the Irrigation Acts.
  - (7.) Additional Regulation No. 27, under the Wentworth Irrigation Act.
  - (8.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Boobora Bore Water Trust under the Water Act, 1912.
  - (9.) Minute of the Public Service Board relating to the appointment of Mr. J. M. Pitt, as Experimentalist (on probation), Department of Agriculture (Education Division).
  - (10.) Notice of intention to declare that Irrigation Farm 170, Yanco, shall cease to be voidable.

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

- (1.) Report of the Miners' Accident Relief Board for 1916.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Regulation No. 290, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
  - (3.) Regulation No. 291, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

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- (4.) Regulations Nos. 292 and 293, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (5.) Regulations Nos. 294 and 295, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (6.) Regulations under the Navigation Acts.
- (7.) Amendments of the Regulations under the Navigation Acts relating to the examination of Masters, Mates, and Engineers in the Mercantile Marine.
- (8.) Further Amendments of the Regulations under the Navigation Acts relating to the examination of Masters, Mates, and Engineers in the Mercantile Marine.
- (9.) Regulation No. 147, under the Explosives Act, 1905.
- (10.) Balance-sheet of the National Relief Fund of New South Wales as at 31st December, 1916.
- (11.) Proclamation declaring "Tungsten and its ores" to be minerals within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
- (12.) Proclamation declaring "Syenite" to be a mineral within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
- (13.) Amended Regulations Nos. 76, 79, and 115, Schedules 18A, 34, 46, and 52, under the Mining Act, 1906.
- (14.) Amended Regulation 111, under the Mining Act, 1906.
- (15.) Minute of the Public Service Board relating to the appointment, on probation, of Mr. James Johnstone as Inspector of Collieries, Department of Mines.

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

- (1.) Report of the Commissioners for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st December, 1916.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Stormwater Drainage By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916.
- (3.) Additional By-laws of the Municipality of Bathurst, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (4.) By-laws of the Municipality of Parramatta under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916.
- (5.) By-laws of the Municipality of Gunnedah under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (6.) By-laws of the Municipality of Casino under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a Road of Approach to Taren Point Ferry, George's River.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a State Forest at Craven.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for the purpose of erecting Hot Salt-water Baths at Manly.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a State Forest near Narrabri.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Albury Sewerage.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the establishment of a Timber Depôt at Tucabia.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for a Gravel Quarry Site near Singleton.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Katoomba Water Supply.
- (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the carrying out of Harbour Improvements at Wollongong.
- (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 the Muswellbrook to Merriwa Railway.
- (19.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the City and Suburban Electric Railway.
- (20.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Bourke, by provision of Water Supply at Wentworth Falls.
- (21.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Flemington and Belmore and Wardell-road to Glebe Island and Darling Island Railway for maintaining the Traffic at Marrickville.
- (22.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic at Redfern.
- (23.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Extension of the Wharf on the eastern side of Woolloomooloo Bay.
- (24.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Dunedoo to Coonabarabran Railway.

Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Acts.

17. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS:—Mr. Fuller (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to the following Members, viz. :—

The Honorable Member for Cootamundra—The Honorable William Arthur Holman ;  
The Honorable Member for St. George—William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire ;—on account of absence from the State.

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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 ;  
 The Honorable Member for Canterbury—George Cann, Esquire ;  
 The Honorable Member for Castlereagh—James Guy Dalley Arkins, Esquire ;  
 The Honorable Member for Maitland—Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Edward Nicholson ;—on account of absence from the State on Military Service.  
 The Honorable Member for Bingara—George Roy William McDonald, Esquire, on account of urgent business.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) *Dwellings for Workmen at Clifton*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Dwellings for Workmen at Clifton.

(2.) *Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin.

(3.) *Tramway from Bondi-road to Bronte, via York-road, Birrell-street, and Murray-street*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Tramway from Bondi-road to Bronte, via York-road, Birrell-street, and Murray-street.

(4.) *Tramway from Cook's River road to Gardener's-road*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Tramway from Cook's River road to Gardener's-road.

(5.) *Tramway from Burns Bay road, Longueville, to the Ryde Tramway, via Figtree Bridge*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Tramway from Burns Bay road, Longueville, to the Ryde Tramway, via Figtree Bridge.

(6.) *Tramway from Cook's River road to Rockdale, via West Botany street*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Tramway from Cook's River road to Rockdale, via West Botany street.

Ordered to be printed.

19. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—Mr. Mark F. Morton brought up the Fourth Report, during the currency of the Twenty-third Parliament, from the Public Accounts Committee, together with Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

JOHN J. COHEN,  
 Speaker.



## PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } BY His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand  
 to wit. } Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor  
 (L.S.) } of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of  
 G. STRICKLAND, }  
*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 GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, 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 twenty-second day of May next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

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

By His Excellency's Command,

GEORGE W. FULLER.

GOD SAVE THE KING!



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.  
(PROROGUED 18 APRIL, 1917.)

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Public Accounts Committee; Election of Members.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
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No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Mid. night.	Entries in Votes.
1	1917. 17 April	Tuesday	12 noon	4.33 o'clock p.m.	h. m. 4 33	h. m. ...	20
Total					4 33	...	20

Average length of sitting daily, 4 hours 33 minutes.

Legislative Assembly Office,  
Sydney, 17th April, 1917.

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