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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE, 1925.

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 nineteenth day of June, 1925, of which a copy was read by William Stewart Mowle, Esquire, C.M.G., the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

"NEW SOUTH WALES, } By His Excellency Sir DUDLEY RAWSON STRAFFORD DE CHAIR,
 "to wit. } Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most
 "(L.S.) } Honourable Order of the Bath, Member of the Royal Victorian Order,
 "D. R. S. DE CHAIR, } Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in
 "Governor. } the Commonwealth of 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 Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of June instant, at twelve o'clock noon, in the buildings known 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 nineteenth day of June, in the year
 "of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in the sixteenth year
 "of His Majesty's Reign.

"By His Excellency's Command,
 "JOHN T. LANG,

"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 on the 30th day of May, 1925; and further certifying that the several Writs of Election, being twenty-four 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.
Alldis, Septimus Denbigh	Eastern Suburbs.
Anderson, David More... ..	Ryde.
Arkins, James Guy Dalley	St. George.
Arthur, Richard	North Shore.
Baddeley, John Marcus	Newcastle.
Ball, Richard Thomas	Murray.
Bavin, Thomas Rainsford	Ryde.
Bennett, Walter	Maitland.
Best, Edmund Carnecross	Murrumbidgee.
Birt, John Edward	Sydney.
Booth, George	Newcastle.
Bruntnell, Albert	Parramatta.
Bruxner, Michael Frederick	Northern Tableland.
Burke, Francis Michael	Botany.

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Names of Members Returned.	Electoral District for which returned.
Burke, Michael	Sydney.
Buttenshaw, Ernest Albert	Murrumbidgee.
Cahill, John Joseph	St. George.
Cameron, William	Maitland.
Cann, George	St. George.
Chaffey, Frank Augustus	Namoi.
Clark, Joseph Alfred	Wammerawa.
Connell, Hugh John	Newcastle.
Davidson, Mark Anthony	Sturt.
Davies, William	Wollondilly.
Doc, Brian James	Sturt.
Dooley, James	Bathurst.
Drummond, David Henry	Northern Tableland.
Dunn, William Fraser	Wammerawa.
Ely, William Thomas	Parramatta.
Evatt, Herbert Vere	Balmain.
Fell, William Scott	North Shore.
Fitzgerald, Joseph John	Oxley.
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas	Bathurst.
Fitzsimons, William Robert	Cumberland.
Flannery, Martin Matthew	Murrumbidgee.
Foster, William Frederick	Eastern Suburbs.
Fuller, George Warburton	Wollondilly.
Gillies, Robert Towers	Byron.
Goodin, Vernon William Edward	Murray.
Gosling, Mark	St. George.
Greig, Robert John	Ryde.
Henley, Thomas	Ryde.
Hill, Theodore Hooke	Oxley.
Hoad, Kenneth Oswald	Cootamundra.
Holdsworth, William	Sydney.
Horsington, Edward Matthew	Sturt.
Hoskins, Tom James	Western Suburbs.
Jackson, Joseph	Sydney.
Jaques, Harold Vivian	Eastern Suburbs.
Jarvie, Milton Livingstone Fredericks	Western Suburbs.
Kay, Alick Dudley	North Shore.
Keegan, Thomas	Balmain.
Kelly, Christopher Augustus	Bathurst.
Kilpatrick, Matthew	Murray.
Lane, Albert	Balmain.
Lang, John Thomas	Parramatta.
Lazzarini, Carlo Camillo	Western Suburbs.
Lee, John Robert	Botany.
Levy, Daniel	Sydney.
Ley, Thomas John	St. George.
Loughlin, Peter French	Cootamundra.
Lysaght, Andrew Augustus	Wollondilly.
Main, Hugh	Cootamundra.
McClelland, Alfred	Northern Tableland.
McGirr, James	Cumberland.
McKell, William John	Botany.
McTiernan, Edward Aloysius	Western Suburbs.
Missingham, William Thomas	Byron.
Murphy, Cecil Horace	North Shore.
Murray, David	Newcastle.
Mutch, Thomas Davies	Botany.
Ness, John Thomas	Western Suburbs.
O'Halloran, Robert Emmet	Eastern Suburbs.
O'Hearn, Walter Finlay	Maitland.
Perkins, John Arthur	Goulburn.
Preston-Stanley, Millicent	Eastern Suburbs.
Quirk, John	Balmain.
Ratcliffe, Wilfred Joseph	Botany.
Reid, Alfred Albert Edward Ernest Vassa	North Shore.
Sanders, Edward Lloyd	Ryde.
Scully, William James	Namoi.
Skelton, Walter Peden Joyce	Newcastle.
Stokes, Patrick Vincent	Goulburn.
Stuart, Frederick William	Byron.
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James	Balmain.
Thorby, Harold Victor Campbell	Wammerawa.
Tully, John Moran	Goulburn.
Vincent Roy Stanley	Oxley.
Walker, Robert Bruce	Cumberland.
Wearne, Walter Ernest	Namoi.

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

The House went, and the President said:—

“Honourable gentlemen of the Legislative Council and gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—
“His Excellency the Governor, not deeming it fit to be personally present here this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued, under the Public Seal of the State, constituting us Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the 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 V, 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 nineteenth day of June, instant, His Excellency Sir DUDLEY RAWSON STRATFORD DE CHAIR, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, 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 Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of June 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 Albert Charles Willis, Vice-President of Our Executive Council of Our said State, and the Honorable Broughton Barnabas O’Conor, 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, Albert Charles Willis, and Broughton Barnabas O’Conor, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in Our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said twenty-fourth day of June 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, Albert Charles Willis, and Broughton Barnabas O’Conor, 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 DUDLEY RAWSON STRATFORD DE CHAIR, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor of Our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in New South Wales, aforesaid, this twenty-third day of June, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in the sixteenth year of Our Reign.

“D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
“Governor.

“By His Excellency’s Command,
“JOHN T. LANG.”

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,—

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—The Clerk informed the Assembly that he had received, through the office of the Premier, a Commission, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, and bearing the Seal of the State, authorising the Honorable John Thomas Lang, Premier and Colonial Treasurer, the Honorable Peter Ffrench Loughlin, Secretary for Lands and Minister for Forests, and the Honorable Edward Aloysius McTiernan, Attorney-

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General, 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 DUDLEY RAWSON STRATFORD DE CHAIR, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, 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 DUDLEY RAWSON STRATFORD DE CHAIR, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honorable John Thomas Lang, Premier and Colonial Treasurer, the Honorable Peter Ffrench Loughlin, Secretary for Lands and Minister for Forests, and the Honorable Edward Aloysius McTiernan, Attorney-General, 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 twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in the sixteenth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth.

“ D. R. S. DE CHAIR,

“ Governor.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ JOHN T. LANG.”

5. MEMBERS SWORN :—The Honorable John Thomas Lang took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable Peter Ffrench Loughlin, and the Honorable Edward Aloysius McTiernan, 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. :—Septimus Denbigh Aldis, Esquire, B.A., David More Anderson, Esquire, James Guy Dalcy Arkins, Esquire, The Honorable John Marcus Baddeley, The Honorable Richard Thomas Ball, Thomas Rainsford Bavin, Esquire, K.C., B.A., LL.B., The Honorable Walter Bennett, Edmond Carneross Best, Esquire, George Booth, Esquire, Albert Bruntnell, Esquire, Lieut.-Colonel Michael Frederick Bruxner, D.S.O., Francis Michael Burke, Esquire, Michael Burke, Esquire, Ernest Albert Buttenshaw, Esquire, John Joseph Cahill, Esquire, William Cameron, Esquire, The Honorable George Cunn, Captain Frank Augustus Chaffey, Joseph Alfred Clark, Esquire, Major Hugh John Connell, D.S.O., M.C., Mark Anthony Davidson, Esquire, William Davies, Esquire, Brian James Doe, Esquire, James Dooley, Esquire, David Henry Drummond, Esquire, Captain The Hon. William Fraser Dunn, William Thomas Ely, Esquire, Herbert Vere Evatt, Esquire, M.A., LL.D., William Scott Fell, Esquire, The Honorable Joseph John Fitzgerald, The Honorable John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, William Robert Fitzsimons, Esquire, The Honorable Martin Matthew Flannery, William Frederick Foster, Esquire, The Honorable Sir George Warburton Fuller, K.C.M.G., Robert Towers Gillies, Esquire, Vernon William Edward Goodin, Esquire, Mark Gosling, Esquire, Robert John Greig, Esquire, Sir Thomas Henley, K.B.E., Theodore Hooke Hill, Esquire, Kenneth Oswald Hoad, Esquire, William Holdsworth, Esquire, Edward Matthew Horsington, Esquire, Tom James Hoskins, Esquire, Joseph Jackson, Esquire, Mr. Harold Vivian Jaques, B.A., LL.B., Major Milton Livingstone Fredericks Jarvie, M.C., Alick Dudley Kay, Esquire, Thomas Keegan, Esquire, Christopher Augustus Kelly, Esquire, Matthew Kilpatrick, Esquire, Albert Lane, Esquire, The Hon. Carlo Camillo Lazzarini, John Robert Lee, Esquire, Daniel Levy, Esquire, B.A., LL.B., Thomas John Ley, Esquire, Andrew Augustus Lysaght, Esquire, Alfred McClelland, Esquire, James McGirr, Esquire, The Honorable William John McKell, Hugh Main, Esquire, William Thomas Missingham, Esquire, Cecil Horace Murphy, Esquire, David Murray, Esquire, The Honorable Thomas Davies Mutch, John Thomas Ness, Esquire, Robert Emmet O'Halloran, Esquire, Walter Finlay O'Hearn, Esquire, John Arthur Perkins, Esquire, Miss Millicent Preston-Stanley, John Quirk, Esquire, Wilfred Joseph Radcliffe, Esquire, Alfred Albert Edward Ernest Vassa Reid, Esquire, Edward Lloyd Sanders, Esquire, William James Scully, Esquire, Walter Peden Joyce Skelton, Esquire, Patrick Vincent Stokes, Esquire, Frederick William Stuart, Esquire, Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire, Harold Victor Campbell Thorby, Esquire, John Moran Tully, Esquire, Roy Starley Vincent, Esquire, Robert Bruce Walker, Esquire, Walter Ernest Wearne, Esquire.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER :—Mr. Frank Burke, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, James Dooley, Esquire, and moved, “That James Dooley, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. McClelland.

The House then calling Mr. Dooley 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.

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The House then again unanimously calling him to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Frank Burke and Mr. McClelland 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. Lang, Sir George Fuller, Lieut.-Colonel Bruxner, Mr. Levy, Mr. Bruce Walker, and Mr. Skelton congratulated the Speaker.

Mr. Lang informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Governor would receive their Speaker at Government House, at Fifteen minutes before Three o'clock this afternoon, and moved, That this House do now adjourn, until Fifteen minutes before Three o'clock this afternoon.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, accordingly, at Thirteen minutes before Two o'clock, until Fifteen minutes before Three o'clock, This Afternoon.

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

7. **PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER** :—The House proceeded to Government House to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—
- And 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 the 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 honour the House had been pleased to confer upon him.
8. **MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—Mr. Speaker reported that, since the last meeting of Parliament, the following Message had been received from His Excellency the Governor :—
- D. R. S. DE CHAIR, Message No. 1.
Governor.
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the impugning of marriages celebrated in accordance with the Marriage Act, 1899, to be unlawful; to make certain provisions as to certificates of marriage; to declare marriages between a woman and her deceased husband's brother valid in law; to amend the Marriage Act, 1899, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—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, 4th April, 1925.*
9. **VACANT SEAT** :—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received from the Registrar-General of New South Wales, a certified copy of the certificate of death, which took place on the 21st June, instant, of John Edward Birt, Esquire, lately elected to the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Sydney.
10. **DEATH OF JOHN EDWARD BIRT, ESQUIRE, ONE OF THE MEMBERS FOR SYDNEY** :—Mr. Lang (*by consent*) moved, without Notice,—
- (1.) That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss this State has sustained by the death of John Edward Birt, Esquire, a Member of this Chamber.
- (2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to Mrs. Birt, mother of the deceased Member, the above resolution, together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow, of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.
- The motion having been seconded by Sir George Fuller, and supported by Lieut.-Colonel Bruxner, Mr. Levy, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Skelton, and Mr. Speaker having addressed the House,—
- Question put and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.
11. **NOMINATION OF MEMBER—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF SYDNEY** :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, pursuant to the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections (Casual Vacancies) Act, 1920, as amended by the Parliamentary Elections (Casual Vacancies) Amendment Act, 1921, he had received from the recognised Party Leader, the Honorable John Thomas Lang, the nomination of Patrick Joseph Minahan, Esquire, of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Manufacturer, as the person entitled to be elected to the Legislative Assembly in the place of the late Member, John Edward Birt, Esquire, deceased.
- And Mr. Davidson proceeding to introduce Mr. Minahan.

Point of Order : Mr. Levy submitted that the Parliamentary Elections (Casual Vacancies) Act was clearly intended to apply only during the life of the Parliament in which it was passed. When the words "the present Parliament," were inserted in the Act they were intended to mean the then present Parliament and no other. This being the case the operations of the Act were spent and its provisions could not be applied in the present circumstances.

Mr. Speaker said the question raised involved a question of law. Vacancies had been filled during the last Parliament. He had no hesitation in the present case of following the example set by his predecessor. He ruled against the point of order.

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Further Point of Order :—Mr. Jaques pointed out that section 3 of the Act of 1920 provided only for the filling of vacancies caused by death, resignation, or otherwise of a Member. In this case there was no vacancy caused either by a death or resignation. If this had been an occasion where someone who had never sat in this Chamber before had been returned by the electors, and had never recorded a vote here, it would be impossible for the Clerk to give a certificate setting out to which party he belonged; therefore, it would be impossible for the provisions of this Act to be applied. He submitted that on this occasion there was no vacancy which the clerk could certify to as having been filled by an Honorable Member who belonged to any particular party in the House.

Mr. Speaker pointed out that a writ had been returned declaring the late Mr. Birt to be elected as a Member of this House. Although section 5 of the Act provided that a motion of censure was the method of obtaining the party views of an Honorable Member, the words "having regard" were used, and so long as the Speaker and the Clerk were satisfied as to the party to which an Honorable Member belonged that was sufficient.

12. **MEMBER SWORN** :—Patrick Joseph Minahan, Esquire, was introduced, and having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Sydney.

13. **NEW ADMINISTRATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—Mr. Lang informed the House that upon receipt of the resignation of the late Government on Monday, 15th instant, His Excellency the Governor sent for him and commissioned him to form a Ministry. Upon his recommendation the Governor had been pleased to make the following appointments :—

The Honorable John Thomas Lang, Premier and Colonial Treasurer.

The Honorable Peter French Loughlin, Secretary for Lands and Minister for Forests.

The Honorable John Marcus Baddeley, Secretary for Mines and Minister for Labour and Industry.

The Honorable Edward Aloysius McTiernan, Attorney-General.

The Honorable William Fraser Dunn, Minister for Agriculture.

The Honorable William John McKell, Minister of Justice and Assistant Colonial Treasurer.

The Honorable Thomas Davies Mutch, Minister for Education.

The Honorable Carlo Camillo Lazzarini, Colonial Secretary.

The Honorable George Cann, Minister for Public Health and Local Government.

The Honorable Martin Matthew Flannery, Secretary for Public Works and Minister for Railways.

The Honorable Joseph John Fitzgerald, Assistant Minister for Public Health and Local Government.

The Honorable Joseph Farrar Coates, Honorary Minister.

The Honorable Albert Charles Willis, Vice-President of the Executive Council.

14. **PAPERS** :—

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

(1.) Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into proposals for the establishment of a New State or New States, formed wholly or in part out of the present territory of the State of New South Wales; together with Appendices.

(2.) Evidence, list of Exhibits, and printed Exhibits in connection with Royal Commission of inquiry into proposals for the establishment of a New State or New States, formed wholly or in part out of the present territory of the State of New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Mutch laid upon the Table the following Papers,—

(1.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery for 1924.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Notifications of resumptions of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Public School purposes at Auburn, Bygalorie, Carlingford, Hexham, Pinnacle South, Purlawaugh, Roseville, and Rye Park.

(3.) Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment, on probation, of Mr. W. M. S. Spry, as teacher of Building Construction and Drawing, Technical Education Branch.

(4.) Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment, on probation, of Mr. C. H. Vacchini, as teacher of Art, Technical Education Branch.

(5.) Minute of the Public Service Board, recommending the appointment, on probation of Miss A. G. Gouldthorp, as teacher of Dressmaking, Technical Education Branch.

(6.) Amended By-law of the University of Sydney.

(7.) Minute of the Public Service Board, recommending the appointment, on probation, of Mr. N. K. Robertson, M.B., Ch.M., as Medical Officer, Department of Public Instruction.

Mr. McKell laid upon the Table the following Papers,—

(1.) Report of the Comptroller-General of Prisons for 1924.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return of Transactions for 1924, with comparative statements for years 1914 to 1924, inclusive, under Statutes administered by the Registrar-General.

Mr. Lazzarini laid upon the Table the following Papers,—

(1.) Report of the Royal Commission (Mr. S. E. Lamb, K.C.) respecting the conduct of Aldermen of the Municipal Council of Sydney in connection with cartage contracts.

(2.) Abstracts of Liabilities and Assets of Banks for the quarter ended 31st March, 1925.

(3.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the National Relief Fund of New South Wales for 1924.

(4.) Regulations under the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912.

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- (5.) Regulations Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.
- (6.) Amended Rules under the Police Regulation Act, 1899, and the Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act, 1906.

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

- (1.) Amended Regulation under the Stamp Duties Acts, 1920-1924, in regard to Betting Tickets.
- (2.) Amendment of Regulations for the Receipt and Coinage of Gold at the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint.
- (3.) Rules made under the Irrigation Holdings (Freehold) Act, 1924, and the Land and Valuation Court Act, 1921, regulating the procedure of the Court and for carrying out the provisions of the Irrigation Holdings (Freehold) Act, 1924.
- (4.) Amended Rules of the Supreme Court for carrying into effect the provisions of Part XIV, of the Child Welfare Act, 1923-1924.
- (5.) Amended and Substituted Regulations and Repeal of Regulation under the Public Service Act, 1902.

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

- (1.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. Robert Parker Jack, as Inspector of Collieries, Department of Mines.
- (2.) Proclamation declaring certain lands to be private lands under the Mining Act, 1906.
- (3.) Regulations under the Mining Act, 1906.

Captain Dunn laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Additional Regulation No. 114A, under the Irrigation Acts, 1912-24, respecting Living Allowances to officers and servants of the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission.
- (2.) New Regulation No. 117, under the Irrigation Acts, 1912-24, respecting Classification of officers and employees of the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission.
- (3.) Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment, on probation, of Messrs. George Archie Blake, Douglas Victor Dunlop, Stuart Wesley George, and Kenneth Gordon Carn, as Assistant Experimentalists, Department of Agriculture.

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

- (1.) Amended Regulations 197, 198A, 204, 205, 265, 277A, 295, 302A, 305, 308, 312, 314, 316, 319, and 320, and Amended Forms 69, 69A, 73, 74, 119A, 121A, and 129A, and additional Regulations 205C, 205D, 205E, 205F, 205G, 205H, 205J; and additional Forms 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, and 153 under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) Cancellation of Regulations Nos. 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, and Forms Nos. 70, 71, and 72, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Cancellation of Regulation 231 under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (4.) Amended Regulation No. 9, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (5.) Amended Regulations Nos. 81 and 232, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (6.) Amended Regulation No. 60, and Amended Forms Nos. 9 and 11, Additional Regulation No. 355 and additional Form No. 146, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (7.) Additional Regulations Nos. 2 and 3, and additional Form 2, under the Crown Lands and Closer Settlement (Amending) Act, 1924.
- (8.) Amended Regulation No. 18A, and Amended Form 18, and additional Regulations Nos. 61 and 62, and additional Forms Nos. 50 and 51, under the Closer Settlement Acts, 1904-1919.
- (9.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to public purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
- (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.

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

- (1.) Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment, on probation, of Mr. R. Paterson, as Supervising Engineer, Department of Public Works.
- (2.) Minutes of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment, on probation, of Mr. F. M. Robson, as Draftsman, Department of Public Works.
- (3.) Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment, on probation, of Mr. A. Richmond, as Engineering Draftsman, Department of Public Works.
- (4.) Minute of the Public Service Board, recommending the appointment, on probation, of Mr. A. E. Colman, as Supervising Architect, Department of Public Works.
- (5.) Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment, on probation, of Mr. G. P. Brooks, B.E., as Hydrographic Surveyor, Department of Public Works.
- (6.) By-Laws under the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Act, 1924.
- (7.) By-law under the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Act, 1924.
- (8.) Regulations under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1924
- (9.) Regulations under the Middle Harbour (The Spit) Bridge Act, 1923, relating to Tolls.

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

- (1.) Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.
- (2.) Regulations under the Ambulance Transport Service Act, 1919, as amended.
- (3.) Agreement between James Joseph Clancy and the Bega Municipal Council relating to a Franchise under the Local Government Act, 1919, granted by the Council to the said James Joseph Clancy for the supply of electric current for street and private lighting, and for power within the Municipality.
- (4.) Certified copies of Agreements between Parramatta Electric Supply Company, Limited, and Parramatta Municipal Council relating to a Franchise under the Local Government Act, 1919, granted by the Council to the said Company, for the supply of electric current for street and private lighting, and for power within the Municipality.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

24th June, 1925.

15. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:**—Mr. Frank Burke, *on behalf* of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table:—
- (1.) *Railway from Casino via Bonalbo to Tabulam:*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan relating to the proposed railway from Casino via Bonalbo to Tabulam.
 - (2.) *Railway from Tenterfield to Tabulam:*—Report together with Minutes of Evidence relating to the proposed Railway from Tenterfield to Tabulam.
 - (3.) *Railway from Gilgandra to Tooraweenah:*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence relating to the proposed Railway from Gilgandra to Tooraweenah.
 - (4.) *Railway from Grafton to Killarney:*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices and Plans, relating to the proposed Railway from Grafton to Killarney.
 - (5.) *Railway from Wollun to Mount George:*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence relating to the proposed Railway from Wollun to Mount George.
 - (6.) *Railway from Stroud-road to Port Stephens:*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence relating to the proposed Railway from Stroud-road to Port Stephens.
- Ordered to be printed.
16. **LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION:**—Sir George Fuller informed the House that on the twenty-third day of June, instant, he was appointed Leader of the Opposition.
17. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**—Mr. Lee (*by consent*), moved without Notice, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to Dr. Richard Arthur, on account of illness.
Question put and passed.
18. **URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:**—
- (1.) Mr. Lang moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider a motion for the appointment of a Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Lang moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of a motion for the appointment of a Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.
Question put and passed.
19. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:**—Mr. Davidson moved, That Robert John Greig, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Greig made his acknowledgments to the House.
20. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Lang moved, That this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, 1st July next, at Four o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Twenty-one minutes before Five o'clock, *until Wednesday, 1st July next*, at Four o'clock.

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

JAMES DOOLEY,
Speaker



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } By His Excellency Sir DUDLEY RAWSON STRATFORD DE CHAIR, Admiral in the
to wit. } Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath,
(L.S.) }
D. R. S. DE CHAIR, } Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor of the State of New South
Governor. } Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of 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 Legislative Council and Assembly: Now therefore, I, Sir DUDLEY RAWSON STRATFORD DE CHAIR, the Governor, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, twenty-first day of July, 1925, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twenty-sixth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in the sixteenth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN T. LANG.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

1925.
(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1925.

1. New Writs issued											
2. Select Committees :—											
On Public Matters											
On Private Matters											
On Private Bills											
On Public Bill (Joint Committee)											
3. Standing Committees											
4. Public Bills :—											
Originated in the Assembly—											
Received the Royal Assent											
Otherwise disposed of											
Brought from the Council—											
Received the Royal Assent											
Otherwise disposed of											
5. Private Bills :—											
Originated in the Assembly—											
Received the Royal Assent											
Otherwise disposed of											
Brought from the Council—											
Received the Royal Assent											
Otherwise disposed of											
6. Petitions received :—											
Printed											
Not Printed											
7. Divisions :—											
In the House											
In Committee of the Whole											
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2) :—											
Days of Meeting											1
Hours of Sitting									4 h.		39 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight h.		... m.
Daily Average h.		... m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—											
Before commencement of Business											
After commencement of Business											
9. Votes and Proceedings :—											
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—											
Of Business done... ..						20					
Daily Average											20
Entries in Question Paper—											
Of Questions answered											
Daily Average											
Entries in Notice Paper—											
Of Questions											
Of Notices of Motion											
Of Orders of the Day											
Daily Average											
10. Contingent Notice Papers											
11. Orders for Papers											
12. Addresses for Papers											
13. Other Addresses											
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—											
By Message											
By Command						57					
In Returns to Orders											
In Returns to Addresses											
Reports from Standing and Select Committees											
Other Papers											57
Ordered to be Printed						10					
Not ordered to be Printed						47					
											57

15. **Sittings of the House :—**

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Second Session of 1925, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings :—

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Mid-night.	Entries in Votes.
1	1925. 24 June	Wednesday...	12 noon	4-39 p.m.	h. m. 4 39	h. m. ...	20

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 26th June, 1925.

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