

No. 53.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1900.

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 Reginald James Black,
The Honorable James Blanksby,
The Honorable Nicholas James Buzacott,
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 Henry Carey Dangar,
The Honorable George Day,
The Honorable George Frederick Earp,
The Honorable Frederick Flowers,
The Honorable Andrew Garran, LL.D.,
The Honorable Albert John Gould,
The Honorable Nicholas Hawken,
The Honorable John Hephher,
The Honorable William Charles Hill,
The Honorable William Hillier Holborow,
C.M.G.,
The Honorable John Hughes,
The Honorable Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Honorable Solomon Herbert Hyam,
The Honorable Richard Jones,
The Honorable Henry Edward Kater,
The Honorable Alexander Kethel,
The Honorable George Lee,
The Honorable William Alexander Long,

The Honorable John Macintosh,
The Honorable Charles Kinnaird Mackellar,
M.B., C.M.,
The Honorable Henry Normand MacLaurin,
M.D., LL.D.,
The Honorable John Meagher,
The Honorable Alfred William Meeks,
The Honorable Henry Moses,
The Honorable John Brady Nash, M.D.,
The Honorable James Norton, LL.D.,
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 William Robson,
The Honorable Alexander Ross,
The Honorable Fergus Jago Smith,
The Honorable Thomas Hawkins Smith,
The Honorable Henry Stuart,
The Honorable Francis Bathurst Suttor,
The Honorable John Thomas Toohey,
The Honorable William Joseph Trickett,
The Honorable Ebenezer Vickery,
The Honorable James Watson,
The Honorable James Wilson,
The Honorable Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Q.C.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The President reported and read the following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor:—

- (1.) Appropriation Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message.

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, 1900, to the 30th day of June, 1901, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1899-1900,' for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1899, to the 30th day of June, 1900, inclusive of both dates; and to cover payments charged to 'Expenditure Suspense Account' for Services of the year 1898-9; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and now transmits 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, 1st December, 1900.*

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(2.) Loan Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and now transmits 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, 3rd December, 1900.

3. MUNICIPALITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Humphery presented a Petition from George R. Dibbs, President of the Chamber of Mines of New South Wales, praying the House to amend the Bill in the direction suggested in the said Petition.
Petition received.
4. SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Suttor moved, *by consent, without previous Notice*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the under-mentioned Bills through all their remaining stages during one sitting of the Council, viz.:—
 - (1.) Friendly Societies (Amendment) Bill.
 - (2.) Banks Half-holiday Bill.
 - (3.) Parliamentary Electorates Redistribution Bill.
 - (4.) Government Savings Bank (Commonwealth Arrangements) Bill.
 - (5.) Governor-General's Establishment Contribution Bill.
 Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
5. RESUMPTION OF LANDS UNDER DARLING HARBOUR WHARVES RESUMPTION ACT:—Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the resumption of all that area described in Schedule one of the Darling Harbour Wharves Resumption Act, with the exception of that area occupied by St. Patrick's Church, Convent, Schools, Presbytery, Hall, teacher's residence, out-buildings, and land connected therewith, fronting Grosvenor-street (late Charlotte Place), Gloucester-street, and Harrington-street; also that area occupied for religious and educational purposes on the eastern side of Kent-street, and about 41 feet south of Argyle-street; and also that property bounded by Trinity Avenue, Lower Fort-street, and Argyle-street, and occupied by Holy Trinity Church and School.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
 - (1.) Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
 - (2.) On motion of Mr. Suttor, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments,—
The House adopted the report.
Ordered, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for a later hour in the evening.
7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—The President reported and read the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly:—
 - (1.) Banks Half-holiday Bill:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable banks and branch banks to be closed on certain afternoons; to provide that such afternoons shall not be banking or business hours for the purpose of any business at such banks and branches; and to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, 1887*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1900, a.m.
WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Suttor, read a first time.
 - (2.) Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
 - (3.) On motion of Mr. Suttor, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment,—
The House adopted the report.
 - (4.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Suttor, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Suttor then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable banks and branch banks, to be closed on certain afternoons; to provide that such afternoons shall not be banking or business hours for the purpose of any business at such banks and branches; and to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, 1887*."
Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable banks and branch banks to be closed on certain afternoons; to provide that such afternoons shall not be banking or business hours for the purpose of any business at such banks and branches; and to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, 1887,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Parliamentary Electorates Redistribution Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the redistribution of New South Wales into electoral districts; and for purposes consequent upon or incidental to that object,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1900, a.m.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

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

(2.) Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment,—

The House adopted the report.

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

Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to provide for the redistribution of New South Wales into electoral districts; and for purposes consequent upon or incidental to that object.*"

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the redistribution of New South Wales into electoral districts; and for purposes consequent upon or incidental to that object,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Government Savings Bank (Commonwealth Arrangements) Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the conduct of the Government Savings Bank on and after the transfer of the Postal Department to the Commonwealth; and to amend the Government Savings Bank Act of 1870,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1900, a.m.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.]

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

(2.) Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment,—

The House adopted the report.

(3.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Suttor, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Suttor then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to provide for the conduct of the Government Savings Bank on and after the transfer of the Postal Department to the Commonwealth; and to amend the Government Savings Bank Act of 1870.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the conduct of the Government Savings Bank on and after the transfer of the Postal Department to the Commonwealth; and to amend the Government Savings Bank Act of 1870*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney 4th December, 1900.

Question put and passed.

(4.) Governor-General's Establishment Contribution Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise certain annual payments to be made towards the maintenance of the establishment of the Governor-General*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1900, p.m.

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

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

(2.) Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment,—

The House adopted the report.

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

Mr. Suttor then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorise certain annual payments to be made towards the maintenance of the establishment of the Governor-General*."

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise certain annual payments to be made towards the maintenance of the establishment of the Governor-General*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900.

Question put and passed.

(5.) Excise Reduction Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Governor to reduce the excise duties on tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, spirits, and beer*."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1900, a.m.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

(6.) Old-age Pensions Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for Old-age Pensions, and for purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid object*."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1900, a.m.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

(7.) Federal Elections Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the election in New South Wales of Members of the Parliament of the Commonwealth; to provide that a Member of such Parliament shall be incapable of being summoned or elected or of sitting as a Member of the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly in the Nineteenth or any subsequent Parliament of New South Wales; and for purposes consequent on or incidental thereto*."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1900, p.m.

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

(8.)

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(8.) Presbyterian Church of Australia Bill :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable certain arrangements entered into between the Presbyterian Churches of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, for constituting one Presbyterian Church of Australia, to be carried into effect, and to make provision with regard to the property held by or on behalf of or in connection with the Presbyterian Churches of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, respectively, or by any congregation or body connected therewith, or by any person for or on behalf of any of the said Churches or any congregation of the said Churches ; and for other purposes in connection with such arrangements,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1900, p.m.

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

In the absence of the President, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair.

8. DEPUTY-CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Suttor moved, That the Honorable Frederick Thomas Humphery do take the Chair of the Committees for this day only.
Question put and passed.

9. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL,—on motion of Mr. Suttor, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Suttor then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with the following Message :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 4th December, 1900.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Pages 1 and 2, clause 3. Omit clause 3, insert the following new clause :—

The period of twelve months mentioned in section ninety-one of the Principal Act shall be deemed to have been and to be a period of two years.

Page 2, clause 6, line 39. After "provided" insert "that the Rules and Constitution of the Society shall first be made to accord with the provisions of the said section and that"

Amendment of
section ninety-
one of Principal
Act.

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Question put and passed.

10. SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Suttor moved, *by consent without previous notice*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the under-mentioned Bills through all their stages during one sitting of the Council, viz. :—

(1.) Companies Death Duties (Amendment) Bill.

(2.) Liverpool Municipal Loan Bill.

Question put and passed.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :—The Deputy-President reported and read the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly :—

- (1.) Companies Death Duties (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1899,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900, a.m.

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

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

(2.) Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Deputy-Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment,—

The House adopted the report.

Ordered, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the evening.

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(2.) Liverpool Municipal Loan Bill :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Council of the Municipal District of Liverpool to borrow certain moneys for the repayment of loans*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900, a.m.

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

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

(2.) Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Deputy-Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment,—

The House adopted the report.

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

Mr. Suttor then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorise the Council of the Municipal District of Liverpool to borrow certain moneys for the repayment of loans*."

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with the following Message :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Council of the Municipal District of Liverpool to borrow certain moneys for the repayment of loans*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Early Closing (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 7th November, 1900, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Early Closing (Amendment) Bill,—

Disagrees to so much of the amendment on page 2, clause 3, lines 27 and 28, as omits the words "and shop assistant,"—because such amendment will do away with the vote to shop assistants, and places the decision as to the half holiday in the hands of the shopkeepers who employ no labour; and many employers of labour have agreed to employees having votes.

Disagrees to the last amendment in clause 3, as consequential upon the above disagreement.

Agrees to the omission of the word "any" in clause 3, line 27; to the insertion of words after the word "assistant"; to the amendment in clause 4, and to the first amendment in clause 5.

Disagrees to so much of the amendment in clause 5, lines 9 and 10, as omits the words "within the metropolitan area,"—because the omission of such words would have the effect of closing all newsagents' and booksellers' shops in the country districts at eight o'clock, where frequently the newspapers do not arrive till after this hour, or just before it; and to prevent the delivery of newspapers after eight p.m. would occasion considerable loss to newsagents, and great inconvenience to residents in such districts.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 4, which inserts the words "the same manner as" provided in the preceding section for existing country shopping districts,"—because the proposal for eight o'clock closing of shops conducted by a proprietor, without the assistance of any employee or employees, will strike at the fundamental principle of the Early Closing Act; will cause frequent resort to the law courts to determine who is, and who is not, an employee; and may exclude all persons but the shopkeeper or shopkeepers; or it may include the members of his family—in the former case enabling every shop to remain open until 8 p.m., and encouraging the formation of merely formal partnerships and co-operations, designed to avoid the spirit of the Act—in the latter case inflicting a hardship on the man who, having no children to assist him, has to employ labour. It would encourage the bringing into business of children at too early an age, and the utilisation of their services after school hours. And further, it would create a strong feeling of resentment on the part of those shopkeepers who, by reason of the fact that they give employment to others, will be subject to a disability, and it would be hostile to the spirit of the Factories and Shops Act, by indirectly encouraging the employment of child labour.

Agrees to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 5, but proposes to amend such new clause by inserting after the word "shop" in the first line the words "situate within the Newcastle shopping district and,"—in which amendment the Legislative Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1900, p.m.

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

Mr. Suttor moved, That the Deputy-President do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Assembly's message in reference to Council's amendments in this Bill forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Hill, |
| Mr. Meeks, | Mr. Ross, |
| Mr. Backhouse, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Dr. Nash, | Mr. Holborow, |
| Mr. Blanksby, | Mr. Buzacott, |
| Mr. Robson, | Mr. Wilson, |
| Mr. Wise, | Dr. Mackellar, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Hyam. |
| Mr. Hephher, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Flowers, | |
| Mr. Meagher, | Mr. Black, |
| Mr. Humphery, | Mr. Campbell. |

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| Mr. Kater, | Mr. Dangar, |
| Mr. Pilcher, | Mr. Long, |
| Mr. Charles, | Mr. Lee. |
| Mr. T. H. Smith, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Dr. Norton, | |
| Mr. Macintosh, | Mr. F. Jago Smith, |
| Mr. Toohey, | Mr. Jones. |
| Mr. Moses, | |
| Mr. Watson, | |
| Mr. Gould, | |
| Dr. Cullen, | |
| Mr. Hawken, | |

Whereupon the Deputy-President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

The Deputy-Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the evening.

12. COMPANIES DEATH DUTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL,—on motion of Mr. Wise, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1899.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1899,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900.

COMPANIES DEATHS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 4th December, 1900.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 4, line 21. After "company" insert "nor when the only pastoral business
"carried on by the company relates to property that has fallen into the hands of such
"company by reason of foreclosure or conveyance of the Equity of Redemption in
"discharge of a mortgage debt, or relates to property acquired by such company for the
"purpose of working the same in connection with the property so foreclosed or conveyed
"as aforesaid."

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Question put and passed.

13. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—The Deputy-President reported and read the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly:—

(1.) City Railway Extension (Devonshire-street) Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the extension of the railway from its present terminus at Redfern to the north of Devonshire-street, and the construction there of a commodious station and administrative offices; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to those objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd December, 1900.

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

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

Mr. Wise moved, That, as a matter of necessity, so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of this Bill through all its remaining stages during one sitting of the Council.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Deputy-Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment,—

The House adopted the report.

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

Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to sanction the extension of the railway from its present terminus at Redfern to the north of Devonshire-street, and the construction there of a commodious station and administrative offices; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to those objects,*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon

(4 December, 1900.)

Whereupon Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the extension of the railway from its present terminus at Redfern to the north of Devonshire-street, and the construction there of a commodious station and administrative offices; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to those objects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900.

Question put and passed.

(2) Friendly Societies (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900.

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

(3.) Early Closing (Amendment) Bill (2nd Message):—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

With reference to the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 1st December, 1900, in reference to the Early Closing Amendment Bill,—the Legislative Assembly requests that the following words, "Disagrees to the amendment in clause 5 which inserts the words 'and shops conducted by a proprietor without the assistance of any employee or employees'" may be substituted for the words "Disagrees to the amendment in clause 4 which inserts the words 'the same manner as provided in the preceding section for existing country shopping districts.'"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900.

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

Mr. Suttor moved, That the second Message from the Legislative Assembly in connection with the Early Closing (Amendment) Bill be referred to the Committee of the Whole on this Bill, and be taken by it into consideration in conjunction with the first Message already under the consideration of the said Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Hill, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Wise, |
| Mr. Black, | Mr. Campbell, |
| Dr. Nash, | Mr. Holborow, |
| Mr. Hughes, | Mr. Hyam, |
| Mr. Blanksby, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. Wilson, | Dr. Mackellar, |
| Mr. Buzacott, | Mr. Humphery. |
| Mr. Hopher, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Ross, | Mr. Meeks, |
| Mr. Meagher, | Mr. Robson. |
| Mr. Flowers, | |
| Mr. Kethel, | |

Noes, 11.

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| Mr. Pilcher, |
| Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Dangar, |
| Dr. Cullen, |
| Mr. F. Jago Smith, |
| Mr. Gould, |
| Dr. Norton, |
| Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. T. H. Smith. |
| Tellers, |
| Mr. Hawken, |
| Mr. Kater. |

14. EARLY CLOSING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Deputy-President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Assembly's Message in reference to the Council's amendments in this Bill.

The Deputy-Chairman reported that the Committee had resolved not to insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and to agree to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

The House adopted the report.

Mr. Suttor moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Assembly:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Messages, dated 1st and 4th December, 1900, in reference to the Early Closing (Amendment) Bill,—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900.

Question put and passed.

15. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (EMPLOYEES APPEAL) BILL:—

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

Debate ensued.

And

(5 December, 1900, a.m.)

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1900.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Flowers, |
| Mr. Holborow, | Mr. Hepher, |
| Mr. Wilson, | Mr. Meeks. |
| Mr. Robson, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Wise, | |
| Mr. Hughes, | Mr. Buzacott, |
| Mr. Meagher, | Mr. Blanksby. |
| Dr. Nash, | |
| Mr. F. Jago Smith, | |
| Mr. Hill, | |

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| Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Dangar, |
| Dr. Cullen, |
| Mr. Humphery, |
| Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. Kater. |

Tellers,

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| Mr. T. H. Smith, |
| Mr. Hawken. |

Bill read a second time.

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

The Deputy-Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments,—

The House adopted the report.

- (3.) Mr. Wise moved, That, as a case of necessity, so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will prevent the passage of this Bill through its final stage at this sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Hill, |
| Mr. Buzacott, | Mr. Hyam, |
| Mr. Wilson, | Mr. Flowers, |
| Mr. Holborow, | Mr. Hepher, |
| Mr. Hughes, | Mr. Stuart. |
| Mr. Robson, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Wise, | |
| Mr. Ross, | Mr. Day, |
| Mr. Meeks, | Mr. Blanksby. |
| Mr. Meagher, | |
| Dr. Nash, | |

Noes, 9.

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| Mr. Dangar, |
| Dr. Cullen, |
| Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. F. Jago Smith, |
| Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. T. H. Smith, |
| Mr. Hawken. |

Tellers,

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| Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Kater. |

Mr. Wise moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of this Bill through its remaining stage during the present sitting of the Council.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. Buzacott, | Mr. Hepher, |
| Mr. Wilson, | Mr. Flowers, |
| Mr. Holborow, | Mr. Wise, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Hyam. |
| Mr. Blanksby, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Hughes, | |
| Mr. Meeks, | Mr. Ross, |
| Mr. Meagher, | Mr. Robson. |
| Dr. Nash, | |
| Mr. Hill, | |

Noes, 9.

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| Mr. Kater, |
| Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Dangar, |
| Dr. Cullen, |
| Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. T. H. Smith, |
| Mr. Hawken. |

Tellers,

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| Mr. F. Jago Smith, |
| Mr. Campbell. |

Mr. Wise then moved, That the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

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| Mr. Suttor, | Dr. Nash, |
| Mr. Buzacott, | Mr. Hill, |
| Mr. Hepher, | Mr. Hyam, |
| Mr. Holborow, | Mr. Flowers, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Stuart. |
| Mr. Blanksby, | Mr. Wise. |
| Mr. Hughes, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Wilson, | |
| Mr. Robson, | Mr. Meeks, |
| Mr. Ross, | Mr. Meagher. |

Noes, 6.

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| Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. F. Jago Smith, |
| Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. Hawken. |

Tellers,

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| Mr. Dangar, |
| Mr. Campbell. |

16. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—The Deputy-President reported and read the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly:—

- (1.) Companies Death Duties (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1899.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900.

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.
(2.)

(2.) Culcairn to Germanton Railway Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Culcairn to Germanton; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1900, a.m.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

(1.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Suttor, read a first time.

(2.) Mr. Suttor moved, That, as a case of necessity, so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the passage of this Bill through all its stages during one sitting of the Council.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

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| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Day, |
| Mr. Hyam, | Mr. Holborow, |
| Mr. Flowers, | Mr. Buzacott, |
| Mr. Stuart, | Mr. Meeks, |
| Mr. Hill, | Mr. Suttor. |
| Mr. Meagher, | Tellers, |
| Dr. Nash, | Mr. Wilson, |
| Mr. Robson, | Mr. Ross. |
| Mr. Hephher, | |
| Mr. Hughes, | |
| Mr. Blanksby, | |

Noes, 9.

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| Mr. Humphery, |
| Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Dangar, |
| Dr. Cullen, |
| Mr. T. H. Smith, |
| Mr. F. Jago Smith. |
| Tellers, |
| Mr. Hawken, |
| Mr. Macintosh. |

Mr. Suttor moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of this Bill through all its remaining stages during the present sitting of the Council.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Meagher, |
| Mr. Meeks, | Mr. Humphery, |
| Mr. Wilson, | Mr. Wise, |
| Mr. Holborow, | Mr. Hyam, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Flowers, |
| Mr. Buzacott, | Mr. Blanksby, |
| Mr. Hughes, | Mr. Stuart. |
| Mr. Hephher, | Tellers. |
| Mr. Robson, | Mr. Black, |
| Dr. Nash, | Mr. Hill. |
| Mr. Ross, | |

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| Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. Dangar, |
| Dr. Cullen, |
| Mr. Hawken, |
| Mr. F. Jago Smith, |
| Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. T. H. Smith. |
| Tellers. |
| Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Kater. |

(3.) Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. T. H. Smith, |
| Mr. Wise, | Dr. Nash, |
| Mr. Black, | Mr. Buzacott, |
| Mr. Holborow, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Hyam, |
| Mr. Meeks, | Mr. Flowers, |
| Mr. Robson, | Mr. Wilson. |
| Mr. Hephher, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Blanksby, | Mr. Hawken, |
| Mr. Meagher, | Mr. Ross. |
| Mr. Hill, | |

Noes, 7.

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| Mr. Campbell, |
| Dr. Cullen, |
| Mr. F. Jago Smith, |
| Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. Hughes |
| Tellers, |
| Mr. Lee, |
| Mr. Dangar. |

Bill read a second time.

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

The Deputy-Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment,—

The House adopted the report.

(5.) Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put,

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Hawken, | Mr. Flowers, |
| Mr. Wise, | Mr. T. H. Smith, | Mr. Wilson. |
| Mr. Meeks, | Mr. Hill, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Robson, | Dr. Nash, | Mr. Black, |
| Mr. Hephher, | Mr. Buzacott, | Mr. Holborow. |
| Mr. Ross, | Mr. Meagher, | |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Hyam, | |
| Mr. Blanksby, | Mr. Stuart, | |

Noes, 6.

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| Mr. Kater, |
| Mr. Dangar, |
| Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. F. Jago Smith. |
| Tellers, |
| Dr. Cullen, |
| Mr. Campbell. |

Bill read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Suttor then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Culcairn to Germanton; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Culcairn to Germanton; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900.

Question put and passed.

17. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (EMPLOYEES APPEAL) BILL:—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Flowers, |
| Mr. Meeks, | Mr. Wilson. |
| Mr. Robson, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Hepher, | Mr. Blanksby, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Hill. |
| Mr. Holborow, | |
| Dr. Nash, | |
| Mr. Buzacott, | |
| Mr. Meagher, | |

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| Dr. Cullen, |
| Mr. Kater, |
| Mr. Dangar, |
| Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. T. H. Smith. |
| Tellers, |
| Mr. Hawken, |
| Mr. F. Jago Smith. |

Bill read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the hearing and determination of appeals by employees of the Railway Commissioners, and to amend the Government Railways Act of 1888.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the hearing and determination of appeals by employees of the Railway Commissioners, and to amend the Government Railways Act of 1888*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1900, a.m.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (EMPLOYEES APPEAL) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th December, 1900, a.m.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 6. Omit "or" insert "and except with regard to the right to promotion under section"

Page 1, clause 1, line 11. Omit "two representatives of the employees" insert "one employee"

Page 2, clause 1, lines 4 and 5. Omit "representatives of the employees" insert "employee"

Page 2, clause 1, line 6. Omit "names" insert "name"

Page 2, clause 1, lines 6 and 7. Omit "representatives to" insert "employee shall"

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Question put and passed.

18. GRAFTON TO CASINO RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Wise moved, That, as a case of necessity, so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the passage of this Bill through all its stages during one sitting of the Council.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Hyam, |
| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Meagher, |
| Mr. Meeks, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. Hepher, | Mr. Flowers, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Wilson. |
| Mr. Ross, | Tellers. |
| Mr. Black, | Mr. Robson, |
| Mr. Blanksby, | Mr. Buzacott. |
| Mr. Hill, | |
| Mr. Holborow, | |
| Dr. Nash, | |

Noes, 9.

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| Mr. Humphery, |
| Dr. Cullen, |
| Mr. Kater, |
| Mr. Dangar, |
| Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. T. H. Smith. |
| Tellers, |
| Mr. Hawken, |
| Mr. F. Jago Smith. |

(5 December, 1900, a.m.)

- (2.) The Deputy-President reported and read the following Message from the Legislative Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Grafton to Casino; to provide for the transfer to the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales of certain revenues derived from certain lands benefited by the line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th December, 1900, a.m.

J. H. CANN,

Deputy-Speaker.

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

- (3.) Mr. Wise moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passage of this Bill through all its remaining stages during the present sitting of the Council.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

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| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Day, |
| Mr. Holborow, | Mr. Hyam, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Flowers, |
| Mr. Hepher, | Mr. Wilson, |
| Mr. Meeks, | Mr. Buzacott, |
| Mr. Robson, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. Meagher, | Dr. Nash, |
| Mr. Black, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Hill, | |
| Mr. Humphery, | Mr. Ross, |
| Mr. T. H. Smith, | Mr. Blanksby, |

Noes, 7.

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| Mr. Hawken, |
| Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. Dangar, |
| Dr. Cullen, |
| Mr. Kater, |
| Tellers, |
| Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. F. Jago Smith, |

- (4.) Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Hawken, |
| Mr. Hill, | Mr. T. H. Smith, |
| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Black, |
| Mr. Day, | Dr. Nash, |
| Mr. Meeks, | Mr. Hepher, |
| Mr. Robson, | Mr. Hyam, |
| Mr. Meagher, | Mr. Holborow, |
| Mr. Wilson, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Ross, | |
| Mr. Flowers, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. Buzacott, | Mr. Blanksby, |

Noes, 8.

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| Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. Dangar, |
| Mr. Hughes, |
| Mr. Humphery, |
| Mr. F. Jago Smith, |
| Tellers, |
| Mr. Kater, |
| Dr. Cullen, |

Bill read a second time.

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

The Deputy-Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment,—

The House adopted the report.

- (6.) Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Hyam, |
| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Hepher, |
| Mr. Hill, | Dr. Nash, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Black, |
| Mr. Meeks, | Mr. T. H. Smith, |
| Mr. Robson, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Wilson, | |
| Mr. Flowers, | Mr. Meagher, |
| Mr. Holborow, | Mr. Blanksby, |
| Mr. Buzacott, | |
| Mr. Stuart, | |

Noes, 9.

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| Mr. Campbell, |
| Dr. Cullen, |
| Mr. Dangar, |
| Mr. Humphery, |
| Mr. Hughes, |
| Mr. F. Jago Smith, |
| Mr. Kater, |
| Tellers, |
| Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. Hawken, |

Bill read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Grafton to Casino; to provide for the transfer to the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales of certain revenues derived from certain lands benefited by the line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes*."

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Grafton to Casino; to provide for the transfer to the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales of certain revenues derived from certain lands benefited by the line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1900, a.m.

Question put and passed.

(19.)

19. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—The Deputy-President reported and read the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly:—

(1.) Government Railways (Employees Appeal) Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the hearing and determination of appeals by employees of the Railway Commissioners, and to amend the Government Railways Act of 1888.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1900, a.m.

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

(2.) Temora to Wyalong Railway Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Temora to Wyalong; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1900, a.m.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

(1.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Suttor, read a first time.

(2.) Mr. Suttor moved, That, as a case of necessity, so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the passage of this Bill through its remaining stages during the present sitting of the Council.

Question put.

The House divided.

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| Ayes, 18. | | | Noes, 2. | |
| Mr. Stuart, | Mr. Wise, | Mr. Suttor, | Tellers, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Campbell. | |
| Mr. Hyam, | Mr. Hill, | Mr. Black. | | |
| Mr. Hephher, | Mr. Meagher, | Tellers, | | |
| Dr. Nash, | Mr. Robson, | Mr. Wilson, | | |
| Mr. T. H. Smith, | Mr. Blanksby, | Mr. Ross. | | |
| Mr. Holborow, | Mr. Day, | | | |
| Mr. Buzacott, | Mr. Flowers, | | | |

Mr. Suttor moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passage of this Bill through all its remaining stages during the present sitting of the Council.

Question put.

The House divided.

| Ayes, 18. | | Noes, 8. |
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| Mr. Black, | Mr. Humphery, | Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Dr. Nash, | Mr. Dangar, |
| Mr. Ross, | Mr. Hyam, | Dr. Cullen, |
| Mr. Flowers, | Mr. Stuart, | Mr. Hughes, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Hephher, | Mr. Kater, |
| Mr. Blanksby, | Mr. Wilson. | Mr. Macintosh. |
| Mr. Robson, | <i>Tellers,</i> | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Meagher, | | |
| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Holborow, | Mr. F. Jago Smith, |
| Mr. Hill, | Mr. Buzacott. | Mr. Hawken. |

(3.) Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

| Ayes, 16. | | | Noes, 2. |
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| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Hill, | Mr. Flowers, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Wilson, | Mr. Hawken, | Dr. Nash. | Mr. Macintosh, |
| Mr. T. H. Smith, | Mr. Buzacott, | <i>Tellers,</i> | Mr. Humphery. |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Hyam, | | |
| Mr. Robson, | Mr. Hephher, | Mr. Ross, | |
| Mr. Blanksby, | Mr. Stuart, | Mr. Meagher. | |

And it appearing from such report that there was not a Quorum present,—

The Deputy-President adjourned the House, at a quarter before Five o'clock a.m., until This Day at Four o'clock p.m.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Stock-Stealing Prevention Bill; second reading.
3. Agricultural Settlement Bill; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. WANT to move, That the Women's Franchise Bill be withdrawn from the Business Paper.

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Municipalities Act of 1897 Amending Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill; second reading.