

No. 6.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1895.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at half-past Four o'clock.

*Members Present :—*The Honorable Sir John Lackey, K.C.M.G., *President.*

The Honorable Benjamin Backhouse,
 The Honorable James Blanksby,
 The Honorable Richard Ryther Steer Bowker,
 M.D., M.R.C.P.; Lond.,
 The Honorable William Robert Campbell,
 The Honorable Samuel Charles,
 The Honorable John Mildred Creed, M.R.C.S.,
 The Honorable William Portus Cullen, LL.D.,
 The Honorable Thomas Dalton,
 The Honorable Henry Carey Dangar,
 The Honorable John Davies, C.M.G.,
 The Honorable George Day,
 The Honorable Andrew Garran, LL.D.,
 The Honorable Charles Augustus Goodchap,
 The Honorable Edward Greville,
 The Honorable Charles Gilbert Heydon,
 The Honorable James Hoskins,
 The Honorable John Hughes,
 The Honorable Frederick Thomas Humphery,
 The Honorable Archibald Hamilton Jacob,
 The Honorable Henry Edward Kater,
 The Honorable Alexander Kethel,
 The Honorable George Lee,
 The Honorable Samuel Edward Lees,

The Honorable John Lucas,
 The Honorable John Macintosh,
 The Honorable Henry Moses,
 The Honorable James Norton, LL.D.,
 The Honorable Richard Edward O'Connor,
 The Honorable Daniel O'Connor,
 The Honorable William Hilson Pigott,
 The Honorable Charles Edward Pilcher, Q.C.,
 The Honorable Edward Pulsford,
 The Honorable Sir Arthur Renwick, Kt., M.D.,
 F.R.C.S.,
 The Honorable Charles James Roberts, C.M.G.,
 The Honorable Alexander Ryrie,
 The Honorable Sir Julian Salomons, Q.C.,
 The Honorable Patrick Lindesay Crawford
 Shepherd,
 The Honorable George Thornton,
 The Honorable John Thomas Toohey,
 The Honorable William Joseph Trickett,
 The Honorable Ebenezer Vickery,
 The Honorable John Henry Want, Q.C.,
 The Honorable James Watson,
 The Honorable Robert Hoddle Driberg White.

2. LIGHTING POST OFFICE CLOCKS:—Mr. Greville having, pursuant to Notice, asked the Vice-President of the Executive Council,—

(1.) Has the Government been requested to light the post office clock, Balmain, until 11 p.m. at the expense of the Postal Department?

(2.) Are there any other post office clocks, in the suburbs or country, in addition to the General Post Office clock, lighted at Government expense?

(3.) If so, the names of the several localities, and the annual cost?

Dr. Garran replied,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) North Sydney cost for 1894, £8 15s. 3d.; Dubbo cost for 1894, £26 5s. 4d.,—being half the expense, the other half being borne by the Municipality.

3. SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS DURING YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1895:—Mr. Lucas having, pursuant to Notice, asked the Vice-President of the Executive Council,—What amount of money has the Government received from the sale of public lands during the year ending 30th June, 1895?

Dr. Garran replied,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return embracing the information desired.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (*Formal Business*):—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable R. H. Roberts for one month, on account of ill-health.

Question put and passed.

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5. CO-OPERATIVE COLLIERY TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Business*):—

(1.) Mr. Pigott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the maintenance and use of a tramway which has been constructed from the Co-operative Mine, situate on the Wentworth Estate, in the parish of Hexham, county of Northumberland, in the Colony of New South Wales, to the screens above the Co-operative Railway-line, and which said tramway crosses various streets and ways in the Borough of Plattsburg; and to enable the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to divert the course of Kenrick-street, between Wentworth-street and Fletcher-street, and giving him compulsory powers to acquire lands forming the site of the said tramway.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Pigott then presented the Bill, and having produced a certificate that the sum of twenty-five pounds had been paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the maintenance and use of a tramway which has been constructed from the Co-operative Mine, situate on the Wentworth Estate, in the parish of Hexham, county of Northumberland, in the Colony of New South Wales, to the screens above the Co-operative Railway-line, and which said tramway crosses various streets and ways in the Borough of Plattsburg; and to enable the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to divert the course of Kenrick-street, between Wentworth street and Fletcher-street, and giving him compulsory powers to acquire lands forming the site of the said tramway,*"—read a first time.

6. MEMBERS SUMMONED TO ATTEND THE HOUSE:—

(1.) Mr. Pigott moved, as a case of necessity (*under the 265th Standing Rule and Order*), That the Standing Rules and Orders be so far suspended as to enable the following resolution to be moved without Notice, viz.:—

(1.) That this Council is of opinion that all of its Members not absent on leave should be summoned to give their attendance in the House on the days fixed for the consideration of the following measures, viz.:—

(1.) The Constitution Act Amendment Bill.

(2.) The Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill of 1895.

(2.) That this resolution be communicated to Members by the President, with a request that they will give their attendance accordingly.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Whereupon Mr. Pigott moved,—

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Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—The President stated that he had received from the Honorable Member, Dr. Bowker, a Notice, under the 13th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The necessity of the inauguration by the Government of a measure for the protection of the public against unqualified "medical practitioners,"—

And no objection being made as to the urgency of the subject, Dr. Bowker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. PAPER:—Dr. Garran laid upon the Table,—Report from Inspector Forester Manton on thinning the red-gum forest reserves.

Ordered to be printed.

9. NO-LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Humphery moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

(2.) On motion of Mr. Humphery, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on this day week.

The House (*by consent*) adjourned, at two minutes before Six o'clock, until *Wednesday next* at Four o'clock p.m.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER.

QUESTIONS :—

1. **MR. HOSKINS to ask THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,—**
 - (1.) What is the amount of fees, or the rate per day as fees, proposed to be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the Chairman and members respectively of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of Collieries in this Colony?
 - (2.) Are the Government aware that up to the present time the only witnesses examined by the said Commission had previously been witnesses before a Select Committee of this House, and gave very full evidence on the subject matter now being inquired into by this Commission, and that the evidence they gave has been printed, and is available for the perusal of the members of this Commission?
 - (3.) Do the members of this Commission intend to call other witnesses than those examined before the Select Committees of both Houses of Parliament; if not, the evidence previously given by those witnesses has been printed, and can be read by members of this Commission?
 - (4.) When is it intended to terminate this Commission, or is the inquiry to be continued until there is no more money available to pay fees to members of the Commission?
2. **MR. CREED to ask THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,—**
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Works Department to erect a new lighthouse in the neighbourhood of Jervis Bay; if so, at what estimated cost when completed; of what order is it; at what height will the lantern be above the water; and at what distance should it be visible in clear weather?
 - (2.) What is to be the mode of lighting?
 - (3.) Is Perpendicular Head the site chosen?
 - (4.) Is the Department aware that Crocodile Head, less than 2 miles to the north, projects considerably further to seaward, and that it is almost 100 feet higher than Perpendicular Head?
 - (5.) Is it not a fact that the light, if erected on Perpendicular Head, will be hidden by the higher elevation of Crocodile Head from vessels proceeding down the coast from the north unless they are at such a distance from the land as to be quite clear of all dangers?
 - (6.) Will the Government ascertain the opinions of the masters commanding the steamers belonging to the P. and O. Co., the Orient Co., Howard Smith & Co., the Australian United Steam Navigation Co., and other similar vessels, as to which head is the more suitable for the light for the purposes of safe navigation?
3. **MR. D. O'CONNOR to ask THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,—**
 - (1.) The number of places in the city leased or rented by each of the Departments of the Government?
 - (2.) The amount paid for each place, and the purposes for which it is used?
 - (3.) The total amount paid annually for those premises?
4. **MR. GOODCHAP to ask THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,—**When will the return of particulars of the Public Debt, moved for on the 12th June last, be laid upon the Table?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. **MR. PIGOTT to move,—**
 - (1.) That the Co-operative Colliery Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Jacob, Mr. Blanksby, Mr. Kethel, Mr. C. J. Roberts, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Moses, and the Mover.
2. **MR. PIGOTT to move,—**
 - (1.) That the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the Coal Mines Regulation Bill, appointed on the 5th October, 1893, be laid upon the Table of this House.
 - (2.) That such Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be referred to the Royal Commission now sitting to inquire into the Coal Mines Regulation Bill.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. No-liability Mining Companies Bill; to be further considered in Committee.