

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1880.

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 twenty-third day of November, 1880, of which a copy was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency The Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS
“ to wit. } WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Knight Grand Cross of the
“ (L.S.) } Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's Most
“ AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, } Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the
“ Governor. } Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“ IN pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Governor as aforesaid, by virtue
“ of the Act, intituled ‘An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a
“ ‘Civil List to Her Majesty,’ as assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of
“ the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the 18th and 19th years of the Reign of Her
“ said Majesty, intituled ‘An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the
“ ‘Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant
“ ‘a Civil List to Her Majesty,’—I do hereby proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council
“ and Legislative Assembly for the Colony of New South Wales, for the despatch of business,
“ shall commence and be holden on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of December next, at 12
“ o'clock, at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, in Macquarie-
“ street, in the City of Sydney; and the 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 Government House, Sydney, this twenty-third day of
“ November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and in the
“ forty-fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“ By Command,

“ HENRY PARKES.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN ! ”

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a List, certified by His Excellency the Governor, of the Names of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament, together with the respective Writs upon which they were so returned; and further Certificates by His Excellency that no return has yet been made in the case of the Writ for the Electoral District of Bourke; and that in the cases of the Writs for the Electoral Districts of West Macquarie and Queanbeyan, the Elections of the Members returned for those Electoral Districts have been duly declared to be valid, notwithstanding the delay in the taking of the Poll.

| Names of Members. | Electoral Districts. |
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| Abbott, Joseph Palmer... | Gunnedah. |
| Abbott, Robert Palmer... | Hartley. |
| Abigail, Francis ... | West Sydney. |
| Allen, Sir George Wigram ... | The Glebe. |
| Andrews, Joseph ... | The Hastings and Manning. |
| Badgery, Henry Septimus ... | Monaro. |
| Baker, The Hon. Ezekiel Alexander ... | Carcoar. |
| Barton, Edmund... | Wellington. |

Beyers,

| Names of Members. | Electoral Districts. |
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| Beyers, Hugo Lewis | Mudgee. |
| Bodel, John | Forbes. |
| Bowman, Alexander | The Hawkesbury. |
| Brodribb, William Adams | Wentworth. |
| Brown, Herbert Harrington | Durham. |
| Brown, John | Patrick's Plains. |
| Brown, Stephen Campbell | Newtown. |
| Brunker, James Nixon | East Maitland. |
| Buchanan, David | Mudgee. |
| Burdckin, Sydney | Tamworth. |
| Burns, John Fitzgerald | The Hunter. |
| Byrnes, Charles Joseph | Parramatta. |
| Cameron, Angus | West Sydney. |
| Campbell, William Robert | The Gwydir. |
| Carter, George Lord | South Sydney. |
| Cass, George Edwin | The Bogan. |
| Clarke, Henry | Eden. |
| Clarke, William | Orange. |
| Combes, Edward | East Macquarie. |
| Cooke, Henry Harry | Forbes. |
| Copeland, Henry | New England. |
| Cransie, John | Balranald. |
| Dangar, Henry Cary | East Sydney. |
| Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbon | The Namoi. |
| Davies, John, C.M.G. | South Sydney. |
| Day, George | Albury. |
| Dillon, John | Tenterfield. |
| Douglas, James Henry | The Murrumbidgee. |
| Eckford, Joseph | Wollombi |
| Farnell, James Squire | St. Leonards. |
| Fawcett, Charles Hugh | The Richmond. |
| Fergusson, William John | Glen Innes. |
| Fitzpatrick, Michael | Yass Plains. |
| Fletcher, James | Newcastle. |
| Forster, William | Gundagai. |
| Foster, William John | Newtown. |
| Fremlin, Alfred R. | Redfern. |
| Fullford, James | West Maitland. |
| Garrard, Jacob | Balmain. |
| Garrett, Thomas | Camden. |
| Garvan, James | Eden. |
| Hay, William | The Murray. |
| Henson, William | Canterbury. |
| Hezlet, William | Paddington. |
| Holborrow, William Hillicr | Argyle. |
| Hoskins, The Hon. James | Tumut. |
| Jacob, Archibald Hamilton | Gloucester. |
| Jennings, Sir Patrick Alfred, K.C.M.G. | The Bogan |
| Kerr, Andrew Taylor | Orange. |
| Kidd, John | Camden. |
| Lackey, The Hon. John | Central Cumberland. |
| Levien, Robert Henry | Tamworth. |
| Levin, Leyser | The Hume. |
| Lloyd, George Alfred | Newcastle. |
| Loughnan, George Cumberlege | The Murrumbidgee. |
| Lynch, Andrew | Carcoar. |
| Lyne, William John | The Hume. |
| Martin, William Fraser | West Sydney. |
| McCulloch, Andrew Hardie | Central Cumberland. |
| McElhone, John | The Upper Hunter. |
| McLaughlin, John | The Upper Hunter. |
| McVilvie, Ninian, junior | Northumberland. |
| Murray, Richard Lennon | Inverell. |
| Myers, Phillip George | Argyle. |
| O'Connor, Daniel | West Sydney. |
| Parkes, Sir Henry, K.C.M.G. | East Sydney. |
| Piggott William Hilson | Canterbury. |
| Pilcher, Charles Edward | West Macquarie. |
| Poole, William Thomas | South Sydney. |
| Proctor, William Consett | New England. |
| Purves, John Mitchell | The Clarence. |
| Reid, George Houston | East Sydney. |
| Renwick, Arthur, M.D. | East Sydney. |
| Roseby, John | Shoalhaven. |
| Ross, Dr. Andrew | Molong. |
| Ryrie, Alexander | Braidwood. |
| See, John | Grafton. |

| Names of Members. | Electoral Districts. |
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| Slattery, Thomas Michael | Boorowa. |
| Smith, Robert Burdett | The Macleay. |
| Smith, Thomas Richard | The Nepean. |
| Stuart, Alexander | Illawarra. |
| Sutherland, John | Redfern. |
| Suttor, The Hon. Francis Bathurst | Bathurst. |
| Tarrant, Harman John | Kiama. |
| Teece, William, junior | Goulburn. |
| Terry, Samuel Henry | Mudgee. |
| Thompson, James Banford | Queanbeyan. |
| Tooth, Robert Lucas | Monaro. |
| Trickett, William Joseph | Paddington. |
| Turner, William | Northumberland. |
| Vaughn, Robert Matteson | Grenfell. |
| Watson, The Hon. James | Young. |
| Watson, William John | Young. |
| Webb, Edmund | East Macquarie. |
| Wilkinson, Robert Bliss | Balranald. |
| Wilson, Alexander | The Murray. |
| Wisdom, The Hon. Robert | Morpeth. |
| Withers, George | South Sydney. |
| Young, James Henry | The Hastings and Manning. |

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 Parliament read.”

The House went, and the President said:—“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—His Excellency the Governor not thinking fit to be personally present here this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under the Great Seal of the Colony, constituting us Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor, in the name or on the part of Her Majesty the Queen, or in the name or on the part of His Excellency as Governor of this Colony, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, as is set forth more fully in the Commission itself, which will now be read.”

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

“Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

“To all to whom these presents shall come,

“Greeting:

“WHEREAS, by Proclamation made on the twenty-third day of November ultimo, His Excellency The Right Honorable Lord Augustus William Frederick Spencer Loftus, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our Colony of New South Wales, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our said Colony, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled ‘An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,’ as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of December instant: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief 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 Sir John Hay, K.C.M.G., President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable Sir John Robertson, K.C.M.G., and the Honorable Sir Joseph George Long Innes, Knight, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said Sir John Hay, Sir John Robertson, and Sir Joseph George Long Innes, 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 fifteenth day of December, on our behalf, and to do all things necessary to be done in our name or in the name of our Governor of our said Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament: Commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament, that to the said Sir John Hay, Sir John Robertson, and Sir Joseph George Long Innes, 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 Great Seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

“Witness our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor SIR AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS (commonly called Lord Augustus Loftus), Knight Grand Cross of our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales, at Government House, Sydney, in our said Colony, this eighth day of December, in the forty-fourth year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

“AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

“By His Excellency's Command,

“HENRY PARKES.”

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

The President said,—

“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—
“We have it in Command from the Governor to let you know, That as soon as the Members of
“both Houses shall have been sworn, His Excellency will declare the causes of this Parliament
“being called together; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be first
“chosen, it is His Excellency’s pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, repair
“to your own Chamber, and there proceed to the election of one of your number to be your
“Speaker.”

And the House having returned,—

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS:—The Honorable Sir Henry Parkes informed the Assembly that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Seal of the Territory, authorizing him and two other Members of the Assembly, therein named, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made by Members of the Assembly,—which Commission was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“By His Excellency the Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS,
“Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty’s
“Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South
“Wales and its Dependencies.

“To all to whom these presents shall come,

“Greeting:

“In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Lord Augustus William Frederick
“Spencer Loftus, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the
“Executive Council thereof, hereby authorize the Honorable Sir Henry Parkes, K.C.M.G.,
“Colonial Secretary, the Honorable James Watson, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer, and the Honorable
“John Lackey, Esquire, Secretary for Public Works, Members of the said Legislative Assembly,
“or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said
“Legislative Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, 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 Seal of the Colony of New South Wales, at Government
“House, Sydney, in the Colony aforesaid, this eighth day of December, in the year of
“our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and in the forty-fourth year of the
“Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

“By His Excellency’s Command,

“HENRY PARKES.”

5. MEMBERS SWORN:—Sir Henry Parkes took and subscribed the Oath himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable James Watson, and the Honorable John Lackey, 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:—
Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire. Robert Palmer Abbott, Esquire. Francis Abigail, Esquire. Sir George Wigram Allen. Joseph Andrews, Esquire. Henry Septimus Badgery, Esquire. The Honorable Ezekiel Alexander Baker. Edmund Barton, Esquire. Hugo Louis Beyers, Esquire. John Bodel, Esquire. Alexander Bowman, Esquire. William Adams Brodribb, Esquire. Herbert Harington Brown, Esquire. John Brown, Esquire. Stephen Campbell Brown, Esquire. James Nixon Bruncker, Esquire. David Buchanan, Esquire. Sydney Burdekin, Esquire. John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire. Charles Joseph Byrnes, Esquire. Angus Cameron, Esquire. William Robert Campbell, Esquire. George Lord Carter, Esquire. George Edwin Cass, Esquire. Henry Clarke, Esquire. William Clarke, Esquire. Edward Combes, Esquire, C.M.G. Henry Harry Cooke, Esquire. Henry Copeland, Esquire. Henry Carey Dangar, Esquire. Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire. John Davies, Esquire, C.M.G. George Day, Esquire. John Dillon, Esquire. James Henry Douglas, Esquire. Joseph Eckford, Esquire. James Squire Farnell, Esquire. Charles Hugh Fawcett, Esquire. William John Fergusson, Esquire. Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire. James Fletcher, Esquire. William John Foster, Esquire. Alfred R. Fremlin, Esquire. James Fullford, Esquire. Jacob Garrard, Esquire. Thomas Garrett, Esquire. James Patrick Garvan, Esquire. William Hay, Esquire. William Henson, Esquire. William Hezlet, Esquire. William Hillier Holborow, Esquire. The Honorable James Hoskins. Archibald Hamilton Jacob, Esquire. Sir Patrick Alfred Jemmings, K.C.M.G. Andrew Taylor Kerr, Esquire. John Kidd, Esquire. Robert Henry Levien, Esquire. Leyser Levin, Esquire. George Alfred Lloyd, Esquire. William John Lyne, Esquire. William Fraser Martin, Esquire. Andrew Hardie McCulloch, Esquire. John McLaughlin, Esquire. Ninian Melville, junr., Esquire. Richard Lennon Murray, Esquire. Phillip George Myers, Esquire. Daniel O’Connor, Esquire. William Hilson Pigott, Esquire. William Thomas Poole, Esquire. William Consett Proctor, Esquire. John Mitchell Purves, Esquire. George Houstoun Reid, Esquire. Arthur Renwick, Esquire, M.D. John Roseby, Esquire. Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D. Alexander Rylie, Esquire. John See, Esquire. Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire. Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire. Alexander Stuart, Esquire. John Sutherland, Esquire. The Honorable Francis Bathurst Suttor. Harman John Tarrant, Esquire. William Tooce, junr., Esquire. Samuel Henry Terry, Esquire. James Banford Thompson, Esquire. Robert Lucas Tooth, Esquire. William Joseph Trickett, Esquire. William Turner, Esquire. Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire. William John Watson, Esquire. Edmund Webb, Esquire. Robert Bliss Wilkinson, Esquire. The Honorable Robert Wisdom. George Withers, Esquire. James Henry Young, Esquire.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER:—Dr. Renwick, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, Sir George Wigram Allen, and moved,—“That Sir George Wigram Allen do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Burns.

The House then calling Sir George Wigram Allen 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.

The House then again unanimously calling him to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Dr. Renwick and Mr. Burns, 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 again their Speaker,—
And thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then Sir Henry Parkes and Mr. Fitzpatrick respectively congratulated the Speaker.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that he had ascertained from the Governor that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House to-morrow, at half-past Eleven o'clock.

Whereupon the House adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at twenty-one minutes before Two o'clock, until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1880.

MEMO.—*The House meet at Eleven o'clock a.m. This Day, to proceed to Government House, and there, at half-past Eleven o'clock, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor.*



New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1880.

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

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the House proceeded to Government House, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—

And the House having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, where he informed the Governor that immediately after the opening of Parliament yesterday the Legislative Assembly, in the exercise of their undoubted right, had proceeded to the election of their Speaker,—that their choice had fallen upon him, and that he had now to present himself to His Excellency as their Speaker;—whereupon His Excellency was pleased to offer him his congratulations—That he had then, on behalf of the House, laid claim to all their rights and privileges, and requested that the most favourable construction should, on all occasions, be put upon their language and proceedings;—to all which His Excellency had readily assented.

Mr. Speaker then repeated his grateful thanks for the honor the House had been pleased to confer upon him.

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

“ By His Excellency the Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS,
 “ Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's
 “ Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South
 “ Wales and its Dependencies.

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ Greeting:

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Lord Augustus William
 “ Frederick Spencer Loftus, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby
 “ authorize The Honorable Sir George Wigram Allen, Knight, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
 “ of the said Colony, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member or
 “ Members of the said Assembly, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen,
 “ 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 Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New
 “ South Wales aforesaid, this fifteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one
 “ thousand eight hundred and eighty, and in the forty-fourth year of the Reign of Her
 “ Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ HENRY PARKES.”

- 3. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned Members having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took their Seats for the Electoral Districts mentioned,—the Clerk producing the Writs:—

Alexander Wilson, Esquire,—for The Murray.
 Thomas Richard Smith, Esquire,—for The Nepean.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of the Governor and Executive Council authorizing the transfer of a sum from one head of Service to another,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

5. PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN A COURT OF LAW:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received summonses to appear before the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, at Darlinghurst, Sydney, in cases of attempting to personate and to vote a second time at Elections, to produce the original Writs used at the Elections recently held for West and South Sydney and Newtown,—and having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such summonses without the leave of the House,—

Put the Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said summonses personally, or by one of the Officers of his department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which was passed in the affirmative.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—The Usher of the Black Rod, being admitted, delivered the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,

“It is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do attend His Excellency “immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.”

The House went,—and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at twenty-eight minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

7. MEMBER SWORN:—Charles Edward Pilcher, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of West Macquarie.
8. ORDINANCE LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for confirming the transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordinance Land Act of Council 1840,*”—which was read a first time, *pro forma*.
9. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House, as follows:—

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

After the prorogation of the late Parliament no time was lost in bringing into operation the machinery of the new Electoral Act; and, in now calling you together for the transaction of public business, I congratulate you on the fuller and more satisfactory representation of the Country under its provisions. You meet at a season which I fear will subject many of you to inconvenience, but the exigencies of the Public Service will, I am sure, claim the first place in your consideration. For a considerable time past the legal provision to meet the expenditure of Government has not been made, from a variety of causes, within the financial year. During the last Session an unusually large number of important measures engaged the attention of Parliament, which necessarily prolonged its sittings to a late period. I hope, in the interest of the public, that, with your cordial assistance—on which I feel that I can confidently rely—the labours of the present Session may be brought to a close sufficiently early to enable the Session proper to the year 1881 to be opened not later than May. If this can be done, the constitutional practice may be established—which has been so urgently demanded on all sides, and which would be fraught with such obvious advantages—of concluding the consideration of the Estimates and the general Parliamentary business of the year before Christmas.

2. However desirable it may be to secure the transaction of business at the proper Parliamentary season, there are some questions waiting for legislation which are of so much importance and urgency as to admit of no delay. You will be invited to consider Bills for dealing with these subjects.

3. The necessity for legislation to extend and improve the system of Municipal Government has long been admitted, and a measure of a comprehensive character to meet this necessity will be submitted for your consideration.

4. A Bill will also be introduced to provide for local self-government, in a modified form, in districts which, from their extent and the scattered condition of the population, are not prepared for the organization of regular Municipalities.

5. Some recent casualties at sea, attended by lamentable consequences, have forcibly directed attention to the state of our Navigation Laws, and a Bill will be immediately introduced to provide more effectually for the protection of seamen and for the security of life and property on sea-going vessels.

6. You will be invited to consider the serious evils arising from the consumption of intoxicating liquors; and it is hoped that you will be able to concur in passing into law a measure which shall bring the liquor traffic under sound and satisfactory regulation, and diminish in a marked manner the abuses of intemperance.

7. A Bill to amend the Mining Act of 1874 will be introduced.

8. A Bill, chiefly founded on the Report of the Royal Commission on Fisheries, will be brought in to make provision for the development and regulation of the various Fisheries of the Colony (inclusive of the Oyster Fisheries), one object of which will be to arrest the destruction, now going on, of our natural sources of fish supply.

9. A Bill will also be submitted for the preservation of our Timber Forests, and for promoting the growth of timber trees in suitable localities.

10. Experience has shown that fresh legislation is necessary to amend and consolidate the law relating to the Declaration of Title to Land and its transfer, and a Bill designed to further simplify the procedure under the Real Property Acts will be introduced.

11. Among other measures submitted for your consideration will be a Bill to amend and consolidate the Criminal Law, and a Bill to place on a more satisfactory footing the law relating to Contempt of Court.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

12. The Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1881 will be laid before you at an early period, when the financial position of the Country will be fully explained.

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

13. The provisions of the Public Instruction Act of last Session have been carried out with much care, and a studious regard to the circumstances of the different localities where schools have been required. Already the new law has called into existence a large number of schools of the different classes provided for, with the exception of High Schools, applications for which are now under consideration. It is satisfactory to find that the number of pupils on the rolls of the Public Schools has largely increased since the Act came into operation.

14. I am happy to inform you that the revenue derived from the occupation of the Public Lands is likely to be much improved by the operation of the Act recently passed, while its provisions will conduce materially to the promotion of legitimate settlement.

15. I am enabled to congratulate you on the improved condition of the public revenue, and the gratifying advance in the value of the public securities. Since the 1st of July, the increase of revenue against the revenue for the corresponding period of 1879, is nearly £600,000. Better evidence could hardly be adduced of the sound condition and prosperity of the Colony.

16. During the last few months every effort has been made to expedite the construction of the authorized extensions of Railway. The Northern, Southern, and Western lines will all be carried to a further point in the interior within a few weeks, giving a total addition to our Railway system of more than 200 miles. Other lines in course of construction are being rapidly pushed forward.

17. While tenders are being invited for the construction of the extensions towards the Borders of South Australia and Queensland, trial surveys are being carried out in other directions, embracing an aggregate length of 1,740 miles.

18. My Ministers have joined with the Governments of Victoria and South Australia in an Intercolonial Conference, which has held several sittings in Melbourne, and now stands adjourned to resume its sittings in Sydney next month. All the Colonies, including New Zealand, have been invited to join in the adjourned Conference, and all, with the exception of Western Australia and New Zealand (from which Governments answers have not yet been received), have intimated their intention of sending representatives to Sydney. At this Conference questions of the highest concern to the whole of Australasia have been discussed, and some of them have been advanced to the stage of satisfactory agreement. Its deliberations have included the question of establishing a Court of Final Appeal for all the Colonies as an alternative to suitors from appealing to the Privy Council, the expediency of a uniform Tariff, the action of the Colonies in concert in legislation affecting the Chinese, the incorporation of the federal principle in some measure for dealing with matters of common interest, and other subjects of great importance. In one respect the Conference has been successful beyond expectation: the best feeling between the Colonies so far has been preserved and promoted throughout its deliberations.

19. In the performance of the onerous labours devolving upon you, I pray that the Almighty may direct your counsels so that they may largely conduce to the welfare of all classes of the People.

Mr. Pigott then moved, and Mr. Douglas seconded the motion,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor on opening this Session of the Parliament of New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Combes, Mr. Douglas, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Reid, Dr. Renwick, Mr. Terry, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Pigott having brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

By His Excellency The Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to assure your Excellency of our deep and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government.

1. We offer our respectful thanks for your Excellency's Speech.

2. The several important measures to be submitted to us will receive our careful consideration, with an anxious desire to advance the public interest in dealing with them.

3. We reciprocate your Excellency's congratulations on the buoyant state of the public revenue and the gratifying rise in the value of the public securities.

4. In the performance of our Parliamentary duties, we cordially join with your Excellency in the fervent prayer that our labours may tend to promote the happiness and lasting prosperity of the people.

Mr.

Mr. Pigott then moved, and Mr. Douglas seconded the motion, That the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following paragraph, to stand paragraph 4:—

“We believe it would be for the advantage of this country if a fiscal policy were adopted that would preserve our various mechanical trades from the competition of foreign workmen, and save our farmers from serious injury, if not ruin, to their interests, consequent upon the free importation of foreign grain, and also call into existence every manufacturing industry of which the country is capable, while at the same time fostering and protecting those industries already in existence, and which seem to be engaged in a life or death struggle to maintain it.”

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted,—put and negatived.

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

Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech at half-past Two o'clock To-morrow,—

And moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at Two o'clock.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at seven minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Two o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1880.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor their Address in reply to the Speech His Excellency had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament on opening the Session.

And being returned,—

Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had presented to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give them thereto the following answer:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN

OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I beg to thank you for your loyal Address.

I receive with great satisfaction the assurance of your deep and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government.

I rely with confidence on your anxious desire to advance the public interests, and thereby to promote the happiness and prosperity of the people.

Government House,

Sydney, 17th December, 1880.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at seven minutes before Three o'clock, until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

2. DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN NAMES ENDORSED ON WRITS AND SIGNATURES OF MEMBERS:—Mr. Speaker reported to the House,—

(1.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Argyle is endorsed on the Writ as "William Hillier *Holborow*," the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member had signed his name in both documents as "William Hillier *Holborow*."

(2.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Mudgee is endorsed on the Writ as "Hugo *Lewis* Beyers," the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member had signed his name in both documents as "Hugo *Louis* Beyers."

(3.) That whereas the name of the Member returned for the Electoral District of The Namoi is endorsed on the Writ as "Thomas Gordon *Gibbon* Dangar," the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as the Member for The Namoi had signed his name on the Roll as "Thomas Gordon *Gibbons* Dangar."

(4.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Redfern is endorsed on the Writ as "Alfred *R.* Fremlin," the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member had signed his name on the Roll as "Alfred *Reginald* Fremlin."

(5.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of East Sydney is endorsed on the Writ as "George *Houston* Reid," the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member had signed his name in both documents as "George *Houstoun* Reid."

(6.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of East Sydney is endorsed on the Writ as "Henry *Cary* Dangar," the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member had signed his name on the Roll as "Henry *Carey* Dangar."

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Returns abovementioned by substituting the name "William Hillier *Holborow*" for that of "William Hillier *Holborow*"; by substituting the name "Hugo *Louis* Beyers" for that of "Hugo *Lewis* Beyers"; by substituting the name "Thomas Gordon *Gibbons* Dangar" for that of "Thomas Gordon *Gibbon* Dangar"; by substituting the name "Alfred *Reginald* Fremlin" for that of "Alfred *R.* Fremlin"; by substituting the name "George *Houstoun* Reid" for that of "George *Houston* Reid"; and by substituting the name "Henry *Carey* Dangar" for that of "Henry *Cary* Dangar."

Question put and passed.

And the Clerk amended the said Returns accordingly.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday, the 11th day of January next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

4. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Emma Cross:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General,—

(1.) Has the Attorney General noticed an inquest into the death of a young girl, aged 13 years, named Emma Cross,—the girl lived with a farmer at Inverell named Preston, and was related to his wife?

(2.) What action does he intend to take in view of the evidence at the inquest, as reported, disclosing frightful acts of cruelty and brutality inflicted on this young girl?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The attention of the Attorney General has been directed to this case, and instructions were given by him on the 9th instant, immediately after the receipt of the inquest proceedings, for the prosecution of Preston and his wife for causing the death of Emma Cross.

- (2.) Immigration:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for 1881 to be expended for the purpose of Immigration?

(2.) If so, what amount?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am sure the Honorable Member will see that when the Treasurer makes his statement, which will be early in January, this thing will be fully explained.

- (3.) Sydney Water Supply:—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the original contract prices been increased upon any of the contracts for the new Sydney Water Supply Works?

(2.) If so, upon which contract or contracts?

(3.) To what extent, and for what reason?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No increase has taken place in the original contract prices.

- (4.) Free Public Library:—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to state the intentions of the Government with reference to the grant of £150,000 for the erection of a Free Public Library, which may lapse on the 31st instant?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Steps are being taken towards the erection of a Free Public Library, and there is no ground for fearing that the vote will lapse.

5. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws under Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.

(2.) Ditto ditto ditto

(3.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of St. Peters.

(4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bourke.

(5.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Manly.

(6.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Petersham.

(7.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of North Illawarra.

(8.) By-law of the Municipal District of Glen Innes.

(9.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Parramatta.

(10.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Hamilton.

(11.) Amended and Additional By-laws of the Borough of Petersham.

(12.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Mudgee.

(13.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle, under Nuisances Prevention Act.

(14.) By-laws of the Borough of East Maitland, under Maitland Cattle Driving Act.

(15.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland, under Maitland Cattle Driving Act.

(16.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ship “LaHogue.”

(17.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ship “Camperdown.”

(18.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ship “Samuel Plimsoll.”

(19.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ship “Peterborough.”

(20.) Report from the Manager of Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for 1879.

(21.) Statistical Register of New South Wales for the year 1879.

(22.) Minutes of Proceedings of the Intercolonial Conference held at Melbourne in November and December, 1880.

(23.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School, for 1879.

(24.) Notification of resumption of Land for the purpose of a Public Library.

(25.) Notification of resumption of Land at West Dapto for Public School Purposes.

(26.) Notification of resumption of Land at Caergwrle for Public School Purposes.

(27.) Notification of resumption of Land at Camperdown for Public School Purposes.

(28.) Notification of resumption of Land at Surry Hills for Public School Purposes.

(29.) Regulations for the establishment of High Schools under the Public Instruction Act of 1880. Regulations for Superior Public Schools, under the same Act. Regulations for Schools to be conducted by Itinerating Teachers, under the same Act.

(30.) Regulations for Provisional Schools, under the Public Instruction Act of 1880.

(31.) Regulations for Evening Public Schools, under the Public Instruction Act of 1880.

(32.) Report on Prisons for the Year 1879.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Watson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1880.
- (2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1880.
- (3.) Wharf Regulations, under the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act.
- (4.) Despatch respecting Agreement between the Governments of Great Britain and Germany for the mutual surrender of Merchant Seamen Deserters.
- (5.) Despatch respecting Treaties of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and France.
- (6.) Despatch respecting Correspondence in reference to the renewal, with modifications, of the existing Treaties of Commerce between Great Britain and France.
- (7.) Despatch respecting Treaty of Friendship and Commerce between Great Britain and Servia.
- (8.) Despatch respecting Disposal of the Estates of deceased Seamen of Great Britain and Russia.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Report by the Commissioner for Railways for the year 1879 on the Railways and Tramways of New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Baker laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 24th February, 1880,—“Mr. Lee, Post and Telegraph Master at Cassilis.”

6. **CONTEMPTS PUNISHMENT BILL**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide that Contempts of Court in certain cases shall hereafter be punishable only as indictable offences.
Question put and passed.
7. **CHALLENGE IN MISDEMEANOUR BILL**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to assimilate the law of Challenge on trials for Misdemeanour to that now in force on trials for Felony.
Question put and passed.
8. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
Question put and passed.
9. **PRISON LABOUR, MUDGEE GAOL**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Petition having been presented to Parliament from 1,500 of the inhabitants of Mudgee, complaining that the labour performed by prisoners in Mudgee Gaol, in almost every branch of mechanical trade, has a most injurious effect upon the interests of labour in that town, and ought to be discontinued,—In the opinion of this House the prayer of the petitioners ought to be carried into effect by the Government.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Beyers,
Tellers,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Buchanan.

Noes, 80.

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| Mr. Wisdom, | Mr. Fromlin, |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. Foster, |
| Mr. Bruncker, | Mr. Tooth, |
| Mr. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Holborow, |
| Mr. Copeland, | Mr. Thompson, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Badgery, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Douglas, |
| Mr. Lackey, | Mr. W. J. Watson, |
| Mr. Wilson, | Mr. Pilcher, |
| Mr. Hay, | Mr. Stephen Brown, |
| Mr. Farnell, | Mr. Henry Clarke, |
| Mr. Eawcett, | Mr. Wilkinson, |
| Mr. Brodribb, | Mr. Bodel, |
| Sir Patrick Jennings, | Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. Sec, | Mr. Cass, |
| Mr. Hezlet, | Mr. Tecce, |
| Mr. Jacob, | Mr. Poole, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Garrett, |
| Mr. Levin, | Mr. Andrews, |
| Mr. Withers, | Mr. John Brown, |
| Mr. Young, | Mr. Byrnes, |
| Dr. Renwick, | Mr. Henson, |
| Mr. Murray, | Mr. Trickett, |
| Mr. Bowman, | Mr. Carter, |
| Mr. Burdekin, | Mr. Vaughn, |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. Lyne, | Mr. Hoskins, |
| Mr. J. P. Abbott, | Mr. G. A. Lloyd, |
| Mr. Garvan, | Mr. Proctor, |
| Mr. Myers, | Mr. Cooke, |
| Mr. Levien, | Mr. Purves, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. Slattery, |
| Mr. McLaughlin, | Mr. O'Connor, |
| Mr. Reid, | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. T. R. Smith, | Mr. Fullford, |
| Mr. Abigail, | Mr. T. G. Dangar, |
| Mr. Fletcher, | Mr. Davies, |
| Mr. Martin, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Sir Henry Parkes, | Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. Tarrant, | Mr. Roseby. |
| Mr. Fergusson, | |

And so it passed in the negative.

10. **CONTEMPTS PUNISHMENT BILL**:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that Contempts of Court in certain cases shall hereafter be punishable only as Indictable Offences*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 14th January, 1881.
11. **CHALLENGE IN MISDEMEANOUR BILL**:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to assimilate the law of Challenge on trials for Misdemeanour to that now in force on trials for Felony*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 14th January, 1881.
12. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 14th January, 1881.
13. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That Angus Cameron, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House during the present Session.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Cameron made his acknowledgments to the House.
14. **SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY**:—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) A tabulated statement of all contracts accepted by the Government for the construction of works in connection with the new Water Supply for Sydney, comprising the nature and extent of each contract separately, the names of all contractors, of their sureties, and the amount of their bond for the proper performance of the works, the percentage retained by the Government on payments made to the contractors, the date of signing each contract, the penalty for non-completion in the time specified, and the amount of each contract at the contract rates.
(2.) A tabulated statement of the official estimate of the department in detail for each contract.
(3.) The quantity, description, and detailed value at contract rates of the amount of work already done, and the amount of the payments made on each contract, also the date of the last payment to each contractor.
(4.) A tabulated statement showing the quantity of land resumed for the proposed reservoir at Prospect, from whom taken, with the number of acres, and price per acre paid, agreed to be paid, or now estimated to be paid by the Government in each case.
(5.) The amount of the original official estimate of the land required for the Prospect reservoir.
(6.) A similar tabulated statement of the land resumed or proposed to be resumed for the whole of the works from the source of the supply at the Nepean River to the site of the proposed reservoir at Prospect.
Question put and passed.
15. **SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS ON RAILWAY WORKS**:—Mr. Roseby moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence addressed to the Secretary for Mines, the Colonial Secretary, and Secretary for Public Works, together with the documents, minutes, and reports referring to the proclamation of the reserve, 1 mile wide, on the Northern Railway Line, between Tamworth and Uralla, and the attempts made by A. and R. Amos, the contractors, to put down grog shanties, public-houses, and the indiscriminate sale of intoxicating drinks on the Railway works for which they are the contractors.
Question put and passed.
16. **ROAD THROUGH BURKE'S GRANT, MULBRING**:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence in the departments of the Government on the subject of the accounts in adjustment of the advance made to Trustees in 1875 for the improvement of the road through Burke's or Brookes's grant in the district of Mulbring.
Question put and passed.
17. **BUSINESS DAYS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for dispatch of business at Four o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week.
Question put and passed.
18. **PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
Question put and passed.
19. **PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays, General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
Question put and passed.
20. **FORMAL BUSINESS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session,—
(1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill to which, on the Question being put from the Chair, "Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal Motion' or Order of the Day," no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
(2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it to have the above question put with reference thereto, and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.

(3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any such "Formal Motions or Orders of the Day," or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.

(4.) That, in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions or the reception of Notices of Motions.

(5.) That no motion for the appointment of a Select Committee, excepting upon a private Bill, shall be held to be a "Formal" Motion.

Question put and passed.

21. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.

Question put and passed.

22. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.

Question put and passed.

23. TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7 shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.

Question put and passed.

24. BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session,—

(1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.

(2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper, and the Clerk shall place such list so initialled on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.

Question put and passed.

25. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.

Question put and passed.

26. VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second or casting vote.

Question put and passed.

27. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Edmund Barton, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Combes, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.

Question put and passed.

28. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Farnell, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Reid, Dr. Renwick, Mr. James Watson, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.

Question put and passed.

29. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. Cameron, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Webb, Mr. Burns, Mr. Stuart, Mr. James Watson, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Farnell, Mr. R. B. Smith, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

30. MEETING OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session that the Bell be rung two minutes prior to Mr. Speaker taking the Chair.

Question put and passed.

31. **PRINTING PETITIONS** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all Petitions received by this House (excepting Petitions for the introduction of Private Bills), unless it be otherwise ordered by the House: Provided that when several Petitions are presented substantially to the same effect, he shall cause to be printed only the one first presented, to which he shall append a statement of the number of other Petitions, the general designation of the party or parties to each, and the number of signatures attached.
Question put and passed.

32. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

*“By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of New South Wales.*

“Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1880, I do hereby appoint

“Robert Palmer Abbott, Esquire,

“Edward Combes, Esquire, C.M.G.,

“Henry Carey Dangar, Esquire,

“John Dillon, Esquire,

“William John Foster, Esquire,

“Arthur Renwick, Esquire, M.D.,

“Alexander Stuart, Esquire,

“being Members of the said Assembly, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid.

“Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,
Sydney, this seventeenth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and eighty.

“G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
“Speaker.”

The House adjourned at twenty-seven minutes after Six o'clock, until *Tuesday, the 11th January, 1881*, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 JANUARY, 1881.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
WRIT OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, the Writ of Election for the Electoral District of Bourke; together with a Certificate under the hand of His Excellency the Governor that Russell Barton, Esquire, had been returned to the Legislative Assembly for that Electorate.
2. **MEMBERS SWORN**:—The undermentioned Members having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took their Seats for the Electoral Districts mentioned,—the Clerk producing the Writs:—
 Russell Barton, Esquire,—for Bourke.
 Andrew Lynch, Esquire,—for Carcoar.
 John McElhone, Esquire,—for The Upper Hunter.
3. **VACANT SEAT**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from James Banford Thompson, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Queanbeyan. Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Seat of James Banford Thompson, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Queanbeyan, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the resignation thereof by the said James Banford Thompson, Esquire.
 Question put and passed.
4. **DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH**:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 24th December, 1880, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Angus Cameron, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law, which Commission was read by the Clerk as follows:—
*“ By His Excellency the Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER
 “ LOFTUS, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her
 “ Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony
 “ of New South Wales and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*
 “ To all to whom these presents shall come,
“ Greeting :
 “ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM
 “ FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby
 “ authorize Angus Cameron, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of
 “ the said Colony, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer
 “ from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same
 “ shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty
 “ the Queen, 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 Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New
 “ South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord
 “ one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and in the forty-fourth year of the Reign of
 “ Her Majesty Queen Victoria.
 “ AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.
“ By His Excellency's Command,
 “ HENRY PARKES.”
5. **PAPER**:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of the Governor and Executive Council, authorizing the application of an amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.
 Ordered to be printed.

6. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Railway Locomotives :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The number of Locomotives at present being manufactured in the Colony ?
- (2.) The difference between the Colonial and English price ?
- (3.) Is it true that the Government is paying £33,000 more for the engines contracted to be made in the Colony than it would require to pay had those engines been obtained from England ?
- (4.) If the above is not true, what is the amount additional that the Government is required to pay by getting the work spoken of done in the Colony ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The Government found, on taking office, that contracts had been entered into on the 10th December, 1878, for the construction of sixty-six engines, to be manufactured in the Colony; and some of these are in course of construction.
- (2.) The price of the Colonial made engines varied from £2,875 to £3,483, the average being £3,371. At the time the tenders were received for these the English price was £3,000 per engine.
- (3 and 4.) No; the total difference in price would have been £24,486.

(2.) Protection of Australian Subjects in the South Seas :—Mr. Combes asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any measures that will lead to a better protection of the lives and properties of Her Majesty's Australian Subjects in the South Seas ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is not easy to see what this Government can do in the matter; but a representation will be made to the Imperial Government urging that the utmost attention be given to protective measures against these outrages.

(3.) Connection of Great Northern Railway with Sydney :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When the Government intend to submit to this House a proposal in reference to the projected line between the Great Northern Railway and Sydney ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The surveys for this line have now been completed, and the Government will deal further with the question on an early day.

(4.) The Boarding-out System :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many children have been delivered from Government Asylums to the Boarding-out Committee ?
- (2.) What is paid per head to those taking the children to rear ?
- (3.) Does the Government exercise any supervision over those entrusted with the children ?
- (4.) Has the Government decided to carry out on an extensive scale the system of boarding-out children ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Fifty-three children.
- (2.) Five shillings per week per child over three years of age; seven shillings per week under three years, or in very exceptional cases.
- (3.) Quarterly reports to Society from its District Committees are examined by Inspector of Public Charities.
- (4.) The question of adopting the boarding-out system on a more extensive scale is under consideration.

(5.) Railway from Orange to Wilcannia :—*Dr. Renwick*, for Mr. Cooke, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Western Line of Railway from Orange towards Wilcannia, *via* Parkes and Forbes; if so, when, and which of the surveyed Lines will be adopted ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The question will be dealt with in connection with the general Railway policy of the Government, which will shortly be taken into consideration.

(6.) Railway Block-signal Men :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the hours of labour of the block-signal men been reduced ?
- (2.) If not, how many hours a day do they at present work ?
- (3.) Have any of the men employed in block-signal boxes been fined ?
- (4.) If so, by whose authority, and what amount; and to what fund have such fines been paid ?
- (5.) Has the Secretary for Public Works any objection to lay a Return upon the Table of this House of all men so fined, with the amounts in each case, and cause of such fine being imposed ?
- (6.) What is the reason that the Railway employes on the Northern Line are not paid regularly, but at irregular intervals, ranging from fourteen to twenty-one days ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) No recent change has been made.
- (2.) Twelve hours a day; but each man is allowed to be off duty one day in every fortnight, and for which he is paid.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) By the Traffic Manager's authority; the fines are paid to the men's "Sick and Accident Fund."
- (5.) No objection.
- (6.) The men are paid twice a month, at intervals of about fourteen days; the intervals are not irregular to the extent stated.

(7.) Kenny Hill Water Supply Scheme :—*Mr. Poole*, for Mr. Withers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When the Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers dealing with the Kenny Hill Gravitation Water Supply Scheme will be made public ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I will presently lay the Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on this subject upon the Table.

(8.) Crown-street Tramway :—*Mr. Poole* for Mr. Withers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When the Government are likely to commence the extension of the Tramway along Crown-street ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is expected that the supply of material will be sufficient to admit of the work being commenced within one month from this date.

(9.) Wharfage Rate on Coal :—Mr. Fletcher asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the Wharfage Rate on Coal under the power that is given in the 12th clause of the Wharfage and Tonnage Act?

Mr. Watson answered,—I purpose making my Financial Statement at an early date, and until then it is undesirable that I should disclose the intentions of the Government either as to the imposition or remission of duties.

(10.) Public Parks :—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government taken into consideration the applications made by the Councils of several of the Suburban Boroughs, that parks or places of recreation may be obtained and set apart for the inhabitants; and if so, what do the Government intend to do?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A good deal of time has been bestowed upon this matter. Among other things, an officer of the Survey Department has been employed some little time making examinations and reports, and the Government is now considering those reports; but in order to deal with them properly they require more time than Honorable Members might suppose, in consequence of the conflicting interests involved.

(11.) Exemption of University and Colleges from Municipal Taxation :—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government considered the application made by the Municipal Council of Camperdown for compensation, or relief, by reason of the University and Colleges (situate within the Borough) having been exempted from taxation; if so, do the Government intend to afford relief?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As the Honorable Member is aware, a good deal of attention has been given to this question, but it is surrounded by peculiar difficulties. The decision I have arrived at is to propose that a sum of money be paid to compensate this Corporation.

7. KURRAJONG LAND AND RILEY-STREET SURRY HILLS LAND SALES BILL :—Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from the Right Reverend Frederic Barker, D.D., Bishop of Sydney and Metropolitan, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Bishop of Sydney to sell two portions of land situated respectively at Kurrajong, county of Cook, and Surry Hills, near Sydney, and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale thereof.

And Mr. Stuart having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Australian*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

8. BALMAIN CEMETERY BILL :—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from Alexander Henry Brown, Barbara Patten, Francis George Patten, and William Patten, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable certain persons carrying on business under the name of the Balmain Cemetery Company to inter the dead in any part of the land near the Balmain Road belonging to them, and now used as a cemetery.

And Mr. Brown having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Balmain Independent*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

9. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Papers respecting reference to arbitration in the case of the Milburn Creek Copper Mining Company.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Borough of East Maitland.
 - (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Cooma.
 - (4.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Singleton.
 - (5.) Despatch disallowing Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Act.
 - (6.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration”—Ship “Northampton.”
 - (7.) Report by Mr. Spencer Walpole respecting Berlin International Fishery Exhibition.
 - (8.) Further correspondence respecting Chinese Immigration.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Watson laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Customs Regulation Act of 1879.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 22nd June, 1880,—“Bridge over the Murrumbidgee River at Comins's Crossing.”
 - (2.) Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on the proposed Kenny's Hill Water Scheme, together with a Plan referred to in the Report. (*The Plan to be an Exhibit only.*)
 - (3.) Abstract of Lands resumed for the purpose of the Sydney Water Supply.
 - (4.) Return to an Order made on 17th December, 1880,—“Road through Burke's Grant, Mulbring.”
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return (*in completion*) to an Order made on 3rd May, 1878,—“Land Sales at Armidale, Walcha, &c.”
- (2.) *Gazette* Notice repealing Regulation affecting the currency of Volunteer Land Orders.
- (3.) Return (*in completion*) to an Order made on 1st May, 1877,—“Reserves near Western Railway.”
- (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (5.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (6.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(7.)

- (7.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.
Ordered to be printed.
10. NAVIGATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Unseaworthy Ships and the Navigation Act of 1871.
Question put and passed.
11. NO-LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate No-liability Mining Companies.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Terry presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate No-liability Mining Companies,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 21st January.
12. DEPOSIT OF £40 BY CANDIDATES AT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in every case where the £40 paid to the Returning Officer by any Candidate previous to nomination was forfeited to the Government in consequence of the requisite number of votes not being polled, the £40 should be returned to the Candidate.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
13. SAVINGS BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return, setting forth (in continuation of a Return laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council on the 27th September, 1854, or any subsequent Return),—
(1.) The names of the Trustees of the Savings Bank of New South Wales for each year up to the present date.
(2.) A detailed account of all moneys lent by the Savings Bank since the last Return laid upon the Table of this House, specifying the amount or amounts lent to each individual, public body, or company; the amount deposited with any Bank or Banks at interest; the date of each loan or deposit; the nature of the security (and if real property where it is situated); and the rate of interest paid by individuals, and the Bank or Banks wherein the moneys were deposited; the names of the Banks wherein moneys have been deposited or loans given, but omitting the names of personal borrowers.
(3.) The loss (if any) that the Savings Bank has sustained by loans on real or chattel property.
(4.) The names of the Managing Trustee, Accountant, Clerks, Valuers, and other Officers of the Bank, and the salaries annual or otherwise paid to each.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. McElhone,
Tellers,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. O'Connor.

Noes, 59.

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| Sir Henry Parkes, | Mr. Teece, |
| Mr. Wisdom, | Mr. Tooth, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Poole, |
| Mr. Brodribb, | Mr. Beyers, |
| Mr. Lackey, | Mr. Abigail, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Garrard, |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. T. R. Smith, |
| Mr. Stuart, | Mr. Henson, |
| Mr. Davies, | Mr. Russell Barton, |
| Mr. G. A. Lloyd, | Mr. Lynch, |
| Mr. Faucett, | Mr. Fletcher, |
| Mr. Pigott, | Mr. Turner, |
| Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Murray, |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar, | Mr. Burns, |
| Mr. R. P. Abbott, | Mr. Jacob, |
| Mr. Kerr, | Mr. William Clarke |
| Mr. Sec, | Dr. Renwick, |
| Mr. Burdekin, | Mr. McLaughlin, |
| Mr. Fullford, | Mr. Proctor, |
| Mr. Garrett, | Mr. Martin, |
| Mr. Tarrant, | Mr. Withers, |
| Mr. Holborow, | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. J. P. Abbott, | Mr. Andrews, |
| Mr. Garvan, | Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Byrnes, | Mr. Carter, |
| Mr. Terry, | Mr. T. G. Dangar, |
| Mr. Campbell, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. McCulloch, | Mr. Badgery, |
| Mr. Henry Clarke, | Mr. Trickett. |
| Mr. Combes, | |
| Mr. Wilkinson, | |

And so it passed in the negative.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 JANUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public Works in the Mudgee District:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will tenders be called for the remaining portion of the Mudgee Railway?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the Mudgee Water Works without delay?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with all those works in the Mudgee District for which the money has been voted, but the works not proceeded with in consequence of the late financial difficulties?
 - (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed at once with the Talawang Bridge, for which the money has been voted for some time past?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Tenders for the remaining portion of the Mudgee Railway will be invited immediately after plans for this length have been approved by Parliament.
 - (2.) The whole question of country water supplies is under consideration of the Government, and until it is decided I am not in a position to definitely answer this question.
 - (3.) Yes; as soon as funds are available.
 - (4.) The Talawang Bridge will be proceeded with as soon as possible.
- (2.) Railway Locomotives:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Government has paid £2,300 for English made locomotives, and £3,500 for Colonial made locomotives?
 - (2.) What is the lowest price the Government has paid for English locomotives; also the lowest price it has paid for locomotives made here?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to carry out its free trade principles, and purchase every thing it wants in future, including locomotive engines, in England?
 - (4.) What is the amount of loss this country has sustained by purchasing Colonial made locomotives?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The Government have paid from time to time various prices for English made locomotives, the prices being dependent upon the class of locomotive ordered and the market value ruling at the time. For the locomotives now being obtained from England the average price is £2,427; the average price of the locomotives under construction in the Colony, for which tenders were accepted in December, 1878, is £3,371; the English price at that time was £3,000.
 - (2.) The lowest price paid for an English locomotive (a small saddle-back tank engine) was £1,033. The lowest price paid for a Colonial made engine (a suburban tank engine) was £2,930; but no comparison can be made between these prices, as the engines were of different types.
 - (3.) The endeavour will be to procure the supplies on the most advantageous terms in the interests of the whole community.
 - (4.) It appears that English engines, in lieu of those now being constructed in the Colony, could have been obtained for a sum less by £24,486 than is to be paid to the Colonial manufacturers.
- (3.) Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill.—Church and School Lands Dedication Bill:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Can the Colonial Secretary give the House any definite information as to what has been done in reference to the Amended Divorce Bill, which passed both Houses of Parliament on two occasions, and was reserved and sent Home during the last Session of the last Parliament for the Royal Assent for the second time?
 - (2.) Has the Colonial Secretary any information as to the fate of the Church and School Lands Bill, also reserved and sent Home for the Royal Assent?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) On Tuesday last I laid upon the Table the copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State on this subject. The English Government say that they understand that the object of the Bill is to grant a dissolution of marriage on proof of the husband's adultery when, and when only, the parties are domiciled in the Colony, and the Despatch goes on to say, in order effectually to secure this object, they are of opinion that it should be made a condition by express words in the Act that any Judge pronouncing such a sentence shall first be satisfied by sufficient evidence in the suit that the parties are so domiciled. The Government then say that if this amendment is made in the Bill, restricting its operation to persons who are proved to be domiciled in the Colony, there will no longer be any objection to advising Her Majesty to assent to the Bill.

(2.) The Church and School Lands Dedication Bill, as everybody is aware, was reserved by the Governor. The Bishops of the Anglican Church, and also the Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church, forwarded protests to the Imperial Government against the Queen being advised to assent to that measure. I think a memorial was also sent from the heads of the Presbyterian Church, expressing a desire that Her Majesty should be advised to assent to the measure. The Government also forwarded to the Secretary of State a statement answering the chief allegations of the Bishops of the two churches to which I have referred. In that state the matter remains.

(4.) Transfer of Hugh Martin's Land :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was there an application made to the Land Agent at Rylstone by or on behalf of Vincent Dowling to transfer two 40-acre selections belonging to the late Hugh Martin?

(2.) What was the date of the alleged transfer?

(3.) On what date was the application made to the Land Agent at Rylstone to register the alleged transfer?

(4.) Will the Minister lay upon the Table any communication forwarded from the Lands Department to the late Hugh Martin, or the administratrix of his estate, declining to recognise such transfer?

(5.) On what grounds was the transfer rejected?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) 13th May, 1880.

(3.) The Land Agent's noting bears date 5th June, 1880.

(4.) There is no objection to the communication referred to being laid upon the Table, but it does not decline to recognise such transfer.

(5.) The transfer has not been rejected; but a subsequent transfer, signed by Martin's widow, as administratrix, in favour of H. R. Fitzhardinge, and verified by the Crown Solicitor, having been received, the parties have been advised of the previous application prior to its acceptance.

(5.) Insolvent Magistrates :—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are gentlemen who are Magistrates allowed to retain such position after having assigned their estates?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Instructions were given a long time ago to the Officers of the Insolvency Court to inform the Government when any person holding the Commission of the Peace sequestrated his estate, and on the representation being made the ordinary course has been to request the person to resign his commission, and if he did not see proper to do so to supersede him; but obviously, unless such information is given to the Government, it is scarcely likely that the Government can watch all cases of this kind. All I can say is that if any instance which has escaped the notice of the Court is represented to the Government steps will be taken in the matter.

(6.) Mr. Lamond Young :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was Mr. Lamond Young, who was lost at Bermagui some months ago, an officer in his department?

(2.) Has any trace been found of Mr. Young, or anything discovered respecting his fate?

(3.) Have any steps been taken to find Mr. Young, or to discover what has been the fate of himself and companions?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) Search has been made in the sea, along the beach, and inland, in the locality near where the boat was found; and inquiries have been made by officers of this Department and the Police Department; but notwithstanding that the search and inquiries have extended over a very long period no information respecting the fate of Mr. Young and his companions has yet been obtained.

(7.) Tramways :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the total cost for the laying down tram-rails between Hunter-street and Redfern Station, and between Hunter-street, Moore Park, and Randwick; also the cost of rails, carriages, and motors?

(2.) What has been the receipts from the tramways from Hunter-street to Moore Park and Randwick, and from Hunter-street to Redfern?

(3.) What amount has been expended on repairs on the above lines?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) As the works have not been finally measured up the total cost of construction cannot be given. The rails have cost £11 5s. per ton. The cars have cost £8,100; and the motors £7,560.

(2.) The receipts from the Randwick line have been, for the four months ending 31st December last, £5,478. The receipts from the line to Redfern for the 15½ months it has been in operation have been £17,783.

(3.) The maintenance and repair of the road have cost £2,900.

(8.) Chinese Immigration :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session of Parliament to deal with Chinese Immigration?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I think it is probable that a measure dealing with this question will be introduced during the present Session, but, from circumstances which are as well known to Honorable Members as to myself, it would be quite impossible for me to anticipate its consideration by another body.

- (9.) Sewage from Government Establishments, Parramatta:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the abominable nuisance running from the Government establishments and emptying itself in the centre of the town of Parramatta at Lennox Bridge be abated, the money for such work having been voted by Parliament some months, and the Government Medical Adviser having strongly recommended the abatement of it as it causes a great amount of sickness?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A course was recommended to abate this nuisance; but this course was not approved by the inhabitants of Parramatta, who require a larger work, the propriety of constructing which is under reference to the proper department.

- (10.) Parramatta District Hospital:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will tenders be invited for carrying out the repairs and improvements to the Parramatta District Hospital, which are so much needed, and for which the amount was voted by Parliament?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter is in such a state that tenders can be invited at any time; but inquiry has to be made before tenders can be advertised for.

- (11.) Sewer from Sydney to Shea's Creek:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to construct a sewer or sewers, or other works, for the purpose of conveying the sewage or any portion thereof from the southern portion of the City of Sydney to Shea's Creek?

(2.) Has the Government accepted any tender or contract for the performance of such works, or any portion thereof?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) This matter was initiated in accordance with the recommendation of the Health Board in December, 1879. Surveys and plans have been prepared, and tenders invited, after compliance with the ordinary preliminaries.

(2.) A tender was accepted on the 10th November, 1880; but owing to the representations of a Deputation the works have not been commenced, pending the result of inquiries and the desirability of completing the sewer to Webb's grant at once, to meet as far as possible the views of the Deputation.

- (12.) Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to obtain during the present Session the authority of Parliament for the extension of the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This question will be determined by the Government when their Railway policy is under consideration.

- (13.) The Meymott Inquiry:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Attorney General,—

(1.) Is he aware that the witnesses who gave evidence in reference to the Meymott Inquiry have not yet been paid their expenses?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to pay those expenses; and if so, when?

Mr. Wisdom answered,—Yes. Applications for expenses from certain witnesses have been received, and are now being attended to by the Department of Justice. I am informed that Mr. Commissioner Davis has lately advised that the witnesses should be paid according to the scale fixed for witnesses under the District Courts Act of 1858, pending a scale of allowances for witnesses being fixed by the Governor in Council under 3rd section of the Act 44 Victoria No. 1; and the requisite steps are now being taken for the payment of claims accordingly.

- (14.) Public School at Basin Plain:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the site for a Public School at Basin Plain, in the Gunnedah District, been yet surveyed?

(2.) If so, when was it surveyed?

(3.) Has the description of the land been yet furnished to the Minister for Education; if not, when will it be?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) On the 20th October last.

(3.) The plan of the portion is now being examined in the Survey Office, and if found satisfactory a description will be sent to the Minister of Education.

- (15.) Road from Quirindi to Yarraman:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What steps have been taken to open the road from Quirindi to Yarraman?

(2.) Are the Government aware that persons residing near the road now in use are in the habit of levying toll upon all travellers on that road?

(3.) What is the route proposed to be taken by the road from Quirindi to Yarraman?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) Instruction has issued for survey of the road.

(2.) It has been so stated; but there is no reserved or other road recognized by the Survey Office. Inquiry into the circumstances shall be made.

(3.) The proposed route is from Quirindi westerly to Pine Ridge, near the confluence of the Warrah Creek with the Mooki River; thence near the east bank of the Mooki to Kickerbel Crossing; thence on the western bank of the Mooki River to the reserve on the north side of the Australian Agricultural Company's grant; thence by that reserve westerly to the north-west corner of that grant; thence westerly to the crossing of the Coomoo Coomoo Creek at the north-east corner of portion No. 1, parish of Pringle, county of Pottinger; thence along the north boundary of that portion westerly to the road from Black Creek to Bomera.

- (16.) Cemetery at Colley Blue:—Mr. J. P. Abbot asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any land at Colley Blue been dedicated for a cemetery; if so, what is the area?

(2.) Who are the Trustees?

(3.) Has any sum of money been placed at their disposal to fence the same; and if so, what amount, and when was it so placed?

Mr.

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) No; but steps have been taken to purchase an area of 2 acres for the purpose.
- (2.) No Trustees have been appointed.
- (3.) A sum of £20 was placed to the credit of Messrs. John Dyter, T. H. Cruthers, and T. H. Halton, in the Bank of New South Wales on the 23rd September last for the purpose of fencing the land.

(17.) Railway Charges on Woolpacks and Farmers Bags:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that woolpacks are carried upon the Railway at £1 14s. 4d. per ton per 100 miles?
- (2.) Is it a fact that farmers bags are carried on the same Railway at £2 18s. 7d. per ton?
- (3.) Can the Minister explain why there is any difference in the rate of charge?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) £1 14s. 4d. is the charge for woolpacks carried 100 miles.
- (2.) £2 18s. 7d. is the charge for bags carried 100 miles. If they are to be returned, however, full, by railway, or an equal quantity has already been sent by the same consignor, they are treated as "empties" by arrangement, and charged 10s. a ton for 100 miles.
- (3.) The higher rate for bags is only charged when they are not to be returned by rail; when they are to be returned filled with produce the charge for their carriage on the down journey is much lower than it is for woolpacks, which are invariably returned filled.

(18.) Stamped Forms of Promissory Notes:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has he received any complaints from business people in any of the country towns where there are no Clerks of Petty Sessions that they are not able to obtain stamped forms of promissory notes or bills of exchange in such towns?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to issue stamped forms of promissory notes or bills of exchange to country postmasters where there are no Clerks of Petty Sessions, upon the same conditions as those on which they are issued to Clerks of Petty Sessions?

Mr. Watson answered,—

- (1.) I have received no such complaints.
- (2.) There are 188 postmasters in the larger towns throughout the Colony who have been supplied with these stamps; but in the smaller places it was not deemed necessary to supply them. Should the latter make applications for them there will be no objection to comply with their request.

(19.) Post and Telegraph Office, Gunnedah:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the Government entered into a contract with any person to fence in the Post and Telegraph Office in Gunnedah?
- (2.) If so, who is the contractor?
- (3.) When was the contract signed, and within what time has the work to be completed?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Amos Davies.
- (3.) Bond has not yet been signed. The time for the completion of the work expired 1st December, 1880; the contractor has been asked to explain cause of delay.

(20.) Tramways:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cause of the delay in the construction of the tramway lines to Woollahra, to Waverley, and to Randwick?
- (2.) When will the construction of the aforesaid tramway lines be proceeded with?
- (3.) What are the names of the contractors for supplying both labour and materials for the aforesaid tramway lines?
- (4.) Are there any written contracts subsisting between the Government and any person or persons for labour or materials required for the said tramway lines; if so, do such contracts bind the contractors to complete their works within specified times?
- (5.) Have the contractors complied with the terms and times specified by their contracts, or have they been allowed to ignore them; and if the latter, for what reason?
- (6.) Is the Government aware that the Old South Head Road from Botany-street to Paddington Reservoir is now and has been for a long time in a most dangerous condition, owing to the partial breaking up of the road by the tramway workmen?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The construction of the tramway line to Woollahra and Waverley has been delayed owing to the difficulty experienced in obtaining rails; the line to Randwick is temporarily stayed pending the settlement of the question of land compensation.
- (2.) The construction of the line to Waverley and Woollahra was resumed to-day; that to Randwick will be resumed as soon as possession of the land can be obtained.
- (3.) For the construction of the line to Waverley and Woollahra the contractors are Topham, Angus, & Co.; for the supply of rails, fastenings, &c., Mr. Enoch Hughes is the contractor. The line to Randwick is being carried out by the Department.
- (4.) There are written contracts, and the contractors thereunder are liable to be fined for the non-completion of the works within the time specified in the event of the delay being caused by them.
- (5.) The contractors have not been able to observe the specified time for the completion of their respective works. The contractors for the construction of the line have not been supplied by the Government with the rails to enable them to proceed, and the contractor for the supply of rails has been required to depart from the plan of rail which he originally contracted to supply, and to substitute another form of rail in its place.
- (6.) The road was broken up in the belief that the work could be proceeded with; it was subsequently found that the form of rail designed by the late Tramway Engineer would not be suitable, and the formation of the tramway had to be stopped. Considerable inconvenience has been caused to the vehicular traffic in consequence, but no case of serious accident has had to be recorded; and as the construction of the line has now been resumed the obstruction to the roadway traffic will soon be at an end.

2. RAILWAY FROM WALLERAWANG TO MUDGEEO:—Mr. Lackey, pursuant to the requirements of the 9th section of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19, laid upon the Table of the House (*as Exhibits only, and not to remain as records of the House*) copy of a Plan, Section, and Book of Reference, relative to the proposed extension for the remaining portion of the Line from Wallerawang to Mudgee, viz., from 143 miles 47 chains to 189 miles 13 chains, being a distance of 45 miles 46 chains.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Wisdom laid upon the Table,—Annual Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.
Ordered to be printed.
4. FISHERIES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the development and regulation of the Fisheries of the Colony.
Question put and passed.
5. LAND TITLES REGULATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the Declaration of Title to Land and its Transfer.
Question put and passed.
6. SUPPLY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
7. WAYS AND MEANS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a System of Local Government.
Question put and passed.
9. KURRAJONG LAND AND RILEY-STREET SURRY HILLS LAND SALES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Bishop of Sydney to sell two portions of land situated respectively at Kurrajong, county of Cook, and Surry Hills, near Sydney, and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale thereof.
Question put and passed.
10. BALMAIN CEMETERY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable certain persons carrying on business under the name of the Balmain Cemetery Company to inter the Dead in any part of the land near the Balmain Road belonging to them and now used as a cemetery.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Brown having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable certain persons carrying on business under the name of the Balmain Cemetery Company to inter the Dead in any part of the land near the Balmain Road belonging to them and now used as a cemetery,*"—read a first time.
11. KURRAJONG LAND AND RILEY-STREET SURRY HILLS LAND SALES BILL:—Mr. Stuart having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Bishop of Sydney to sell two portions of land situated respectively at Kurrajong County of Cook and Surry Hills near Sydney and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale thereof,*"—read a first time.
12. NAVIGATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Unseaworthy Ships and the Navigation Act of 1871. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Unseaworthy Ships and the Navigation Act of 1871.
On motion of Mr. Watson, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Watson presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Unseaworthy Ships and the Navigation Act of 1871,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
13. IMPRISONED DEBTORS SUPPORT BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide that Imprisoned Debtors shall be supported while in prison by the Imprisoning Creditor.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that Imprisoned Debtors shall be supported while in prison by the Imprisoning Creditor,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 21st January.

14. GRANTS OF LAND TO THE AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY :—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all the deeds of grants of any lands granted by the Crown to the Australian Agricultural Company in the Colony of New South Wales, except lands situated in the Hunter River District.
 - (2.) Copies of all plans of the same lands, distinguishing such portions of the lands as are now held by the Australian Agricultural Company and such portions as are held by the Peel River Gold and Mining Company.
 - (3.) That such plans shall show thereon all public roads through such grants, specifying the width and the length of such roads.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 JANUARY, 1881.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—John Cramsie, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Balranald.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bridge over the Westbrook:—*Mr. Turner*, for *Mr. Melville*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of a bridge over the Westbrook, at Thompson, the money for which was voted in 1880?

Mr. Lackey answered,—As soon as funds are available.

(2.) *Mr. Castner*, Lessee of Railway Refreshment Rooms:—*Mr. Davies* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that a publican's license has been granted to *Mr. Castner*, at the Railway Station, Junee?

(2.) Is he aware that the usual accommodation provided at Railway Stations, such as waiting rooms, &c., does not exist?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to permit the licensing of a portion of public property for the common sale of intoxicating drinks?

(4.) Has the Minister any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and documents having reference to the leasing to *Mr. Castner* of the Railway Refreshment Rooms at Sydney, Mittagong, and Junee?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) I believe so.

(2.) No complaint has been made of the want of accommodation at Junee. Waiting rooms, if required, will be erected.

(3.) The building has been erected by and at the expense of the lessee, *Mr. Castner*, under an agreement made before the present Government took office. My attention has only recently been drawn to the terms of this agreement, and the question is under consideration.

(4.) No objection.

(3.) Steam Communication with North Shore:—*Mr. Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates-in-Chief or Loan Estimates for the construction of two steam vessels, so as to facilitate the transit of passengers, goods, and products between Sydney and the North Shore?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This question will be decided by the Government in a few days.

(4.) Tramways:—*Mr. Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether the Government have taken any action, by survey or otherwise, for the purpose of constructing a tramway at St. Leonards and connecting it by a tramway with Manly Beach and Lane Cove?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No action has yet been taken in this matter.

(5.) Water Supply for St. Leonards:—*Mr. Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend to provide a temporary supply of water to the inhabitants of St. Leonards, pending the completion of the Nepean or Pheasant's Nest Scheme of Water Supply to the City and Suburbs?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Government would be prepared to lay a water main across the Harbour; but the City Corporation, who have been appealed to on the subject, appear to be unwilling to move in the matter; the Government, therefore, are unable at present to take further steps therein.

(6.) Bridge across Narrabeen Lagoon:—*Mr. Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a report been obtained of the cost of constructing a bridge across Narrabeen Lagoon; if so, is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for the construction of the said bridge.

Mr. Lackey answered,—Yes; and a sum has been noted for consideration by the Cabinet.

(7.)

(7.) Railway Rates on Wool, Tallow, and Hides:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the carriage per bale on greasy and washed wool from Wagga Wagga to Sydney?
- (2.) The same from Albury?
- (3.) The like from Junee, Cootamundra, Yass, and Goulburn?
- (4.) The distance of each of above places from Sydney?
- (5.) The same from Gunnedah, Breeza, Tamworth, Werris Creek, Quirindi, Willow Tree, Murrurundi, Scone, and Musclebrook?
- (6.) The distance of above Northern Railway Stations from Newcastle?
- (7.) The rail charge on tallow per ton from each of above places?
- (8.) The rate per ton on hides from each of above places?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The answers will be found in the appended statement, with the exception of the rates from Albury, which have not yet been fixed. I may add that the rates are now being revised.

| Stations.— Great Southern Railway. | Distance from Sydney. | Wool per bale to Sydney. | Tallow per ton to Sydney. | Hides per ton to Sydney. |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Miles. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| South Wagga Wagga | 309 | 9 0 | 67 8 | 31 4 |
| Junee | 287 | 8 9 | 80 1 | 33 11 |
| Cootamundra... .. | 253 | 8 3 | 73 3 | 30 6 |
| Yass | 187 | 7 6 | 59 3 | 23 9 |
| Goulburn | 134 | 7 0 | 44 6 | 17 8 |

| Stations.— Great Northern Railway. | Distance from Newcastle. | Wool per bale to Newcastle. | Tallow per ton to Newcastle. | Hides per ton to Newcastle. |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Miles. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| Gunnedah | 196 | 8 0 | 61 7 | 24 9 |
| Breeza | 170 | 7 9 | 54 8 | 21 10 |
| Tamworth | 182 | 7 9 | 57 11 | 23 2 |
| Werris Creek | 155 | 7 6 | 50 8 | 20 2 |
| Quirindi | 144 | 7 3 | 47 6 | 18 11 |
| Willow Tree | 134 | 7 3 | 44 6 | 17 8 |
| Murrurundi | 120 | 7 0 | 40 4 | 16 0 |
| Scone | 96 | 6 3 | 33 0 | 13 2 |
| Musclebrook | 80 | 5 0 | 27 8 | 11 2 |

(8.) Bridges over Hall's Creek and Cassilis Creek:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of bridges over Hall's Creek and creek near Cassilis, the money for which has been voted?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders will be invited as soon as possible for bridge at Hall's Creek. Inquiry will be made as to Creek near Cassilis; there is some question as to the site.

(9.) Railway Locomotives:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The Minister for Works, in answer to a question put by me on Tuesday, having stated that the loss to the people of this country through the Government employing colonial manufacturers for the manufacture of locomotive engines was in the last contract £24,486,—I beg to ask him if it is the intention of the Government to avoid this loss in future by procuring their locomotives in England, thereby saving £24,486 on contracts of the magnitude of the one referred to?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I can only give the Honorable Member the same answer as I gave him yesterday—that the Government will endeavour to obtain their supplies on terms the most advantageous for the general community.

(10.) Bridges on Molong and Orange Road:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to place any sum of money on the Estimates for the year 1881 for the erection of two bridges on the Molong and Orange Road, viz., at Ploughman's Creek and Broken-shaft Creek?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Those creeks have done without bridges when the road carried the whole traffic of the west. Since the opening of the Railway it has not been considered necessary to expend money in bridging them.

(11.) Court-house, Canowindra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any tender during the last nine months been accepted for the erection of a Court-house at Canowindra; if so, when, the name of the contractor, and the date on which the bonds were signed?

(2.) Has the contractor been stopped from going on with the work, by whom, and for what reason; and is it the intention of the Government to compensate the contractor for the heavy losses he has had to sustain through the works not having been allowed to be proceeded with after the bonds were signed?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes. The tender of W. M. Murray was accepted on the 25th March last, and the bond signed on the 6th May.

(2.) Yes. In consequence of the unsuitableness of the site proposed a better one has been selected. The contractor's claim for compensation for the delay that has arisen will receive due consideration.

(12.)

(12.) John Dunn's Conditional Purchase :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the conditional purchase made by John Dunn on the 9th May last, on the east bank of Reedy Creek, parish of Murga, been disallowed or cancelled; and if so, on what ground, and for what reason has the selection been disallowed?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The purchase was cancelled on the 5th November, 1880, because the land had been previously selected by Thomas Archer, viz., on the 29th, May, 1879. John Dunn was duly advised to this effect on the date first mentioned, and an order was transmitted for refund of his deposit money.

(13.) Town of Cargo :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any survey been made of the town of Cargo, or has the township been surveyed and laid out into town allotments; and if so, when will the allotments be put up for sale by public auction?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The town of Cargo has been surveyed, and lithographs of the survey are now being prepared. Steps will shortly be taken to offer the land at auction.

(14.) Circular to Licensed Surveyors :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 been repealed; if not, will he have any objection to explain the reason for the Circular issued by the Surveyor General on the 21st September, 1880, to Licensed Surveyors (a copy of which appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 29th October, 1880), relative to surveying land before free selection?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—This section has not been repealed; but the Circular to which reference is made in this question conveyed an instruction to Surveyors who were out of arrears with their work to report to the Survey Office in Sydney on unalienated country land suitable for subdivision in anticipation of settlement, so that intending conditional purchasers might be afforded the opportunity of taking up land either previously to or after survey.

(15.) Disposal of Sydney Sewage :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the offer made by the firm of Lienier and Co., of Frankfort, to introduce into any part of Sydney their pneumatic system for sewage disposal?

(2.) Have the Government taken this offer into consideration; if so, will he state the result?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Government have considered the offer, but have not yet arrived at a decision.

(16.) Disposal of Sydney Sewage :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that the sewage scheme recommended by Mr. Clark does not include that portion of the City now draining into the head of Darling Harbour?

(2.) Does the report propose to include Pymont in the general scheme of sewage?

(3.) Is Sussex and other streets running into it excluded from the approved plan of the City sewage scheme?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) As pointed out on page 19 of Mr. Clark's report, a portion of the drainage of the low-lying parts of Darling Harbour will continue to flow into the harbour; but, as also pointed out, should the inconvenience be found of sufficient importance (which is unlikely) a small pumping system can be adopted for the dry weather drainage, for conveyance of which provision has been made in sewer.

(2.) Yes, all but a very small margin round the harbour.

(3.) A small portion of the drainage at surface level of lower side of Sussex-street is excluded, but it will be unimportant, and consist chiefly of stores. The exact extent of the excluded portion cannot yet be determined.

(17.) Water Supply for Temora :—Mr. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that there are about 4,000,000 loads of wash-dirt at Temora, estimated to average 7 dwts. of gold to the load, waiting for water?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to have the diggings supplied with water; if so, when?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to have borings for water at Temora made at once?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to have reservoirs constructed at Temora to conserve the water; if so, when?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) It is known that a large quantity of wash-dirt is awaiting treatment, but the exact quantity or quality of the dirt is not known.

(2.) The Warden has been instructed to obtain information respecting water supply for Temora.

(3 and 4.) No consideration has been given to these matters, pending result of reference to Warden.

3. BALMAIN CEMETERY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Balmain Cemetery Bill.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Terry, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Henson, Mr. Hezlet, Mr. Poole, Mr. Fremlin, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. KURRAJONG LAND AND RILEY-STREET SURRY HILLS LAND SALES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Kurrajong Land and Riley-street Surry Hills Land Sales Bill.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brodribb, Mr. Burns, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Foster, Mr. Reid, Mr. Tooth, Mr. W. J. Watson, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Jacob, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. FISHERIES BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the development and regulation of the Fisheries of the Colony. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the development and regulation of the Fisheries of the Colony.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Sir Henry Parkes *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for the development and regulation of the Fisheries of the Colony*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

6. LAND TITLES REGISTRATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the Declaration of Title to Land and its Transfer.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the Declaration of Title to Land and its Transfer.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday next :—

(1.) Supply; House to resolve itself into Committee.

(2.) Ways and Means; House to resolve itself into Committee.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a System of Local Government.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to establish a System of Local Government.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned at Five o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 JANUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Appraisement of Runs :—Mr. H. C. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) How many runs the leases for which expired on the 31st December last have been appraised ?
 - (2.) In how many of these cases has the rent as appraised been approved by the Minister ?
 - (3.) Why have the rents approved by the Minister not been notified in the *Gazette* ?
 - (4.) In how many cases and on what grounds have the appraised rents been disallowed or altered by the Minister ?
 - (5.) With regard to runs the leases of which expired on the 31st December, 1880, and on which the rents demanded by the Government for 1881 have been paid,—have the leases of these runs by such payments been renewed for five years ?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) One thousand six hundred and fifty-six (1,656).
 - (2.) Eight hundred and fifty-eight (858) have been allowed to stand.
 - (3.) In consequence of some of the awards not having reached the department until the 7th instant (and they requiring examination) the notices have not yet been issued.
 - (4.) There has been no alteration or disallowance by the Minister in any case, the law making it necessary to obtain the report of three appraisers before the Minister can exercise any power of altering or vetoing any appraisement.
 - (5.) Completion of the renewal of the leases will in each case take place on the holders thereof paying the rent legally fixed or to be fixed. A Treasury notice was issued on the 10th of December last on the subject.
- (2.) Appraisement of Runs :—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What number of pastoral leases of runs expired on the 31st December, 1880; were all the said runs appraised in the year 1880; if not, how many ?
 - (2.) Have all the appraisements of the said runs been accepted by the Minister; if not, what number has he vetoed ?
 - (3.) How many appraisers were appointed to appraise each run respectively; how many runs were appraised for the first and second leases lower than one pound per section; have the leases of runs that expired on the 31st December, 1880, been renewed under the recent appraised rent ?
 - (4.) What has been the cost of the recent appraisements of the said runs ?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) One thousand six hundred and fifty-eight (1,658) pastoral leases expired in 1880. They were all (except two, the boundaries of which are in dispute) appraised in 1880; but the awards in respect of some few of the runs were not received by the department until the 7th of January, 1881.
- (2.) All were not accepted; none were vetoed. The Minister cannot veto until he has obtained a report from three appraisers.
- (3.) One appraiser was appointed to each run; fifty-two runs were appraised for the first and second leases lower than £1 per section. Completion of the renewal of the leases will in each case take place on the holders thereof paying the rent legally fixed or to be fixed. A Treasury notice was issued on the 10th of December last on the subject.
- (4.) The appraisement of the 1,656 runs cost, including travelling expenses, £10,449 10s. 4d.

(3.)

- (3.) Stamp Duties Act :—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the Treasurer's estimate of the annual revenue likely to be derived from the Stamp Duties Act as passed into law?
 - (2.) What revenue has been derived during the six months that the Act has been in operation?
- Mr. Watson answered,—
- (1.) When I introduced the Stamp Bill in its then form, I estimated that £200,000 would be realised ; but it was considerably modified in Committee, and hence that amount was reduced.
 - (2.) £72,303 2s. 7d.
- (4.) Estimates for 1881 :—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Estimates be laid upon the Table?
- Mr. Watson answered,—I hope to lay the Estimates upon the Table in the course of a week or ten days.
- (5.) Railway to Cooma :—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the construction of the Railway from Goulburn, *via* Tarago, Bungendore, and Queanbeyan, to Cooma, form a part of the Railway policy of the Government to be submitted during the present Session?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—The construction of the line of Railway referred to will be considered with the general Railway projects of the Government, to be determined on an early day.
- (6.) Post Office, West Maitland :—Mr. Fullford asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the reason of the delay in the completion of the new Post Office at West Maitland?
 - (2.) When is the building likely to be completed?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) The commencement of the building was delayed waiting information respecting boundaries of site.
 - (2.) The building will probably be completed within a month.
- (7.) Sydney Water Supply :—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When the Returns in reference to the new Sydney Water Supply work (ordered by the House on my motion of the 17th ultimo) will be furnished?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—As soon as it is definitely settled as to the land to be resumed—this information being needed to comply with the terms of the Honorable Member's resolution. I may remark that all questions touching the resumption of land have been in abeyance pending decision on the Kenny's Hill project.
- (8.) Wollongong and Kiama Breakwater :—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The original estimate of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers for the Wollongong and Kiama Breakwater, and the cost of same?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—The amounts first voted for Wollongong and Kiama were £26,892 and £30,000 respectively, which amounts were supposed to be sufficient to meet the wants of the then limited requirements of those places ; but in neither case have the works as originally projected been carried out. They have been altered in character and greatly enlarged from time to time on petitions of the residents and traders to meet the rapidly increasing trade of the districts and the Colony, so that no point of comparison exists between the amounts voted in the first instance and the works as now completed. In addition to which entirely new works have been added not contemplated at all over twenty years ago, when the first votes were taken, such as steam cranes, coal staiths, railways, jetties, &c. I will, however, have a Return prepared and laid upon the Table, if ordered by the House, showing total cost of the whole of the works to date.
- (9.) Court-house, Canowindra :—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the cause of the delay in not proceeding with the erection of the Court-house at Canowindra, the contract having been taken nine months since?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—The delay is occasioned waiting the determination of site.
- (10.) Post and Telegraph Office, Cowra :—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the Post and Telegraph Office at Cowra, for which money was voted last Session?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—The particulars of site for this building have been only recently furnished. Plans are now being prepared, and when completed tenders will be invited.
- (11.) Railway Dining-car :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many times has the dining-car been used on the Railway Lines of the Colony ; by whom, and at what cost to the country?
 - (2.) Was any amount paid by the parties using the same?
 - (3.) What is the weight of the car?
 - (4.) Can it be used by ordinary trains without extra engine power?
 - (5.) What is the price asked for it by the owners?
 - (6.) Have the Government finally decided to purchase it?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) It has run five times. Twice for the Honorable the Colonial Secretary ; once for the contractors, Messrs. Hudson Brothers ; once for the Commissioner for Railways ; once for the Members of the Intercolonial Conference. The cost cannot be accurately ascertained. When the car is sent by a train within the haulage power of one engine, the extra cost of hauling the car is immaterial. In no case has an extra engine been employed in consequence of the weight of the car necessitating it. On the occasion when a special train was allowed to the builders to try the car, the cost of running to Lithgow and back was £32.
 - (2.) No ; with the exception of the refreshments supplied, which were of course paid for.
 - (3.) 25½ tons.
 - (4.) Yes, unless the weight of the train is fully equal to the maximum power of the engine.
 - (5.) No price has been asked ; they propose that the car should be taken on the Locomotive Engineer's valuation.
 - (6.) This question has not been finally determined.

(12.) Tramways :—Mr. Fremlin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend to commence the tramway extension to Waterloo and Botany simultaneously with the lines on the other routes ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It will not be practicable to commence all the lines simultaneously, as the material cannot be obtained in sufficient quantities. Every exertion will be made to construct all the lines as early as possible.

(13.) Public Cemetery, Botany :—Mr. Fremlin asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause a site to be selected at Botany surveyed and dedicated as a public cemetery ; if so, will he give the matter his immediate attention ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes. A report will be obtained from a competent Surveyor as to the nearest available site, not within the water-shed from which the City is supplied.

(14.) Railway from Orange to Dubbo :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How much money has been expended in constructing the Railway from Orange to Wellington, and from Wellington to Dubbo ?

(2.) What was the original or estimated cost per mile of constructing the same, and what is the actual amount that has been expended in the construction of these two sections to this date ?

(3.) What is the amount that has been expended in constructing the Railway Bridge over the Macquarie at Wellington ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Orange to Wellington, £407,155 3s. ; Wellington to Dubbo, £187,701 0s. 3d.

(2.) Estimated cost per mile (exclusive of the cost of land and compensation), £7,156 per mile. Total amount expended to 31st December last, £594,856 3s. 3d.

(3.) £37,978 12s. 2d.

(15.) Encroachment on Cook Park :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he state by whose authority the people have been deprived of a large portion of one of our Public Parks, namely, the Park known as Cook Park, by the best portion of it being fenced in, by which the people are excluded from the use of it ?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary see that this fence is removed without any delay, or will the Government leave this to be done by the people ?

(3.) Has any one of the four Members for East Sydney made any remonstrance to the Government on this subject ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I understand that application was made to the Trustees of Hyde, Phillip, and Cook Parks by the Sydney Bowling Club for permission to form and use a bowling green in Cook Park ; and that after careful consideration of all the circumstances the desired permission was granted by the Trustees, but only on the understanding that the right of the Club to use the bowling green might be at any time cancelled if the use of the Park for such a purpose should be objected to by the Legislative Assembly, or for any other reasonable cause.

(2.) I have not consulted with my colleagues on this matter, and I do not think we shall in any express manner leave it to be removed by the people.

(3.) I am not aware, as far as my knowledge goes, that any Member for East Sydney has made any remonstrance to the Government on the subject.

(16.) Imprisonment of a Child :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that some time during the month of December last a young child, a girl eight years of age, was sent by her parents on a Sunday to a neighbouring public-house to buy some liquor ; that on her coming home with the liquor she was taken in charge by a policeman ; that she was taken before a Bench of Magistrates the next day and sentenced to pay a small fine and costs of Court ; that in default of paying this money the girl was sent to gaol under warrant of the Bench ?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary mention the names of the Magistrates who did this ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No arrest has been made under the circumstances detailed by the Honorable Member ; but the case of a child for this offence was proceeded with by summons, and adjudicated upon by Messrs. Withers and Hyams, Justices of the Peace, at the Central Police Office. I believe the fine inflicted was 2s. 6d., and that a month was allowed for payment. I am not in possession of all the particulars, but will institute an inquiry. I am not aware that the child was sent to gaol.

(17.) Railway Locomotives :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to continue getting locomotives from England, at a serious loss to the people of this country ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I am not aware that locomotives have been imported from England at a loss.

2. JAMES MORRISON :—Mr. Beyers presented a Petition from James Morrison, alleging that a conditional purchase of land made by him had been cancelled, whereby he had suffered pecuniary loss ; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

3. RAILWAY RATES :—Mr. Myers presented a Petition from Settlers of Argyle and Inhabitants of Goulburn, expressing their opinion that the present Railway rates are unequal and excessive, and injurious to the whole Colony ; and praying that the rates may be altered and equalized.
Petition received.

4. PAPER :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the status of the Agent General, and the appointment of a Canadian Representative in London.
Ordered to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Melville moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

6. AD EUNDEM DEGREES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Dr. Renwick moved, pursuant to Notice,—for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without examination.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Dr. Renwick presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without examination,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—
 (1.) *Maturity of Warrant Reported* :—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Friday, 17th December, 1880, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee; and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.
 (2.) *Members of Committee sworn* :—Whereupon Henry Carey Dangar, Esquire, William John Foster, Esquire, and Arthur Renwick, Esquire, came to the Table, and were severally sworn by the Clerk as Members of the said Committee.
8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 11th February :—
 (1.) Contempts Punishment Bill; second reading.
 (2.) Challenge in Misdemeanour Bill; second reading.
9. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—
 Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

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| Sir Henry Parkes, | Mr. Andrews, |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. Garrard, |
| Mr. Wisdom, | Mr. Henson, |
| Mr. McLaughlin, | Mr. Fullford, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Proctor, |
| Mr. J. P. Abbott, | Mr. Myers, |
| Mr. Turner, | Mr. Melville, |
| Mr. Martin, | Mr. Carter, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. Abigail, |
| Mr. Pigott, | Mr. Teece, |
| Mr. See, | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. Withers, | Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. Jacob, | Mr. Stephen Brown, |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar, | Mr. Fremlin, |
| Mr. Tarrant, | Mr. Terry, |
| Dr. Ross, | Mr. Poole, |
| Mr. Wilson, | Mr. Kidd, |
| Mr. Wilkinson, | |
| Mr. Bodel, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Murray, | Mr. Buchanan, |
| Mr. Young, | Mr. Edmund Barton. |

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| Mr. Fergusson, |
| Mr. Davies, |
| Mr. Baker, |
| Mr. Fawcett, |
| Mr. Lackey, |
| Mr. McCulloch, |
| Mr. Garrett, |
| Mr. Beyers, |
| Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. Burdckin, |
| Mr. Foster, |
| Mr. Garvan, |
| <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Slattery, |
| Mr. O'Connor. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at Twenty-five minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 JANUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Railway Freight on Agricultural Produce :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—If his attention has been directed to the question of a reduction of Railway freights on produce, as urged upon the Premier by a Deputation at Orange on the 6th November last; and if so, what is the decision of the Secretary for Works in respect thereof?;

Mr. Lackey answered,—Substituting the 30th October for the 6th November, as the date upon which the Deputation had an interview with the Premier at Orange, I may say that the question of the Railway freight on agricultural produce has received consideration. Inquiry is now being instituted whether, with a due regard to the general interests, any reduction on these freights can fairly be made.

- (2.) Banks's Meadow Reserve :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the name of the Surveyor who first surveyed Banks's Meadow Reserve, at Botany; and in what year was it surveyed?

(2.) What is the name of the Surveyor who surveyed it some two or three years ago, and before Mr. Binsted surveyed it?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Mr. Parkinson surveyed the original Banks's Meadow Reserve in 1863.

(2.) Mr. Binsted surveyed the additional Reserve in 1877, and both were re-surveyed by Mr. Dearing in June last.

- (3.) International Exhibition :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the total cost of the Exhibition building?

(2.) What were the total receipts from the same?

(3.) What was the total expenditure in connection with the Exhibition for salaries of officials and all other expenditure?

(4.) What is the total amount of commission paid to Mr. John Young, and the sum (if any) he has still to receive?

(5.) Did Mr. Young supply any of the plant for the building; if so, what has he been paid for it, and what sum (if any) has he yet to receive?

(6.) What has been paid to Hudson Brothers, and what sum are they yet to receive?

(7.) What charge has Hudson Brothers made for supplying machinery?

(8.) What is the total amount of Hudson Brothers' claims on the Government for commission, works performed, &c., in connection with the Exhibition building?

(9.) The amount of Hudson Brothers' account (if any) for timber and any other material supplied to the Exhibition buildings?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have not been able as yet to get the information together; but in the course of a few days I will lay a Return upon the Table of the House giving the information.

- (4.) Mr. G. A. Mansfield :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount of money has been paid to the late Architect, Mr. G. A. Mansfield, since his appointment until the date of balancing up and giving up charge to the new officer appointed under the present Education Act, in detail, viz. :—

(1.) Fixed salary from the date of appointment to the date of the present officer being appointed?

(2.) Commissions on works supervised by him and not included in the above salary?

(3.) The amount allowed to the late Architect for draughtsmen and clerks of works?

(4.) The amount allowed for writing clerks?

(5.) The amount allowed for office rent?

(6.)

- (6.) The amount paid for stationery sent to the late Architect's office?
- (7.) The amount of travelling expenses paid to him?
- (8.) Sundry and incidental expenses?
- (9.) Postage stamps?
- (10.) Amount for advertising?
- (11.) What was the average amount per year paid to the late Architect by the Government through the Council of Education?
- (12.) Are all the plans and specifications now handed over to the Government, and any balance of stationery, or any that may have been used by the late Architect been accounted for; was there any check kept, or could he do as he chose?
- (13.) What is the mode of appointment of clerks of works; have they passed any Civil Service examination?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) £4,279 3s. 4d. Appointed 1st February, 1867.
- (2.) £5,836 4s.
- (3 and 4.) £2,494 1s. 8d., from the year 1875, for draughtsmen and writing clerks; no allowance for clerks of works.
- (5.) £131 5s., from the year 1875.
- (6.) £437 16s. 1d., from the year 1871.
- (7.) £1,998 3s. 3d., from date of appointment to 30th April, 1880.
- (8.) £160 13s. 5d.
- (9.) £24 15s., from October, 1877.
- (10.) £3. Advertising was paid for by the department direct to newspapers.
- (11.) £1,159 12s. 4d.
- (12.) No; the works actually under Mr. Mansfield's supervision on 1st May last have not all been completed. As regards stationery supplied to him, Mr. Mansfield was in the same position as any other officer employed by the late Council of Education. The duties not being completed, remnants have not been returned nor accounts closed.
- (13.) There have been no clerks of works appointed during the operation of the present law; but the mode would be by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, except in any case of temporary service.

- (5.) Supply of Bricks and Drain Pipes to Railway Department:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What are the names of the companies or persons who have contracted to supply the Railway and Roads Departments with bricks and drain pipes for the year 1881?

Mr. Lackey answered,—There are no contractors for the supply of bricks. For the supply of drain pipes, Messrs. Conlon and Cotter, Mr. Edward Hughes and Mr. Edward Gell are the contractors.

- (6.) Rebate on Carriage by Railway:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Was any arrangement made with the firms of Pitt, Son, & Badgery, and Wilkinson, Minchin, & Co., in regard to rebate on rail carriage from Wagga, Junee, and other places; if so, when was the arrangement made?
 - (2.) If so, what arrangement was made, and what percentage were they allowed of the rail carriage?
 - (3.) What is the total amount of rebate of the carriage allowed to Pitt, Son, & Badgery during the year 1880, and what is still due?
 - (4.) The like in regard to Wilkinson, Minchin, & Co.?
 - (5.) Was any rebate on the carriage allowed to Sullivan & Simpson, Maiden, Hill, & Clarke, and Brunke & Wolfe?
 - (6.) Was any agreement made to allow this rebate to Harrison, Jones, & Devlin; if so, when, and what amount has been paid and is due them?
 - (7.) Is it not a fact that the Railway Department lately refused to pay or allow Harrison, Jones, & Devlin any rebate of the carriage?
 - (8.) Was the arrangement made with Pitt, Son, & Badgery, and Wilkinson, Minchin, & Co., a secret arrangement, not known to other firms and not known to the public?
 - (9.) Has this arrangement been done away with; if so, when, and when was last rebate paid to or due to any of the above firms?
 - (10.) Was any guarantee given by any consignee as to number of sheep to be sent by rail from Wagga, Junee, or other places?
 - (11.) Was any rebate rail charge allowed to any person or firm without any guarantee as to number being given; if so, to what person or firm was this concession made, and what amount was paid to or is due to this firm in 1879 and 1880?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes; an arrangement was made with Mr. Swift (not Pitt, Son, & Badgery), in May, 1880, and with Wilkinson, Graves, Minchin, & Lavender, in January, 1880.
- (2.) The arrangement was only to affect sheep coming from Riverina, from whence none had previously come to the Sydney market. The sheep were to be sent in lots of not less than twenty vans, so that they could be worked through by special trains, and consequently at decreased cost, and at such times as suited the convenience of the department to convey them, ten days previous notice being given. For ordinary consignments within the limit named a discount of 15 per cent. was allowed; but in consideration of Mr. Swift giving a guarantee to forward at least 15,000, and probably 50,000 sheep, a discount of 20 per cent. was allowed. Mr. Swift ultimately sent about 37,000 sheep.
- (3.) £226 1s. 4d. has been allowed on Swift's sheep, and £234 19s. 9d. is still claimed, but has not yet been allowed, as the sheep came from Cootamundra and not from Wagga Wagga or Junee.
- (4.) £441 15s. 10d. has been allowed, and £36 11s. 1d. more is claimed.
- (5.) The concession was refused at first in Harrison, Jones, & Devlin's case, as they had not given the stipulated ten days notice, but it has since been decided to allow it; and the same decision will govern

govern the claim of Sullivan & Simpson, which was advanced and refused on the same ground. Maiden, Hill, & Clarke have never received a large consignment from Riverina entitling them to a refund, nor have Bruncker & Wolfe.

(6.) Yes, as stated in answer to previous question, the amount of rebate is £100 Gs. 3d.

(7.) Yes, for the reasons already given.

(8.) No, it was not a secret arrangement; it was certainly not advertised in the newspapers, but the stockowners of the district were made aware of it, and it became quickly known amongst those interested.

(9.) The arrangement was discontinued on the 31st December last, timely notice having been previously given to all concerned. The last rebate was allowed on the 16th December.

(10.) Yes.

(11.) No.

(7.) Rebate on carriage of Wool by Railway:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was any arrangement made with the firm of Wright, Heaton, & Co., to allow them rebate on carriage of wool or other produce delivered at Railway Stations by them; if so, when was it made, and what per centage of rebate were they allowed?

(2.) What amount was paid to or was due to them in 1879?

(3.) The like as regards 1880?

(4.) Was any such arrangement made with any other carrying firm, or carrier; if so, what firm, and what has been paid them during 1879 and 1880, and what is now due to them?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) These carriers had travelled the Riverina Districts and had found that the road and Railway charges on many clips of wool as between its destination being Melbourne or Sydney was in favour of the route to Melbourne by a small amount only. It was agreed that a rebate of 9d. per bale should be allowed on all wool which they could divert in the wool season of 1879 to our lines—previous clips of which had gone to Melbourne.

(2.) The amount of rebate allowed was £143 17s.

(3.) Nothing was allowed in 1880, as the further extension of the Railway rendered any rebate unnecessary to this firm.

(4.) No.

(8.) Traffic Bridge over Parramatta River:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates for this year an additional sum of money to that already voted for the purpose of building a Traffic Bridge instead of a foot bridge over the Parramatta River, at the foot of George-street?

Mr. Lackey answered,—An amount has been noted for consideration when the Estimates are being prepared.

(9.) Reserves on Banks of Parramatta River:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Government a survey of the Parramatta River, showing the soundings and all reserves made by the Government upon its banks for public purposes; if not, will the Government cause a survey to be made?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I find there are surveys in the Works Office showing all that is necessary to be taken in the way of soundings in connection with this river; and I also find, on inquiry at the Survey Office, that that department possesses plans showing the reserves.

(10.) Water Supply for the Interior of the Colony:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any money been expended by the Government during the last two years, ending the 31st December, 1880, for the purpose of securing a water supply for the interior; if so, how much, and what has been the nature of the work, and the amount that has been expended in each case?

(2.) The sum of £250,000 having been voted by Parliament for water supply for country towns,—Has any of this money been allotted, disposed of, or expended; where has it been expended, and how much?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The information asked would be better given in the shape of a Return, which I will have prepared and laid upon the Table in the course of a few days.

(11.) Appraisalment of Runs:—Mr. H. C. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have any persons been appointed to report upon the appraisements received last year; if so, how many, and what are the names of the gentlemen?

(2.) How many appraisements are to be reported on?

(3.) Are these appraisers to visit and inspect each run before reporting?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) Steps are being taken to appoint gentlemen to report upon appraisements received last year, and it is expected they will commence their duties in a few days time.

(2.) Eight hundred.

(3.) Yes; the appraisers are to visit and inspect each run before reporting.

(12.) Mr. Appraiser Dargin:—Mr. H. C. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) On what date did Mr. Appraiser Dargin leave Sydney to make his appraisements in the Lachlan District?

(2.) On what date did he hold his Court at Hillston?

(3.) How many runs did he then appraise?

(4.) Were all these runs carefully inspected by him before holding his Court?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) Appointments were forwarded to Mr. Dargin, at Bathurst, on 23rd June, 1880.

(2.) On 7th August.

(3.) Twenty-eight runs.

(4.) He certified in each award that he had gone over and inspected them.

(13.)

- (13.) Temora Gold Field:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Turner*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has the reward of £1,000 for the discovery of the Temora Gold Field been paid?
 - (2.) If so, to whom has it been paid, and on whose recommendation?
 - (3.) If not yet paid, when does the Government intend to pay it, and to whom?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1 & 2.) The £1,000 has not yet been paid.

(3.) I had proposed that the sum of £1,000 should be distributed amongst the discoverers of the Temora Gold Field, as recommended by the Warden—one person being added to the list of names suggested by the Warden; but since my proposal has been made known protests have been received from some of the parties, in consequence of which the money will not be paid at present.

- (14.) Site for Police Quarters at Eulourie:—*Mr. Campbell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any application been made for the grant of a site for Police Quarters at Eulourie, Horton River; if so, has such been dedicated, or will it be?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes. Portion 131, parish of Pallal, at Eulourie, containing 30 acres, has been reserved for Police purposes.

- (15.) Police Station at Eulourie:—*Mr. Campbell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it intended to establish a Police Station and place Police at Eulourie, Horton River, as promised?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find there is no money available for this work; but as soon as provision has been made for it it will be proceeded with.

- (16.) Messrs. Blomfield and Munford:—*Mr. Combes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to cause to be printed the Return to an Order made on the 10th June, 1879, in the matter for contracts for road-work by Messrs. Blomfield and Munford?

Mr. Lackey answered,—These papers being very voluminous would be expensive to print, and relating as they do to a transaction of years back, it was thought undesirable to do more than place them upon the Table of the House, where they can be referred to by any Honorable Member interested in the case.

- (17.) Nowra Bridge:—*Mr. Melville* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it true that the cylinders of the Nowra Bridge have sunk, and to what extent?
- (2.) Will the structure be permanently injured by the sinking of aforesaid cylinders?
- (3.) Can the bridge be made perfect, or substantial, and at what cost?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes; pier of large span No. 7 had sunk 1 foot 2 inches on November 7th; has since sunk and been forced down 2 feet 6 inches. Pier 5 had sunk 10½ inches on November 7th; none since. Pier 4 has sunk 3 inches; pier 3 has sunk 7½ inches; piers 6, 2, and 1, have not moved.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes. The cost cannot be determined until the operations at the worst pier, No. 7, are completed. It is hoped that in a fortnight it will be forced down to rock.

- (18.) Block-signal man, Rookwood:—*Mr. Melville* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When was the signal-man appointed to the Block-signal Station at Rookwood?
- (2.) Was such signal-man appointed upon the recommendation of A. H. McCulloch, Esq., M.P.?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A signal-man has not been appointed to the Block-signal Station at Rookwood. It has not yet been opened as a Block Station.

- (19.) Foot-bridge at Eveleigh Railway Platform:—*Mr. Garrard* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the urgent need of a foot-bridge at the Eveleigh platform?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a bridge at that place?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) I consider it desirable that there should be either overhead bridges or subways at all suburban stations and platforms, and I have given directions accordingly. They are, however, more urgently required at other stations than Eveleigh.

(2.) Yes, as soon as bridges have been supplied to other more pressing places.

- (20.) Tramways:—*Mr. Davies* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause to be erected a platform and waiting-room at Moore Park for passengers travelling by tramway?
- (2.) Is it the intention to enclose the lines of tramway along Moore and Belmore Parks with fencing?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) There is no present intention to have a platform and waiting-room at the place in question.

(2.) This question is under consideration. The lines will probably be fenced.

- (21.) Banks's Meadow Reserve:—*Mr. Fremlin* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Trustees of the Banks's Meadow Recreation Reserve have allowed one of their colleagues to erect a boat-shed on that portion of the reserve first dedicated?
- (2.) If so, have the Trustees the right or power to allow any person or persons to occupy any part of the reserve first dedicated, or erect buildings on it?
- (3.) If this boat-shed is not at once removed, will he give immediate instructions to have it removed?
- (4.) Is he aware that the said Trustees have also erected gates with a lock, preventing all access to the beach through Hill-street, a proclaimed road running through the original Banks's Meadow Recreation Reserve?
- (5.) Will the Minister see that this road is at once thrown open to the public, as it was before the Trustees fenced in this reserve?

Mr.

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) I have received a report from the Crown Lands Ranger to the effect that a boat-shed has been erected upon the Banks's Meadow Reserve. I shall be happy to show a copy of the Report to the Honorable Member.

(2.) I am not in a position to express an opinion upon the legal rights and powers of the Trustees in respect to this Reserve.

(3.) I will make inquiries into the matter, and have it considered.

(4.) No; I am informed that Hill-street is open to the beach. There are turnstiles in the fence along Hill-street, giving access from Hill-street to the Reserve. There is no gate across Hill-street.

(5.) The road is open.

(22.) Empty Goods Trucks:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. Myers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many goods trucks have been returned to Sydney empty from Goulburn and beyond Goulburn on the Southern Line, and from Bathurst and beyond Bathurst on the Western Line, during the year 1880?

(2.) What is the average cost per truck to the department for the haulage of an empty truck, and what is the average cost for the haulage of a full truck?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) No trucks come empty to Sydney. If any come empty to the junction of the Southern and Western Lines they are sent west to the stone, wood, and coal sidings. If the trucks are empty when they leave Bathurst they are filled at the coal sidings at Bowenfels. It would take considerable time to ascertain the number of empty trucks that have come from the south to the Junction. For the future it is unlikely that there will be any empties on the Sydney side of Mittagong.

(2.) The cost varies considerably; it depends upon the distance hauled and the sections of the line over which the trucks are travelled.

(23.) Railway Bridges, Canterbury Road and Ashfield:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Henson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware of the long delay in completing the Railway Bridge over the Canterbury Road, Petersham; will he give instructions to have this work carried out with greater expedition?

(2.) Is he aware that from the faulty construction of the bridge over the Railway in Matilda-street, Ashfield, it is now unsuitable and dangerous for the increasing traffic; and will he place upon the Estimates a sum of money sufficient for the construction of a new bridge?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The Engineer informs me that the rate of progress cannot be increased until the iron for the girders is received from England; it is expected daily.

(2.) The bridge, the Engineer assures me, is not dangerous, although it may be inconvenient for the increasing traffic. A new bridge will be erected during the present year.

(24.) Wollondilly Bridge:—*Mr. Teece* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to my question upon the Business Paper No. 46, on the 5th February, 1880, and the Minister's answer to the effect that "Plans and specifications for an iron and stone bridge over the Wollondilly are nearly completed, and tenders will be invited in about a month,"—Are the plans and specifications now completed, and if so, when will tenders be invited?

Mr. Lackey answered,—An amount of £5,000 was placed on the Estimates, 1879, in accordance with a resolution of the House, and voted for this bridge, but was postponed, with others, on account of the state of the finances. The officers of the Roads Department all reported that the bridge was not required; but as the House has taken a different view of the case, tenders will be called for as soon as funds are available.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Land Titles Registration Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the Declaration of Title to land and its transfer.

*Government House,
Sydney, 17th January, 1881.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(2.) Fisheries Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the Development and Regulation of the Fisheries of the Colony.

*Government House,
Sydney, 17th January, 1881.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(3.)

(3.) Local Government Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to establish a system of Local Government.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th January, 1881.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(4.) State Children Relief Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to establish a system of boarding-out Children.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th January, 1881.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(5.) Fire Brigades Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make better provision for the Extinction of Fires in Sydney and its Suburbs.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th January, 1881.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

3. MEMBER SWORN:—George Cumberlege Loughnan, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee.
4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Edward Combes, Esquire, and Alexander Stuart, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
5. ARREARS OF RENT FOR GOLD MINING LEASES AND MINERAL LEASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return showing the names of all persons or companies who were in arrears in the payment of their respective rents for gold mining leases on the 31st December last, giving the period in arrear, the area of land in each lease, the mining district, county, and parish in which the leased lands are situate.
 - (2.) A similar Return relative to mineral leases, but specifying the minerals for which such leases have been granted.
 - (3.) The number of applications made for the suspension of the labour conditions, and how many granted for each lease respectively, for what period, and the number of times renewed, and for what periods.
 Question put and passed.
6. PUBLIC BANKING ACCOUNTS OF THE COLONY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Treasurer and the several banking institutions in reference to the Public Banking Accounts of the Colony.
 - (2.) A copy of the agreement (if any) entered into by the Treasurer with any Bank or Banks.
 Question put and passed.
7. FIRE BRIGADES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the extinction of fires in Sydney and its Suburbs.
Question put and passed.
8. STATE CHILDREN RELIEF BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a system of Boarding-out Children.
Question put and passed.
9. TITLES CONFERRED ON COLONISTS:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conferring of titles upon any of the people of this country is inconsistent with the spirit of our democratic institutions and ought to be discontinued.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.
 Question put,—
And Division called for,—
But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

10. ASSISTED IMMIGRATION :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the expediency of continuing Assisted Immigration.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Day, Mr. Reid, Mr. Poole, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. H. C. Dangar, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Progress Report brought up by the Select Committee of last Session on the same subject, together with the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, be referred to the said Committee.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. FREE RAILWAY PASSES :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of free passes given away by Mr. Goodechap, Commissioner for Railways, during the years 1879 and 1880.
 - (2.) The places for which they were issued.
 - (3.) The names of the persons the free passes were given to.
 - (4.) The purpose for which they were given.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. ROADS, BRIDGES, AND FERRIES :—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a tabulated Return showing,—
- (1.) The yearly amount expended on the whole of the roads, road-bridges, and ferries of the Colony from 1855 to 1879, both years inclusive.
 - (2.) A similar Return for the same period showing the net amount received from tolls on the roads, bridges, and ferries of the Colony.
- Question put and passed.
13. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 JANUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Widow of H. R. Eve:—Mr. Foster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to put a sum upon the Estimates for the widow of H. R. Eve, a Railway official, who was killed at Lithgow on the 2nd of June last?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Yes.

- (2.) Telegraph Office, Taralga:—Mr. Holborow asked the Postmaster General,—When will the Telegraph Office be opened at Taralga?

Mr. Suttor answered,—This Telegraph Office will be opened in about three weeks time.

- (3.) Site for Public School, Quipolly:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the site for a Public School at Quipolly, in the Gunnedah Electorate, been yet surveyed?

(2.) If so, when was it surveyed?

(3.) Has the description of the land been yet furnished to the Minister for Education; if not, when will it be?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The site has not yet been surveyed. An application for a school site was received on the 15th July last. On the 4th August following instructions for survey were issued, and the Surveyor was reminded on the 16th October to measure this land; and further instructions will now be issued to expedite this measurement.

- (4.) Inspection of Land Boilers and Machinery:—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government during this Session to bring in a Bill for the inspection of land boilers and machinery?

Mr. Watson answered,—The Government will endeavour to obtain the necessary sanction of Parliament to carry out the object indicated by the question.

- (5.) Pay of Attendants at Hospital for the Insane:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was a Petition received from the attendants at the Hospital for the Insane asking for an increase of pay?

(2.) Was the increase of pay asked for recommended by Dr. Manning?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Colonial Secretary to grant the increase asked for, and place the same upon the Estimates for 1881?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Not in the form in which the Petitioners sought it.

(3.) A sum will be placed upon the Estimates for meeting the chief complaints made.

- (6.) The Marine Board:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the Marine Board reported on the necessity of amending the Navigation Act of 1871; if so, when, and what were the recommendations?

(2.) Are any of the present members of the Marine Board ship-owners?

(3.) Do the members of the Marine Board receive any fees or salary; if so, how much?

Mr. Watson answered,—

(1.) Yes; the Board have reported from time to time, and specially on the 31st July, 1877, when they recommended the adoption of Plimsoll's Act for this Colony.

(2.) There are seven members of the Board, three of whom are ship-owners, elected, under the provisions of the Navigation Act.

(3.) Yes. Excluding the President and Vice-President, the members each receive a fee of two guineas per week, irrespective of the number of sittings. (7.)

- (7.) **Transfer of Publicans Licenses** :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Does he propose taking any immediate action to prevent the wholesale transfer of licenses now taking place in opposition to the intention of the Suspensory Act?
 (2.) Is he aware that large sums of money are being offered and paid for transfers from good houses to indifferent ones through the suspension of granting of licenses?
 Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is no evidence before me of large sums of money having been paid for transfers of licenses. With regard to the general question, I may state that it is under the consideration of Government, and some steps will be taken in the matter without much delay.
- (8.) **Imprisonment of a Child** :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has he made any further inquiry into the case of the child, eight years old, who is said to have been sent to gaol for buying liquor for her parents on a Sunday?
 (2.) Is it true that the child was sent to gaol by order of the Magistrates who tried the child?
 Sir Henry Parkes answered,—On making further inquiries, and obtaining a report from the Police and from the Justices concerned, I find that this child was sent to prison. How long the child was detained I am not in a position to say, for, singularly enough, the report is silent upon that point. The fine imposed was 2s. 6d., and a month was allowed for payment. It would appear that the Justices acted under the impression that they were punishing the parents in this matter. As far as the Police were concerned, with the exception of the apprehending constable, they were not aware of the age of the child. On the whole case there has been great negligence, and the whole proceeding has been anything but creditable to the Police.
- (9.) **Railway Sleeping Cars** :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) How is it that there are no sleeping cars on the Western Line?
 (2.) Will he give the Western Line the same accommodation as to sleeping cars that is enjoyed by the Southern Line?
 Mr. Lackey answered,—
 (1.) I am informed that sleeping cars are provided for the Western Line.
 (2.) If the demand for sleeping accommodation were the same as it is on the Southern Line, equal facilities would be provided; but the demand on the Western Line is very limited, and it is found to be sufficient to provide at times one of the small sleepers only.
- (10.) **Railway from Twofold Bay to Monaro** :—Mr. Garvan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 Will he cause surveys to be made from Twofold Bay to Monaro to ascertain the most eligible route for a Railway?
 Mr. Lackey answered,—There will be no objection to a preliminary examination of this route being made.
- (11.) **Court-house, Taree** :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the cause of delay in inviting tenders for the construction of a Court-house, Taree, for which money was voted during the last Parliament?
 Mr. Lackey answered,—The plans for this work have been approved of, and tenders will be called for in an early issue of the *Government Gazette*.
- (12.) **Bridge over Blanche's Crossing, Dingo Creek** :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of a bridge over Blanche's Crossing, Dingo Creek, Manning River, for which money was voted by the last Parliament?
 Mr. Lackey answered,—I hope to be enabled to call for tenders with very little delay.
2. **MOUNT KEMBLA COAL AND OIL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL** :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Ebenezer Vickery, Gustavus John Waterhouse, and John Hardy, Directors of the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company (Limited) to construct two lines of Railway from land near Mount Kembla belonging to the said Company and to connect the same with the sea coast at Red Point and Wollongong respectively.
 And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* and *Illawarra Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
3. **VOTE OF CREDIT** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. James Watson, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
- AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor. *Message No. 6.*
- In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1881, together with provision for other services of an urgent nature.
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
4. **NAVIGATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. James Watson, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
- AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor. *Message No. 7.*
- In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law relating to Unseaworthy Ships and the Navigation Act of 1871.
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

5. **BOUNDARIES OF PRIVATE PROPERTY ADJOINING CROWN LANDS** :—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from Miners and others interested in mining pursuits, alleging that in mining for gold or other minerals costly and vexatious obstruction is caused by the insufficient marking of the boundaries of private property; and praying that regulations may be framed for remedying the grievance complained of.
Petition received.
6. **PAPERS** :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of resumption of land at Louth for Public School purposes.
(2.) Notification of resumption of land at Moonbi for Public School purposes.
(3.) Regulations under the Public Instruction Act of 1880.
Ordered to be printed.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
8. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS** :—John Dillon, Esquire, and Robert Palmer Abbott, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
9. **PAPER** :—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Further Papers concerning the San Francisco Mail Service.
Ordered to be printed.
10. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Navigation Law Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until to-morrow*.
(2.) Fisheries Bill; second reading;—*to follow after Order No. 6*.
11. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the Committee have leave to sit again,—put and passed.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1881 a sum not exceeding £532,811, being £339,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1881, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1880, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1881; £70,000 for wages of Railway Employés and Railway Services generally for the months of January and February, 1881; £7,000 for wages of Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers and other Services for the months of January and February, 1881; £16,811 compensation for land resumed under the “Rushcutters Bay Resumption Act of 1878”; and £100,000 for Treasurer’s Advance Account.
Mr. Watson moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Terry moved, That the Resolution be amended by the addition at the end thereof of the words “Provided that no portion of the aforementioned sum be expended on Immigration.”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be there added.
Debate continued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question,—That the Resolution be now read a second time,—put and passed.
Resolution read a second time,—and, on motion of Mr. Watson, agreed to.
12. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1881 the sum of £532,811 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1881; for wages of Railway Employés and Railway Services generally; for wages of Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers and other Services for the months of January and February, 1881; for compensation for land resumed under the “Rushcutters Bay Resumption Act of 1878,” and for Treasurer’s Advance Account.
On motion of Mr. Watson, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. James Watson, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1881.

(2.) Mr. Watson then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1881,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 JANUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Thomas Pierce and George Davies, Railway Employés :—*Mr. Beyers*, for *Mr. McCulloch*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was one Thomas Pierce an employé in the Railway Department at Douglass Park?
- (2.) In what capacity was he employed?
- (3.) Was he dismissed for any, and if so for what, misconduct?
- (4.) Has he been re-engaged, and in what capacity?
- (5.) Was one George Davies an employé in the Railway Department at Liverpool and subsequently at Picton?
- (6.) In what capacity?
- (7.) Was he dismissed for any, and if so for what, misconduct?
- (8.) Has he been re-engaged, and in what capacity?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Station-master.
 - (3.) He was dismissed for irregularities in his accounts. The amount deficient, a small one, was, however, paid by Pierce.
 - (4.) He was re-engaged as a porter at Goulburn in April, 1878, and on the 26th May, 1879, he was removed to Summer Hill as porter in charge.
 - (5.) Yes.
 - (6.) Station-master.
 - (7.) He was allowed to resign. There were deficiencies in his accounts, which, however, were made good.
 - (8.) After an interval of six months he was re-engaged as clerk at Darling Harbour Goods Station.
- (2.) Postal Arrangements, Parramatta :—*Mr. Byrnes* asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Are the Government aware that Parramatta is included in the suburban system of Railways, and that the continuance of the present postal system to that town is the occasion of great inconvenience and pecuniary loss to its inhabitants?
 - (2.) Have the Government considered the expediency of extending the Penny Postage System to the town of Parramatta?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Parramatta appears to be included in the Time-table for the Suburban Railway Line; but the Government are not prepared to extend the Penny Postage beyond the present limits, and it is not perceived that the twopenny rate should press more inconveniently on Parramatta than on other places situated beyond the established radius of 10 miles.

- (3.) Encroachment on Cook Park :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that certain parties have erected a building and made a bowling green on part of Cook Park?
 - (2.) Did the Trustees give them permission to do this; if so, have the Trustees the right or power to allow any person or persons to enclose any part of Cook Park and erect buildings on it?
 - (3.) If the buildings and fence are not at once removed, will he give immediate instructions to have them removed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) A building has been erected and a bowling-green made on part of Cook Park, as was explained by me in answer to a question a few days since. The Trustees gave permission by virtue of the powers conferred upon them by the Public Parks Act 18th Victoria No. 33.
- (2.) As yet the question has not been considered by the Government.

(4.)

- (4.) Encroachment on Reserve at Coogee Bay :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Honorable C. Moore, or the person who rents the hotel from him on north side of Coogee Bay, has got a fence across part of the Reserve on north side of Coogee Bay?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the same persons have got a road near the hotel fenced in, or have a fence across it with a slip-panel?
 - (3.) Will he send the Ranger out to report on this matter; and if it is found that there is a fence across any part of the Reserve or road near it, will he cause the said fence to be removed?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that the Honorable C. Moore has got a fence across a part of the Reserve at Coogee Bay.
- (2.) I am not aware that anyone has a fence or slip-panel across a road at Coogee Bay.
- (3.) I will, without delay, send the Ranger to inspect and report upon the matter.

- (5.) Dredge for the Hawkesbury River :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Bowman, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is the dredge that was being built last June yet finished; if so, when does he intend to send it to the Hawkesbury to work?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The dredge referred to was built for Sydney Harbour, and is now completed, but is not available for the Hawkesbury River; another dredge, however, is being built, which should be ready about the end of this year, when the question as to what place it shall be sent will be determined, in the consideration of which the claims of the Hawkesbury will not be overlooked.

- (6.) Wharf at Pitt Town :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Bowman, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to have the wharf at Pitt Town commenced, the money having been voted for two consecutive years?

Mr. Lackey answered,—There has been some difficulty about the land for a site for, and approaches to, the proposed wharf; but this difficulty will probably shortly be settled, when the wharf will be commenced.

- (7.) Expenditure on Parliamentary Buildings :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The aggregate amount expended from the 1st January, 1855, to the present date, upon alterations, additions, and improvements of the Houses of Parliament and premises connected therewith?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The total expenditure, including building for Council Chamber, new Refreshment Room, &c., &c., from 1st January, 1855, to the present date, has been £65,989 2s. 5d.

- (8.) Art Union, St. Mary's Cathedral :—Mr. Fremlin asked the Attorney General,—Has he given permission, in conformity with the Act, for the holding of an art union or lottery in connection with St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney?

Mr. Wisdom answered,—I have not given any such permission.

- (9.) Road from Bylong to Rylstone :—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the road between Bylong and Rylstone, which has been surveyed for over twelve months, be proclaimed?

Mr. Baker answered,—The road from Rylstone to Bylong, viz., from the proclaimed road at the north-east corner of E. Cox's (now E. K. Cox's) 887 acres, parish of Dabie, to the left bank of Bylong Creek, within T. Tyndal's (now J. T. Tyndal's) 2,000 acres, parish of Budden, county of Phillip, was proclaimed in *Government Gazette* of 18th January, 1881.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Returns under the Real Property Act for 1880.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. MOUNT KEMBLA COAL AND OIL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

- (1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company (Limited) to construct two lines of Railway from land near Mount Kembla, belonging to the said Company, and to connect the same with the sea coast at Red Point and Wollongong respectively.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Burns having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intitled "*A Bill to enable the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company (Limited) to construct two lines of Railway from land near Mount Kembla belonging to the said Company and to connect the same with the sea coast at Red Point and Wollongong respectively,*"—read a first time.

4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 7, postponed until Wednesday next.

5. FIRE BRIGADES BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the extinction of fires in Sydney and its Suburbs. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the extinction of Fires in Sydney and its Suburbs.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

- (2.) Sir Henry Parkes then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the extinction of Fires in Sydney and its Suburbs*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

6. STATE CHILDREN RELIEF BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a system of boarding-out Children.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to establish a system of boarding-out Children.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

- (2.) Sir Henry Parkes then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to establish a system of boarding-out Children*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James Watson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

8. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

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| Sir Henry Parkes, | Mr. Abigail, |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. Hezlet, |
| Mr. W. J. Watson, | Dr. Renwick, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. John Brown, |
| Mr. Wisdom, | Mr. Bruncker, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. Henson, |
| Mr. Dillon, | Mr. Teece, |
| Mr. Fullford, | Mr. Fletcher, |
| Mr. Young, | Mr. Myers, |
| Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Vaughn, |
| Mr. McElhone, | Mr. Proctor, |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar, | Mr. Sutherland, |
| Mr. Jacob, | Mr. Poole, |
| Mr. Stephen Brown, | Mr. Fremlin, |
| Mr. Turner, | Mr. Purves, |
| Mr. Melville, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Terry, | |
| Mr. Martin, | Mr. Roseby, |
| Mr. Murray, | Mr. Buchanan. |
| Mr. Andrews, | |

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| Mr. Brodrigg, | Mr. Davies, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Suttor, |
| Mr. Luckey, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Fawcett, | |
| Mr. McCulloch, | Mr. Byrnes, |
| Mr. Combes, | Mr. Copeland. |
| Mr. Levin, | |
| Mr. Tooth, | |
| Mr. Burdekin, | |
| Mr. Douglas, | |
| Mr. Foster, | |
| Mr. Bowman, | |
| Mr. Fergusson, | |
| Mr. Cramsie, | |
| Mr. Loughnan, | |
| Mr. Byrie, | |
| Mr. Beyers, | |
| Mr. Garrett, | |
| Mr. T. R. Smith, | |
| Mr. O'Connor, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, *passed*.

Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 20th January, 1881.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 JANUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Salaries of School Teachers:—Mr. Myers asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the difference in the amount of fees formerly paid to the respective Teachers under the late Public Instruction Act and the salaries received by the same Teachers under the present Act?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is difficult to answer this question, as it involves an inquiry into almost every individual case; but I am told by the Minister for Public Instruction that he will, to the best of his ability, supply the information. It will, however, require a little time to prepare it.

(2.) Sydney Water Supply:—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When was the Nepean Tunnel let?

(2.) When was the Cataract Tunnel let?

(3.) What are the dates specified for their completion?

(4.) What are the penalties for non-completion of the Tunnels at the specified time?

(5.) What is the official estimate of the cost of each Tunnel, exclusive of any addition for lining?

(6.) What is the amount paid to the contractor for each Tunnel?

(7.) When was the last payment made in each case?

(8.) What is the amount of the percentage moneys retained by the Government in each case?

(9.) How much of the 23,650 feet of the Nepean Tunnel, and of the 9,741 feet of the Cataract Tunnel, were completed at the date of the last payment, or excavated to the area of the solid rock section?

(10.) What is the thickness of the cast-iron pipes at different sections of the Kenny Hill pipe-line, as estimated by Mr. Moriarty?

(11.) What is the length of each such section?

(12.) At what price per ton has Mr. Moriarty estimated the cost of the cast-iron pipes, delivered in Sydney duty paid, for the Kenny Hill scheme?

(13.) How many trial shafts have been sunk on the proposed Prospect reservoir line of dam, and what is the depth of the deepest shaft?

(14.) When were such shafts sunk?

(15.) How many shafts have been sunk in the proposed Kenny Hill storage reservoir line of dam down to the bed-rock?

(16.) Will the Minister lay a section of all such shafts upon the Table of the House, showing in detail the strata passed through; if so, when?

(17.) What are the dates of the various surveys made of the site of the proposed reservoir at Kenny Hill?

(18.) What is the name of the officer or officers in charge of the Kenny Hill survey parties at the time the surveys were made?

(19.) For what reason was the first survey made of the site of the proposed reservoir at Kenny Hill?

(20.) What is the area and capacity of the Kenny Hill storage reservoir as now estimated by Mr. Moriarty?

(21.) What is the length of its dam, and what is its maximum height?

(22.) How many cross sections have been taken of the dam, and what is the estimated quantity of the earthwork required for the dam?

(23.) Will the Minister lay upon the Table of this House the plans and sections of Mr. Surveyor Stack's last survey of the proposed reservoir at Kenny Hill, and also plan and section of his surveyed pipe-line from Kenny Hill; if so, when?

(24.) Is it a fact that on any contract extra sums have been paid or promised to be paid for trimming the sides and bottom of the canal and the top and slopes of spoil banks?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It will not be possible to give answers to the various questions submitted by the Honorable Member. I shall have no objection to supply them in the shape of a Return.

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- (3.) Allowance in lieu of Residence to Public School Teachers:—Mr. Murray asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the allowances in lieu of residences be paid to Public School Teachers?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Sir John Robertson desires me to state as follows:—The Regulations do not authorize the payment of allowances to Public School Teachers in lieu of residences. They do, however, provide that, in addition to their salaries, Teachers of Public Schools shall be provided with residences computed at certain values according to classification, and wherever the department is possessed of such residences they have them. In cases where the department has no such accommodation efforts are made to build speedily, or to rent in every case where a suitable house can be obtained. So far as Sir John Robertson is aware, there are very few Teachers unprovided, and every effort is being made to remedy any inconvenience. An inquiry as to the number shall be made.
- (4.) Inverell, Bingera, and Warialda Lands Districts:—Mr. Murray asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will the adjustment of the boundaries of the Inverell, Bingera, and Warialda Lands Districts be gazetted within the present month, so as to allow the selectors of these districts to pay their interest for this year in the districts as amended?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes; but selectors have until 31st March to pay interest.
- (5.) Public Instruction Act:—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the expenditure and what the amount received in school fees by the Government under the Public Instruction Act from 1st May to 31st December, 1880?
 - (2.) The number of free pupils in attendance during the same period, and the percentage of free to paying pupils for the whole Colony, calculated upon the aggregate enrolment?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Sir John Robertson desires me to furnish the following information:—
- (1.) The expenditure to 31st December was £233,246 1s. The amount received for school fees to the same date was £27,552 2s. 11d.
 - (2.) The number of free pupils was, according to the last returns received, 3,549. The percentage of free pupils to paying pupils was 3·18.
- (6.) Trial Survey for Railway through St. Leonards:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a trial survey to be made from the most eligible point at which the proposed southern extension of the Great Northern Railway passes through the district of Lane Cove to the waters of Port Jackson at or near the township of St. Leonards?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—A trial survey can be made of the line indicated in the Honorable Member's question, with, however, but little hope of a satisfactory result. It may be stated also that additional surveys will have the effect of still further delaying a decision on the route to connect the Northern Line with Sydney.
- (7.) Public Reserve at Blue's Point:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government arrived at any decision as to the purchase of certain land at Blue's Point, known as Mount Strumley, for the purpose of a Public Reserve?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—All cases of applications for Recreation Grounds are under consideration, and are being dealt with as other business will permit.
- (8.) Post and Telegraph Office, St. Leonards:—Mr. Farnell asked the Postmaster General,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at St. Leonards, the estimated amount for the erection of which has been appropriated by Parliament on two occasions?
- Mr. Sutor answered,—The difficulty as regards a suitable site has not yet been overcome, and until a site be finally determined on tenders cannot be invited. The matter is now receiving attention, and no unnecessary delay will take place in arriving at a decision.
- (9.) Township Reserve, St. Leonards:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—If he will be so kind as to place the sum of £1,000 on the Estimates for planting, laying out, and otherwise improving the Township Reserve at St. Leonards?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—If the Honorable Gentleman will be good enough to forward a written application to me to allot a sum of money out of the amount voted for the improvement of Recreation Reserves to improve the Township Reserve of St. Leonards, such application will receive due consideration after the Estimates have been sanctioned by Parliament.
- (10.) School of Arts, St. Leonards:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause to be placed on the Estimates-in-Chief for 1881 the sum of £2,000 towards the erection of a School of Arts at St. Leonards, on the usual conditions in such cases?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am quite willing to ask Parliament to vote any sum equal to the local subscription, on the usual conditions.
- (11.) Clocks for Country Towns:—Mr. Fullford asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the Government provided Clocks for any country towns, irrespective of those used for Railway purposes?
 - (2.) If so, will he give the names of such towns and the buildings the Clocks are placed in, together with the cost of each Clock?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Clocks have been supplied to public buildings in the following towns at the cost named:—1862, East Maitland Court-house, clock and turret, £210; 1867, Morpeth Court-house, £167; 1873, Singleton Court-house (old General Post Office clock, repairing and fixing), £65; 1877, Gundagai Court-house, £260; 1877, Wagga Wagga Court-house, £350; 1878, Dubbo Court-house, £330; 1878, Armidale Court-house, £260; 1878, Newcastle Custom-house, £565; 1878, Grafton Post and Telegraph Office, £330; 1878, Kiama Post and Telegraph Office, £330; 1879, Albury Post and Telegraph Office, £330; 1880, Young Post and Telegraph Office, £140.

- (12.) Sydney University :—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the total amount voted upon the Estimates for 1880 in aid of the Sydney University ?
 - (2.) What amount was received as fees from pupils during the same year ?
 - (3.) The number of students who matriculated, and the number who graduated as B.A. in 1880 ?
- Mr. Watson answered,—
- (1.) £1,000
 - (2 & 3.) All fees are paid at the University; and application is made to the authorities there for the information required by the Honorable Member.
- (13.) Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act :—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864 ?
- Mr. Watson answered,—Yes.
- (14.) Parramatta River :—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House next week a Map of the survey of the Parramatta River, showing the soundings and reserves made upon its banks ?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Plan (as an exhibit only) showing soundings taken over parts of the Parramatta River. I have also communicated with the Minister for Lands, with a view to plans showing the reserves being also laid upon the Table of the House.
- (15.) Accumulated Cash Surplus :—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What amount of the sum of £1,494,338 4s. 5d., appropriated by the Act 43 Victoria No. 10 section 11 out of the Accumulated Cash Surplus, was unexpended on the 31st December last ?
 - (2.) At what date did the unexpended balance of the said appropriation lapse ?
 - (3.) In what Bank or Banks was the unexpended balance lodged ?
 - (4.) Has any of the appropriated unexpended balance of the aforesaid appropriation been advanced to Loan Account; if so, what amount, and at what date ?
- Mr. Watson answered,—
- (1.) £1,037,077 14s. 6d.
 - (2.) On the 31st December, 1880, the unexpended balances of appropriations for services which were not in progress, or for which there existed neither a contract nor engagement on that date to carry them out, lapsed—in terms of the Audit Act of 1870,—and were written off in the books of the Treasury.
 - (3.) In no bank.
 - (4.) Yes, the whole amount; but the dates of such advances cannot readily be given as they were made to the General Loan Account daily, as required to meet claims thereon.
- (16.) Milburn Creek Lease :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the amount of the original claim put in by Mr. Baker and party in reference to the Milburn Creek lease ?
 - (2.) Will the Government lay all the papers in this case before the House, including the case that was referred to the arbitrators ?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
- (1.) The amount of the only claim made in reference to the Milburn Creek Lease, namely £26,000, is given in the printed paper laid upon the Table of the House on the 11th instant.
 - (2.) Yes; there will be no objection to laying the whole of the papers upon the Table of the House.
- (17.) Sydney Water Supply :—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The names of all tenderers for work connected with the Sydney Water Supply ?
 - (2.) The amount of each tender ?
 - (3.) The difference in the amount between the tenders accepted and those rejected ?
 - (4.) Are the present contractors carrying on the works in accordance with plans and specifications ?
 - (5.) On whose recommendation were the tenders accepted ?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—I will lay the information sought for by the Honorable Member's question upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.
- (18.) Railway Freight on Empty Bags :—Mr. O'Connor, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—If any money has been paid to the Railway Department by any of the persons who got bags up as empties; if so, by whom ?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—No person has sent empty bags without paying freight. Those which have been sent with a guarantee to be returned full have been charged a lower rate than new empty bags consigned without such guarantee. The consigning notes must be examined to ascertain the names of the persons who consigned at the lower rate, which will take considerable time.
- (19.) Railway Freight on Produce :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What are the Railway freight charges on the undermentioned produce, &c., conveyed by rail from Junee to Sydney; and if any alterations have been made in the rates referred to during the last three months, give particulars and date of alteration, viz. :—
- (1.) The rate per single-decked truck of sheep charged the sender of two trucks ?
 - (2.) Is a free return pass allowed the drover accompanying a double-decked truck of sheep, and also two single-decked trucks ?
 - (3.) The value of a second-class ordinary ticket from Junee to Sydney and back ?
 - (4.) The amount charged for a single-decked truck of pigs ?
 - (5.) The amount charged for a single-decked truck of turkeys (in flocks) ?
 - (6.) Is a free pass allowed the drover accompanying pigs and turkeys ?
 - (7.) The freight on wool per bale of 4 cwt.; same information regarding dumped wool; do the Government deliver the wool to the wool-brokers store ?
 - (8.) The freight per ton for cheese, butter, honey, bacon, and poultry ?

- (9.) The freight charged per truck for hay ?
 (10.) The rate per ton for rock salt carried between September and February ?
 (11.) The rate per ton for meat curing salt ?
 (12.) The rate per ton for new bags not guaranteed to be returned filled ?
 (13.) The rate per ton for wool-packs ?
 (14.) The demurrage charges on a truck of hay, and also for each sheet used to cover same, twenty-four hours after produce is sold at Darling Harbour ?
 (15.) The charge per day for each sheet used by the contractor delivering wool ?
 (16.) The rate per day charged the wool-brokers for the use of sheets at Circular Quay ?
 (17.) What is the charge for a second-class cheap excursion ticket from Sydney to Bowenfels and back by the 7 o'clock down train on Saturdays, and for what period are such tickets available ?
 (18.) What is the charge for a second-class ordinary ticket from Bowenfels to Sydney and back ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I shall have to reply to the questions of the Honorable Member by a Return, which I will lay upon the Table of the House.

- (20.) Sydney Water Supply :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to give the name and amount of each tenderer for the Nepean and Cataract Tunnels, and also for Section No. 5, Sydney Water Works ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I will lay the information sought for in the Honorable Member's question upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

2. WAGGA WAGGA GAS BILL :—Mr. Douglas presented a Petition from William Wark and John Anderson Wark, of Bathurst, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable William Wark and John Anderson Wark to construct Gasworks within the Borough and Suburbs of Wagga Wagga. And Mr. Douglas having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Wagga Wagga Advertiser*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.

3. KURRAJONG LAND AND RILEY-STREET SURRY HILLS LAND SALES BILL :—Mr. Stuart, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 13th January 1881 ; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to in the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 4th February.

Question put and passed.

4. PARRAMATTA RIVER :—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table (*as an Exhibit only*) a Plan showing soundings taken over certain parts of the Parramatta River.

5. SCHOOLS OF ANATOMY (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Renwick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing a Bill to authorize the establishment of Schools of Anatomy, and to regulate the practice of Anatomy therein.

Question put and passed.

6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. James Watson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Watson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1881.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1881,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st January, 1881.

7. NO-LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Terry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and negatived.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

8. IMPRISONED DEBTORS SUPPORT BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday, 11th February.

9. AD EUNDEM DEGREES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Renwick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Dr.

Dr. Renwick (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, "That" the report be *now* adopted.
Mr. Wisdom moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted, and that it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider the following new clause:—

"From and after the passing of this Act every Bachelor of Arts of three years standing
"in the University of Sydney and of the full age of twenty-one years shall have all the rights
"powers and privileges of a Master of Arts."

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then put,—That the Bill be recommitted, and that it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider the following new clause:—From and after the passing of this Act every Bachelor of Arts of three years standing in the University of Sydney and of the full age of twenty-one years shall have all the rights powers and privileges of a Master of Arts.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

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| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. Garvan, |
| Mr. Luckey, | Mr. Teoce, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Martin, |
| Dr. Renwick, | Mr. See, |
| Mr. Wisdom, | Mr. Copeland, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Garrard, |
| Mr. Combes, | Mr. McLaughlin, |
| Mr. Byrnes, | Mr. Myers, |
| Mr. Jacob, | Mr. Carter, |
| Mr. Slattery, | Mr. Abigail, |
| Mr. Garrett, | Mr. Withers, |
| Mr. William Clark, | Mr. Fawcett, |
| Mr. Foster, | Mr. Davies, |
| Mr. Douglas, | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. Byrie, | Mr. H. C. Dangar, |
| Mr. Poole, | Mr. Burdekin, |
| Mr. Beyers, | Mr. Hay, |
| Mr. Levin, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. John Brown, | Mr. Purves, |
| Mr. Terry, | Mr. Edmund Barton. |
| Mr. Proctor, | |

Noes, 4.

Mr. R. P. Abbott,
Mr. Farnell,
Tellers,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. McCulloch.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with a new clause, and a further amendment, and an amendment in the Title.

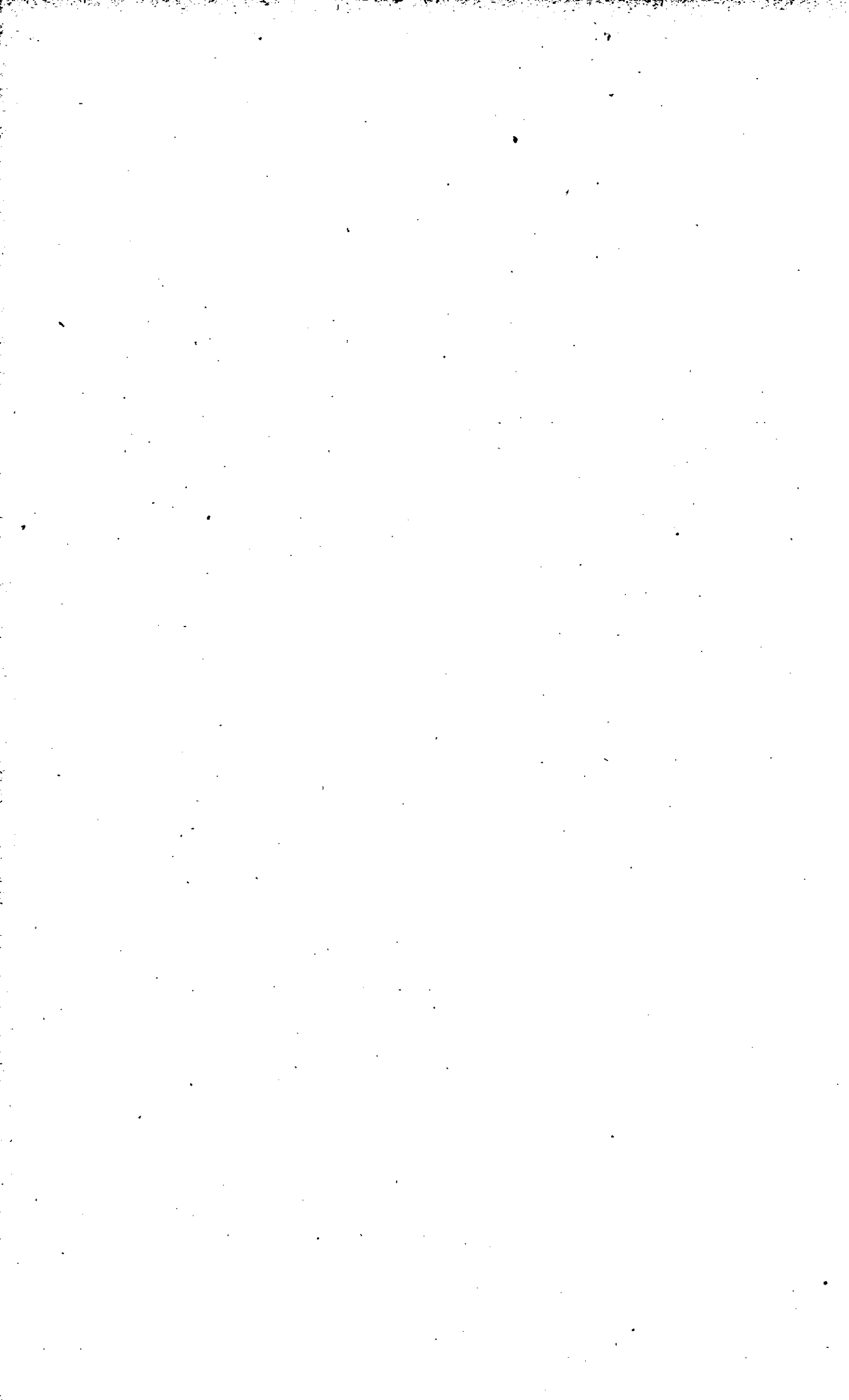
Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

10. TRAMWAY RAILS:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of reports, minutes, letters, or other documents referring to the supply of tramway rails to the Government by the Eskbank Iron Company, at Lithgow, and the same in reference to the action of the Government Inspector of Rails stationed at Lithgow.

Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 JANUARY, 1881.

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

ELECTION PETITION (Gloucester):—Sir Henry Parkes, *by Command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor from John S. Hart and others, protesting against the election to the Legislative Assembly of Archibald Hamilton Jacob as the Member for the Electoral District of Gloucester; and praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the return of the said Archibald Hamilton Jacob may be declared null and void; and that Charles Wood Readett may be declared as duly elected as the Member for the said Electoral District.

Ordered, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, to be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) **Expenditure on Public Works:**—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The amount of money that has been expended by the Government in the construction of public works during the last two years, ending the 31st December, 1880, specifying the nature of the work, the locality or district in which the work is situated, and the amount expended in each case?

Mr. Lackey answered,—As the Honorable Member's question would involve a great amount of labour, I trust that he will allow me to refer him to the Statistical Register, where he will find a detailed account of the expenditure for 1879; and when the volume for the year 1880, which is now being compiled, shall have been completed, the information relating to the expenditure for that year will be given therein.

(2.) **Applications for Gold Leases and Mineral Leases:**—Mr. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many gold and mineral lease applications respectively were in the office not finally dealt with on the 31st December last, specifying the number of each year since 1st January, 1872?

(2.) How many lease applications that have been finally dealt with, but the leases not issued, are now in the office?

Mr. Baker answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member shall be embodied in a Return, which I will lay upon the Table of the House in a few days.

(3.) **Insolvency Department:**—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the space and accommodation in the Insolvency Department of the Supreme Court are totally inadequate for the purposes of the department?

(2.) Is he aware that there is not sufficient room for the officers of the department or the public, and that there is no proper space or convenience for the proper arrangement and care of the papers and records of the Court, and that great inconvenience to the public is occasioned?

(3.) Will he consider the advisability of taking temporary premises for the use of the department, or of otherwise remedying the present defective accommodation?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) I find that representations have been made respecting the inadequacy of the existing accommodation in the Insolvency Department of the Supreme Court, and that certain alterations and additions were proposed by the Colonial Architect, but that difficulties have occurred in carrying out the plans as submitted.

(3.) The question of renting temporary premises until the requisite accommodation is provided for the department will receive immediate attention.

(4.)

- (4.) Court of Petty Sessions for the Eastern Suburbs :—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have any objection to state if any decision has been come to in response to the applications and deputations from the Eastern Suburbs praying for a local Court of Petty Sessions?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The question of establishing a local Court of Petty Sessions for the Eastern Suburbs is still under consideration; but applications have also been received from other suburbs, and the establishment of a Court of this character in one place will lead to other applications, and, of necessity, entail considerable expenditure; and no decision has yet been taken as to the general policy to be followed in dealing with such applications. The whole question will, however, receive the earliest attention of the Government.
- (5.) Connection of Great Northern Railway with Sydney :—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Bruncker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether the plans and surveys of the proposed Railway to connect the Northern Districts with the Metropolis have been completed; and if so, when will they be submitted for the approval of Parliament?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—The surveys have been completed, and the plans will be submitted to Parliament during the present Session.
- (6.) Extension of the Penny Postage System :—Mr. Byrnes asked the Postmaster General,—What are the names of the places to which the Onepenny Postage system has been extended?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—I will lay the information desired by the Honorable Member upon the Table in the shape of a Return.
- (7.) Sydney Grammar School :—Dr. Renwick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he received any communication from the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School respecting the want of provision for the physical exercise of the pupils?
 - (2.) Has he any objection to lay copies of any such communication upon the Table of the House?
 - (3.) What steps, if any, have been taken to provide the necessary accommodation for gymnasia and the like in connection with the school?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
- (1. & 2.) No.
 - (3.) In the Annual Report for 1878 there appears a report of a Sub-Committee of the Trustees, in which it is stated that it is not desirable to establish a gymnasium in connection with the school.
- (8.) Shipping Master's Office :—Dr. Renwick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the dilapidated condition of the Shipping Master's Office, and its unsuitability for its present purpose?
 - (2.) What steps, if any, have been taken to provide suitable accommodation for the Shipping Master and the numerous seamen who attend at his office?
- Mr. Watson answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) During the last two years efforts have been made, both by means of public advertisements and the employment of a leading house agent, to obtain suitable accommodation for the Shipping Master, but without success. It is in contemplation to erect the necessary buildings on vacant land belonging to the Treasury.
- (9.) Custom-house :—Dr. Renwick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the want of accommodation at the Sydney Custom-house, and its antiquated character generally, is it his intention to make provision for the erection of a new Custom-house suitable for the requirements of this port?
- Mr. Watson answered,—It is in contemplation to erect a new Custom-house upon the present site, or, if considered more desirable, upon vacant land in the possession of the Treasury.
- (10.) Agricultural Schools and Model Farms :—Mr. Myers asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish Agricultural Schools and Model Farms in some of the centres of the large agricultural districts of the Colony, such as Goulburn, Bathurst, and Orange?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This particular question has not been under the consideration of the Government; but I will take an early opportunity of calling attention to it, and I will then inform the Honorable Member of the decision arrived at.
- (11.) Polling Places at last General Election :—Mr. Douglas, for Mr. Ryrie, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The number of polling places in each Electorate at the last General Election?
 - (2.) The number of votes polled at each polling place?
 - (3.) The amount expended at each polling place?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It seems to me that the information to be supplied by furnishing full answers to these questions would be altogether insufficient to compensate for the cost and trouble of preparing it. Of course it would be very easy to give the number of polling places, but to collect the number of votes polled, and the amount expended at each individual polling place, means a much more serious cost than Honorable Members may suppose. If the Honorable Member for Braidwood thinks it necessary that this information should be had, I will furnish it in the shape of a Return, but I do not think it will be worth the expense and trouble.
- (12.) Tramway from Southern Railway to Young :—Mr. Fletcher, for Mr. W. J. Watson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the Government decided on the route of the Tramway to connect Young with the Southern Railway?
 - (2.) When will the necessary steps be taken to carry out the work?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) Not yet. Surveys have been made, and sections taken, which show that it is impracticable to take the line over the common road.
 - (2.) Deviations will have to be surveyed before the route can be finally decided. The work will be expedited as much as possible.

(13.) Railway Rates for Sugar to Wagga Wagga :—*Mr. Fletcher*, for *Mr. W. J. Watson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How long has it been the custom to make a concession of 10s. per ton on the present rates for sugar to Wagga Wagga of parcels of not less than six tons?
- (2.) Is this concession made to others getting a like quantity to Murrumburrah or Cootamundra?
- (3.) If not, what is the reason for depriving the people of those places the privileges granted to the people of Wagga Wagga?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Since May, 1879.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) The cheaper rate was made to Stations over 300 miles from Sydney, in order to divert the traffic to our Railway, and the desired object has been accomplished. There was no necessity to grant such concessions to Murrumburrah and Cootamundra; they are within 300 miles of Sydney, and traffic with those places was already secured.

(14.) Railway Bridge over the Murrumbidgee River :—*Mr. Fletcher*, for *Mr. W. J. Watson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When was the Railway Bridge over the Murrumbidgee at Wagga Wagga taken over from the contractors by the Government?
- (2.) Was the Bridge opened for traffic on Sunday, the 16th January; if so, by whose authority?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) 11th January, 1881.
- (2.) It was opened for traffic on Sunday, the 16th January. No ceremony took place. The train, instead of running over the temporary line, was run on the main permanent line. The Engineer for Existing Lines explains that it was necessary to take up the road, in order to form a junction with the permanent line, and that this work could not be done on a week day without interfering with the conduct of the traffic.

(15.) Trucking Yards for Sheep and Cattle at Wallendbeen :—*Mr. Fletcher*, for *Mr. W. J. Watson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to erect trucking yards for sheep and cattle at Wallendbeen; if not, will he state his reason for not doing so?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is intended to erect trucking yards at Wallendbeen.

(16.) Post and Telegraph Office, Waterloo :—*Mr. Fremlin* asked the Postmaster General,—When he intends to call for tenders for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Waterloo?

Mr. Suttor answered,—No provision has been made for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Waterloo; but a site has been purchased at the corner of Redfern and George Streets, Redfern, for the erection of an Office. The present Office is conducted in rented premises situated in Botany-street, near Redfern-street, Redfern.

(17.) Immigration :—*Mr. William Clarke* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Of the amount of money voted for Immigration purposes last year, how much was expended in this Colony and in England for rents of offices and salaries?

Mr. Watson answered,—Application has been made to the Audit Office, which alone is possessed of the necessary details, for the information required by the Honorable Member, and when obtained it will be laid upon the Table.

2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—*Sir Henry Parkes* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Thursday next.
Question put and passed.

4. BALMAIN CEMETERY BILL :—*Mr. Stephen Brown* presented two Petitions from Residents of the Municipal District of Leichhardt and the Boroughs of Petersham and Balmain, and elsewhere, praying the House to pass this Bill.
Petitions received, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Balmain Cemetery Bill.

5. WATER SUPPLY FOR SYDNEY :—*Mr. Edmund Barton* presented a Petition from *William Pitt Wilshire*, offering certain suggestions for increasing the Supply of Water to the City of Sydney; and praying that steps may be taken to insure a proper investigation of the sources and means of supply indicated by him.
Petition received.

6. BERRIMA COAL MINE RAILWAY BILL :—*Mr. Garrett* presented a Petition from *William Davies*, of Goulburn, Chairman of the Berrima Coal Mining and Railway Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable a Company called "The Berrima Coal Mining and Railway Company (Limited)" to construct a Railway from the Berrima Coal Mine to the Great Southern Railway. And *Mr. Garrett* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Scrutineer and West Camden Advocate*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

7. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—A Return showing the name and amount of each tenderer for the Nepean and Cataract Tunnels, and also for Section No. 5, Sydney Water Works.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Amended By-laws of the Borough of Albury.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—A Return showing the places to which the One-penny Postage System has been extended.
Ordered to be printed.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. McCulloch* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

9. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at Eleven o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, 1st February, 1881, in Committee Room No. 2.
10. MOUNT KEMBLA COAL AND OIL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company's Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Poole, Mr. Terry, Mr. Jacob, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Burdekin, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
11. WAGGA WAGGA GAS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Douglas moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable William Wark and John Anderson Wark to construct Gasworks within the Borough and Suburbs of Wagga Wagga.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Douglas having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable William Wark and John Anderson Wark to construct Gasworks within the Borough and Suburbs of Wagga Wagga,*"—read a first time.
12. RAILWAY EXTENSION FROM ORANGE TO WILCANNIA:—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That in any further extension of the Western Railway from Orange to Wilcannia, *via* Parkes, a permanent survey of the line by way of Molong be at once proceeded with, so as to join the permanent survey which has already been completed as far as Meranburn, by Boree.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. NEW HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take steps as early as may be practicable for the erection of new Houses of Parliament.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Sir Henry Parkes moved the Previous Question.
 Question proposed,—That that Question be now put.
 Debate continued.
 Previous Question, by leave, withdrawn.
 Original Question, by leave, withdrawn.
14. CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from the Very Reverend William Macquarie Cowper, Dean of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the creation within the Dioceses of Sydney, Bathurst, and Grafton and Armidale, respectively, of Corporate Bodies of Trustees, in which property belonging to the Church of England in such Dioceses may be vested, and to make further provisions in reference thereto. And Mr. Stuart having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Armidale Express and New England General Advertiser*, the *Western Independent*, and the *Clarence and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
15. ENCROACHMENT ON COOK PARK:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the act of the Trustees of Cook Park in allowing a large portion of the ground to be fenced in for private purposes, and so depriving the people of their right to the best portion of the Park, is a most unwarrantable infringement of the people's rights, and ought not to be allowed.
 (2.) That the Government should at once adopt measures to remove the fence in question, and restore the Park to the people.
 (3.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Hoskins moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate continued.
 Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
16. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY:—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the new Water Supply Scheme for the City of Sydney.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Withers, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Henson, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Dr. Renwick, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Garrard moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 4th February.
17. ANATOMY BILL:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the establishment of Schools of Anatomy, and to regulate the practice of Anatomy therein.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
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The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorize the establishment of Schools of Anatomy, and to regulate the practice of Anatomy therein; and that an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.

On motion of Dr. Renwick, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

(2.) Dr. Renwick presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorise the establishment of Schools of Anatomy and to regulate the practice of Anatomy therein*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 4th February.

18. AD EUNDEM DEGREES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report 2^o from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—

Dr. Renwick moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Dillon moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

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| Mr. Lackey, | Mr. Fletcher, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. H. H. Brown, |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Burns, |
| Mr. O'Connor, | Mr. Slattery, |
| Mr. Davies, | Mr. Edmund Barton, |
| Mr. McLaughlin, | Mr. Fawcett, |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar, | Mr. Proctor, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Purves, |
| Mr. Vaughn, | Mr. Carter, |
| Mr. Hay, | Mr. G. A. Lloyd, |
| Mr. Campbell, | Sir Patrick Jennings, |
| Mr. Burdekin, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Roseby, |
| Mr. Holborow, | Dr. Renwick. |
| Mr. Withers, | |
| Mr. Poole, | |

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| Mr. Byrnes, |
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| Mr. Garrett, |
| Mr. Beyers, |
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| Mr. McCulloch, |
| Mr. Dillon. |

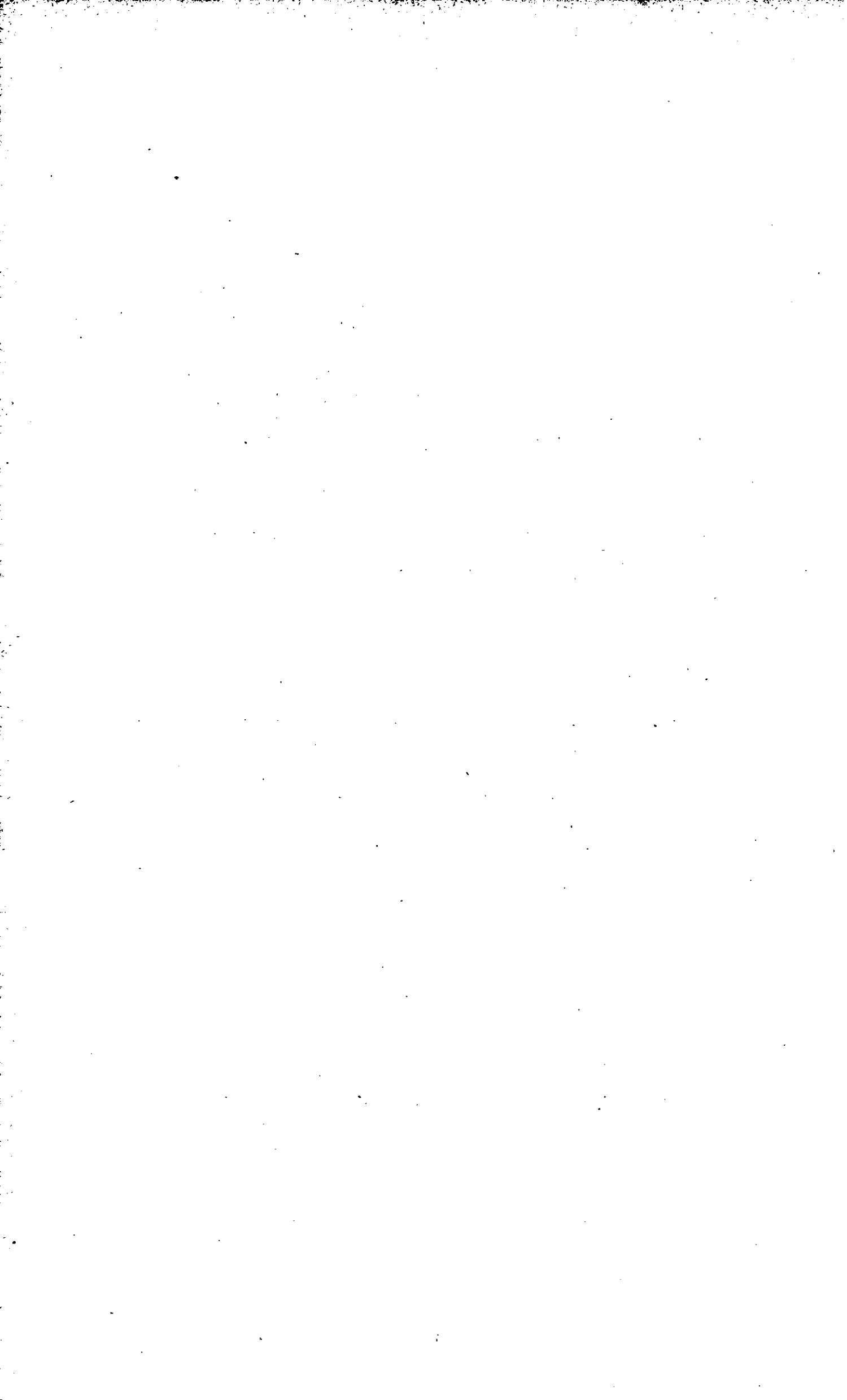
And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That the report 2 be now adopted,—put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Friday next.

The House adjourned at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until *Thursday next* at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 JANUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public School Teachers:—Mr. Poole asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many teachers under the Department of Public Instruction are unpaid their salaries for the month of December last?
- (2.) What are the names of the teachers and officers who have resigned from that department since 30th November last, and the reasons given in each case?
- (3.) What are the names of the Examiners and Inspectors in the Department of Public Instruction, and what classification by examination do they hold respectively?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There are some portions of the information sought by these questions which I shall not be able to give: for example, I cannot give the names of teachers who have resigned, or the reasons for their resignations. It is not unfrequently the case that a young lady resigns to be married. I should not like in such a case to give the name or the reason for resignation, neither should I like to give the name and reason where a young lady had resigned on the ground of ill-health. The information sought by sections 1 and 3 I will give in the shape of a Return, which I will lay upon the Table to-morrow afternoon.

- (2.) Bridge to connect Sydney with St. Leonards:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Loan Estimates for the year 1881 for the erection of a high-level Bridge to connect Sydney with St. Leonards?
- (2.) Is it a fact that an agent of an English Company has made an offer to the Government to construct a high-level Bridge between Sydney and St. Leonards?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Government have not yet decided; they have received such an offer, and hope to be in a position to consider the subject in a few days.

- (3.) Savings Banks:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the number of depositors in the Barrack-street Office of the Savings Bank of New South Wales?
- (2.) The amount of money to their credit?
- (3.) The amount of money deposited during the year 1880?
- (4.) The rate of interest allowed depositors?
- (5.) The number of deposits made during the year 1880?
- (6.) The highest sum of money which can be received from each depositor?
- (7.) The notice required by the Trustees of the Savings Bank for the repayment of money?
- (8.) Is such notice ever demanded?
- (9.) The like information respecting the head office of the Post Office Savings Bank?

Mr. Watson answered,—I have addressed communications to the Managing Trustee of the Sydney Savings Bank, and to the Controller of the Government Savings Bank, asking for the information required by the Honorable Member. When obtained it will be laid upon the Table.

- (4.) James Barnet, Esq., Colonial Architect:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to recognise, by gratuity or otherwise, the eminent services rendered by James Barnet, Esq., Colonial Architect, in designing the International Exhibition Building and superintending its erection?
- (2.) What expense would the Government have incurred in the employment of a private Architect in designing and superintending this work?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A sum is to be submitted on the Estimates for this purpose.

(5.)

- (5.) Site for Public School in Bourke-street:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the Council of Education purchased a site for a Public School in Bourke-street, Surry Hills?
 - (2.) From whom was the land purchased?
 - (3.) The area of the land?
 - (4.) The amount paid, or agreed to be paid, for the same?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that a site for a Public School was purchased by the Council of Education not in Bourke-street, but near it.
- (2.) From Mr. John Baptist.
- (3.) 1 acre 3 roods 10 perches.
- (4.) The amount paid was £4,000.

- (6.) Messrs. Burton & Jones, Land Titles Examiners:—Mr. Purves asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Do the Government intend to retain the services of Messrs. Burton & Jones as Examiners in the Land Titles Office, in the face of the positive recommendations of the Royal Commissioners in their Report, dated 28th October, 1879?
 - (2.) Do the Government intend to take any, and what, steps to carry into effect the other recommendations in the above Report?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Honorable Member will see that I have already asked leave to introduce a Bill which will deal with the whole question. When that Bill is before the House, I will explain the intention of the Government.

- (7.) Appraisalment of Runs:—Mr. H. C. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—With regard to the runs appraised last year, and now being referred to three Appraisers for report,—Will the Minister furnish these gentlemen with copies of all the protests which have been lodged against the appraisements, and cause them to consider the objections contained therein, and report thereon?
- Mr. Baker answered,—The protests, or copies thereof, will be submitted to the three Appraisers, together with the appraisements which have been referred for report.

- (8.) Extension of the Penny Postage System:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Postmaster General,—Has the Revenue sustained any loss in consequence of the extension of the One-penny Postage System to the places mentioned in the Return laid upon the Table of the House in answer to Question No. 8 on the Business Paper of the 25th instant; if so, what is the amount up to the 31st December, 1880?

Mr. Suttor answered,—An estimated Return was laid upon the Table of this House in August, 1875. The loss of revenue was then calculated at £1,886 per annum. The preparation of a Return containing the information now asked for would occupy a considerable time, and would then be only an estimate, as it is impossible, without seriously delaying the sorting and dispatch of mails, to keep separate count of such of the letters passing between the various places included in the penny radius as bear penny stamps only. If a Return were prepared a mere calculation of the figures would not afford information as to the actual loss or otherwise, which must be a matter of conjecture, as allowance would have to be made for the natural increase of correspondence that would have taken place even had the postage not been reduced.

- (9.) Tanks between the Lachlan and Darling Rivers:—Mr. Bodel asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to put a sum of money on the Estimates for the construction of several large Reservoirs for the conservation of water in the country lying between the Lachlan and the Bogan and Darling Rivers?
- (2.) Will they order surveys to be made for sites for such Reservoirs, and reserve the land necessary for the conservation of water in that district?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Amounts have been noted for the construction of tanks in the district referred to on the Draft Estimates, which are now under consideration by the Cabinet.
- (2.) The necessary steps will be taken to fix sites and get reserves made.

- (10.) Public School, Bob's Creek:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has any application or communication been received from residents of Bob's Creek, near Molong, for the erection of a Public School; if so, what steps have been taken in the matter, what is the cause of the delay, and when will the erection of the buildings be proceeded with?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that an application has been received, and all necessary steps taken thereupon, and that the erection of school buildings will be proceeded with when the appropriation of the site applied for is authorized.

- (11.) Children in Public Schools suffering from Contagious Diseases:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are there any by-laws or regulations in existence for the guidance of Public School Teachers in excluding children from Public Schools who are known or suspected to be suffering from cutaneous or other contagious diseases; if not, is it the intention of the Minister to take any steps to have framed such a necessary regulation, with the view of protecting children from contracting contagious diseases while so attending school?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The 71st Regulation provides that the attendance of any pupil suffering from any contagious, offensive, or infectious disease may be temporarily suspended by the Teacher.

- (12.) Site for a Township on Mandagery Creek:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any communication or application been received from residents on the Mandagery Creek, near Meranburn, asking for a reserve for a township; if so, have any steps been taken to secure a site near the bridge at Toohy's Hotel, and when will it be surveyed into town allotments and put up for sale by public auction?

Mr.

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes ; but from the Surveyor's report it is not deemed necessary to comply with the application. There is a much more suitable site for a village about 4 miles to the east of that applied for.

- (13.) Telegraph Line between Orange and Cargo:—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster General,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to place on the Estimates for the year 1881 a sufficient sum of money for the construction and extension of a Telegraph Line between Orange and Cargo, or Cudal and Cargo ; and between Molong and Obley, or Obley and Wellington ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—If, on inquiry, the extensions specified are found to be necessary, there are funds available for their construction.

- (14.) Alexander Clyne's Conditional Purchase:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any deposit been paid or application made by one Alexander Clyne, of Burrawang Cross Roads, near Molong, to have his conditional purchase inspected, reported on, or inquired into by a Commissioner or Inspector ; if so, when was the deposit paid, and the application received ; what is the cause of the delay in holding the Court of Inquiry, and when will the inquiry be held, or the report of the same be ready ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes ; £1 1s. was credited on 9th February, 1880. An application was made by Clyne, on the 30th January, 1880, to have the improvements made by Francis Lord on the land he had applied to conditionally purchase appraised ; and the usual fee of £1 1s. was lodged at the Treasury and credited on the 9th February, 1880. His application was refused on the 25th of the same month, for the following reasons:—1st, Francis Lord applied on the 14th April, 1877, to purchase the same land in virtue of improvements which were found to exist to the value of £87 by Licensed Surveyor Simpson. 2nd, 87 acres were measured to satisfy Mr. Lord's application, on 20th August, 1878. The land was appraised on 14th April, 1879. The approval of Mr. Lord's application was notified in the *Gazette* on the 13th June, 1879, and a deed was issued for this land. 3rd, Alexander Clyne made application for a conditional purchase of 100 acres on 17th July, 1879, which was declared void on 13th October, 1879, as being for the land improved to the value of £87, and applied for by Francis Lord as an improvement purchase. 4th, Authority has been given for the refund to Clyne of the deposit and appraisalment fee paid by him.

- (15.) Water Supply for Grenfell:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the contemplated Water Supply Scheme for Grenfell be proceeded with, and what is the cause of the delay ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A survey and report have been received on the subject of the Grenfell Supply. The whole question of Country Water Supplies is now under consideration. I cannot, therefore, at present say what action will be taken in any particular case, but I can assure the Honorable Member the claims of Grenfell will not be overlooked when the general question is decided.

- (16.) Road from Parkesbourne to Breadalbane Railway Station:—Mr. Holborow asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has a road been surveyed from Parkesbourne to Breadalbane Railway Station ?
- (2.) Has such road been proclaimed ?
- (3.) If not, what is the cause of the delay ?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) Yes. It has not, however, been confirmed, pending settlement by the Railway Department of the question of the crossing over the Railway.

- (17.) Obstruction to Foot-path in Macquarie-street:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—As the property adjoining the north side of the Parliamentary Buildings in Macquarie-street has been resumed by the Government, and is in their possession,—Will the Secretary for Works forthwith direct the obstruction to the footpath to be removed ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Government will decide very shortly what action will be taken in reference to the buildings and land recently resumed, of which this forms a part, when the encroachment referred to will be removed.

- (18.) Macquarie-street Land Resumption Act:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What was the total cost of the resumption of lands and buildings under the Macquarie-street Land Resumption Act 43 Victoria No. 9 ?
- (2.) What is the annual rental derived from the lands or buildings thereon ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) £66,586 5s. 8d.
- (2.) The annual rent, at the rate charged to 31st December last, was £3,024 14s., but owing to a necessary reduction it is now £2,954 14s.

- (19.) Mr. Canvin, Appraiser of Runs:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Was a person named Canvan or Canavan appointed to appraise runs ; if so, who recommended him, and what experience had he previous to his appointment to enable him to value runs efficiently ?
- (2.) What district was he appointed to ?
- (3.) What are the names of the lessees whose runs he has valued ?
- (4.) The name of each run, and the rental placed on it ?
- (5.) On how many runs has he placed an increased rental, and amount of increase ?
- (6.) On how many runs has the rent been decreased by his appraisalment ?
- (7.) On how many runs has same rent been fixed ?

Mr.

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) Yes; J. R. Canvin was appointed. He was recommended by Thos. G. Dangar, Esq., M.P., and W. C. Browne, Esq., then Member for Patrick's Plains. I am informed Mr. Canvin has been engaged in pastoral pursuits for the last twenty (20) years, and has on several occasions been called upon to act as an appraiser.

(2.) The Murrumbidgee district.

(3 and 4.) The information asked for is too voluminous to be given as an answer to a question, but will be embodied in a Return, which will be laid upon the Table of the House in a few days.

(5.) On eighty-seven runs. Increased rental, £4,851 8s. 4d.

(6.) On nine runs.

(7.) On three runs.

(20.) Appraisers of Runs:—Mr. H. C. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—What are the names of the gentlemen appointed to report on the appraisement of runs made last year?

Mr. Baker answered,—Messrs. Mylecharane, Canvin, Thompson, Dargin, Edmonds, and C. W. Lloyd, three of whom will report upon the appraisements of runs in one part of the Colony, and the other three upon those in the other part of the Colony.

(21.) Gold Mining Act:—Mr. Beyers asked the Secretary for Mines,—When is it his intention to bring in a Bill to amend the present Gold Mining Act?

Mr. Baker answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Mining Act.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws for regulating the Tamworth Free Public Library.

(2.) By-laws of St. John's College.

(3.) By-law of the University of Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

3. BERRIMA COAL MINE RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Berrima Coal Mining and Railway Company to construct a Railway from the Berrima Coal Mine to the Great Southern Railway.
Question put and passed.

4. WAGGA WAGGA GAS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Douglas moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Wagga Wagga Gas Bill.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brodribb, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cramsie, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hay, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Wilkinson, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

5. CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the creation, within the Dioceses of Sydney, Bathurst, and Grafton and Armidale respectively, of Corporate Bodies of Trustees in which property belonging to the Church of England in such Dioceses may be vested, and to make further provisions in reference thereto.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Stuart having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the creation within the Dioceses of Sydney Bathurst and Grafton and Armidale respectively of Corporate Bodies of Trustees in which property belonging to the Church of England in such Dioceses may be vested and to make further provisions in reference thereto,*"—read a first time.

6. RAILWAY FROM WALLERAWANG TO MUDGEES:—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and a Book of Reference of the proposed extension for the remaining portion of the Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee, viz., from 143 miles 47 chains to 189 miles 13 chains, being a distance of 45 miles 46 chains, laid before the House on the 12th January, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Fire Brigades Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

8. FISHERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at a quarter before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 JANUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Foot-bridge at Ashfield Railway Station:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect an overhead Bridge at Ashfield?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Yes, a foot-bridge at the Ashfield Station will be erected as soon as possible. One is now being constructed for the purpose.

- (2.) Beacon and Breakwater at the Clarence River:—Mr. Garvan, for Mr. See, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When is the Beacon to be placed on the reef at the entrance to the Clarence River?

(2.) When will the work at the Southern Breakwater, Clarence Heads, be recommenced?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The plans have been prepared for the Beacon, and portion of the work is done; but the placing of the Beacon will be a work of great difficulty, and it is not easy, or indeed possible, to fix any time for its completion; but no delay will be allowed to take place.

(2.) As soon as further supply for the Clarence Harbour Works shall have been voted.

- (3.) Court-house, Newtown:—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How long has a Court of Petty Sessions been established at Newtown?

(2.) Over what area, or districts, has such Court jurisdiction?

(3.) How many cases have been heard and disposed of by such Court?

(4.) How long has a Small Debts Court been established at Newtown?

(5.) How many cases have been tried at such Court?

(6.) Have representations been made to the Minister for Justice by Magistrates and others of the insufficient accommodation provided for the carrying on the business of such Court?

(7.) Will the Government take steps for the erection of a suitable Court-house at Newtown?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Since 4th April, 1879; but the first Court was not held till 3rd November following.

(2.) The special jurisdiction of the Bench of Magistrates at the Newtown Police Court was defined by notification published in the *Government Gazette* of 31st October, 1879.

(3.) 1,883 cases up to yesterday.

(4.) The Small Debts Court at Newtown was opened on 5th May, 1879, and the first Court held on 19th May, 1880.

(5.) 455 cases up to yesterday.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) The question of erecting a Court-house at Newtown has been under consideration; but no steps have been taken in the matter pending the determination of an eligible site for the proposed building, which is now under reference for the report of the Government Land Valuer.

- (4.) Tramways:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether it would not be possible and advisable to employ more men upon and carry on work at both ends, and on various sections of the Woollahra, Waverley, and Randwick Tramway Lines, so as to ensure expedition in the construction thereof; if not, will he give the reasons?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is possible, and it will be done directly there are sufficient permanent way materials on the ground to warrant the breaking up of the road.

(5.)

- (5.) Training College for Public School Teachers :—Mr. Pigott asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has any money been appropriated by Parliament for the erection of a Training College for Public School Teachers?
 (2.) If so, the amount, and when?
 (3.) Have any, and if so what, steps been taken to establish a College for the training of Teachers?
 Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is money available for the erection of the new Training School; and considerable trouble has been taken in examining different spots, but no site has yet been determined upon.
- (6.) Church of England Cemetery, Narrabri :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Have names been submitted for appointment as Trustees of Church of England Land and Cemetery at Narrabri; and if so, the cause of delay in gazetted such?
 (2.) When will their appointments be made and gazetted?
 Mr. Hoskins answered,—
 (1.) Yes. The gazetted of the Cemetery Trustees was delayed awaiting nomination of Trustees by other Denominations. They will be gazetted on Tuesday next.
 (2.) The Trustees for the Church site cannot be gazetted until the land proposed to be granted is dedicated, which must await the resumption by Act of Parliament of the original site.
- (7.) Thomas Archer's Conditional Purchase :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it true that a conditional purchase was made by one Archer, on the east bank of Reedy Creek, parish of Murga, adjoining a reserve; and is it true that the selection and reserve have since been changed to the west bank of this creek, and for what reason?
 Mr. Hoskins answered,—A conditional purchase was applied for by Thomas Archer on the 29th May, 1879, in the position mentioned. The selection and reserve have not been changed to the west bank of the creek.
- (8.) Designs for New Houses of Parliament :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he direct that the approved designs for new Houses of Parliament be exhibited in the lobby, or other convenient part of the Parliamentary Buildings, for the inspection of Honorable Members?
 Mr. Lackey answered,—It is understood that there will be no objection on the part of Mr. Speaker to the designs referred to being placed in the lobby. Under these circumstances the wish of the Honorable Member will be complied with.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Minutes of Proceedings of the Intercolonial Conference held at Sydney in January, 1881.
 (2.) Representation to the Imperial Government by Members of the Intercolonial Conference in reference to Chinese Immigration into Western Australia.
 (3.) Return respecting Public School Teachers.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Baker laid upon the Table,—Return showing names of Lessees, name of each Run, and rental placed upon it as appraised by Mr. J. R. Canvin.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Further Papers respecting the Duplication of the Telegraph Cable between Australasia and Europe.
 Ordered to be printed.

3. MOUNT KEMBLA COAL AND OIL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 25th January, 1881; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 11th February.
 Question put and passed.

4. CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Church of England Trust Property Incorporation Bill.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Edmund Barton, Mr. Brodribb, Mr. Burns, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Trickett, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

5. AD EUNDEM DEGREES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Dr. Renwick, read a third time, and passed.
 Dr. Renwick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without examination and to give to Bachelors of Arts the rights powers and privileges of Masters of Arts in certain cases.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without examination and to give to Bachelors of Arts the rights powers and privileges of Masters of Arts in certain cases,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 28th January, 1881.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday week, to enable Honorable Members to attend the opening of the Albury and Dubbo Railways.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

| Ayes, 38. | | Noes, 29. | |
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| Mr. Burns, | Mr. Garvan, | Mr. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Terry, |
| Mr. Vaughn, | Mr. Melville, | Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Buchanan, |
| Mr. O'Connor, | Mr. Leven, | Mr. See, | Mr. Lackey, |
| Mr. Kerr, | Mr. Beyers, | Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Edmund Barton, |
| Mr. Carter, | Mr. Campbell, | Mr. James Watson, | Mr. Baker, |
| Mr. Davies, | Mr. Tooth, | Sir Henry Parkes, | Mr. Farnell, |
| Mr. Slattery, | Mr. R. B. Smith, | Mr. Roseby, | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. Levin, | Mr. Henson, | Dr. Renwick, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. William Clarke, | Mr. Fullford, | Mr. Pigott, | Mr. Trickett, |
| Mr. Stuart, | Mr. Fletcher, | Mr. Tarrant, | Mr. Copeland. |
| Sir Patrick Jennings, | Mr. Tece, | Mr. Fawcett, | |
| Mr. Russell Barton, | Mr. T. G. Dangar, | Mr. Garrett, | |
| Mr. Burdekin, | Mr. Dillon, | Mr. Foster, | |
| Mr. Jacob, | Mr. Martin, | Mr. Andrews, | |
| Mr. Murray, | Mr. Combes, | Mr. T. B. Smith, | |
| Dr. Ross, | Mr. Purves, | Mr. Bodel, | |
| Mr. Cooke, | <i>Tellers,</i> | Mr. Abigail, | |
| Mr. Cramsie, | Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Poolc, | |
| Mr. Wilkinson, | Mr. McElhone. | Mr. Stephen Brown, | |
| Mr. Hay, | | Mr. Fergusson, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. NO-LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Terry (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday, 8th February.

The House adjourned at seven minutes before Ten o'clock, until *Tuesday, 8th February*, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1881.

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

ELECTORATE OF QUEANBEYAN:—Mr Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 11th January last, declaring the Seat of James Banford Thompson, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Thompson; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Thomas Rutledge, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Queanbeyan.

2. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:**—Pursuant to the requirement of the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 10th February, 1881, in Committee Room No. 2; the meeting appointed for Tuesday, 1st February, having lapsed in consequence of an adjournment of the House.
3. **MEMBER SWORN:**—Thomas Rutledge, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Queanbeyan.

4. **QUESTIONS:**—

(1.) **Milburn Creek Copper Mining Company:**—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What are the names of the shareholders in the Milburn Creek Copper Mining Company who are to receive the sum of £16,000 public money awarded them by the arbitrators?
 (2.) What number of shares does each of the shareholders own, and what number of shares does he own in above mining company, and how much of the £16,000 is he to receive?
 (3.) Has the amount awarded been paid to the parties; if so, when, and on what authority?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) I have been unable to obtain the information necessary to answer this question.
 (2.) There are 79,000 shares in the Company, of which the Minister for Mines holds between 11,000 and 12,000. I cannot inform the Honorable Member of the names of the other shareholders.
 (3.) The amount has not been paid.

(2.) **Government Banking Account:**—*Mr. Fergusson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What amount of money has been paid to the Bank of New South Wales for the management of the Government Banking Account from the 1st January, 1875, to 31st December last?
 (2.) What rate of exchange is charged by the Bank of New South Wales for drafts from the country districts?
 (3.) The rate charged by other Banks?
 (4.) What amount has been paid, and the rate, between the above dates, to Brokers or Banks for the sale of Government debentures, or raising of loans in London?
 (5.) What rate of exchange, or other charges, is paid by the Government in transmitting Government money to England, and from England to New South Wales, and to whom paid?

Mr.

Mr. Watson answered,—

- (1.) No amount of money is paid to the Bank specially for the management of the Government Banking Account, but the commission earned by the Bank on the transaction of the general Government business in London was £21,885 9s. 1d.
 - (2.) One-eighth per cent.
 - (3.) One-eighth per cent.
 - (4.) To Brokers, £12,579 10s., rate $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent; to Bank, £10,065 12s. 6d., rate $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. up to one million; above that amount one-eighth per cent.
 - (5.) From Sydney to London the Government pays $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent less than the current rate of sixty-day bills. From London to Sydney the Bank allows premium at the rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.
- (3.) Mr. F. B. Gipps:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware, or has he heard, that Mr. Gipps, of Kenny Hill Water Scheme, was engineer for a company to bring water from the head of the Turon to the Wallaby Rocks for sluicing purposes, and that his scheme failed after a large expenditure, as he could not make the water run up hill?
 - (2.) If he has not heard of this matter, will he cause inquiries to be made with the view of testing its correctness, and so save Mr. Gipps's friends and the public a lot of trouble?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I have no knowledge of the matter referred to by the Honorable Member, and do not feel justified in taking any steps therein, as it is not a subject relating to public business.

- (4.) Railway from Orange to Wellington:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many tons of merchandise have been received at each of the following Stations since the Railway was opened from Orange to Wellington, viz., Mullion, Warne, Ironbarks, and Springs?
 - (2.) The number of passenger tickets that have been issued from each Station respectively during the same period, the receipts and expenditure of each Station, and the estimated cost per annum of keeping the line in repair between Orange and Wellington?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

| | Mullion. | Warne. | Ironbarks. | Springs. |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| (1.) | 85 tons. ... | 235 tons ... | 845 tons. ... | 12 tons. |
| (2.) | 931 tickets ... | 713 tickets ... | 1,621 tickets ... | 367 tickets. |
| Receipts— | £178 10s. 11d. ... | £251 14s. 8d. ... | £1,391 2s. 7d. ... | £109 10s. 11d. |
| Expenditure— | £162 18s. 9d. ... | £157 4s. 3d. ... | £284 4s. 2d. ... | £135 5s. 5d. |
| Estimated cost of keeping the line in repair, £8,370 per annum. | | | | |

- (5.) Tamworth Gaol:—*Mr. Burdekin*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the erection of the Gaol at Tamworth been completed; if so, what is the cause of it not being opened and used for the purpose for which it has been built?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes, the Gaol is completed. The cause of its not being occupied is, I am informed, that provision has not yet been made for the necessary staff; but a preliminary arrangement is now making for its occupation.

- (6.) Gladesville Hospital:—*Mr. Tarrant* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How much has been expended in the construction of the new building for male patients at Gladesville Hospital?
 - (2.) What will the furniture for this building cost?
 - (3.) How many patients will the new building accommodate?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The amount expended to the present is £26,670; the amount of the contract being £31,333.
- (2.) The tender for the furniture amounts to £667 4s.
- (3.) 150.

- (7.) City of Sydney Improvement Act:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session to amend the City of Sydney Improvement Act of 1879?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to amend the City of Sydney Improvement Act.

- (8.) Band of the Permanent Force:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Carter, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Do the Bandsmen of the Permanent Force receive the same pay as the common soldiers, and what is their duty?
 - (2.) Are they allowed to compete with other Bands in tendering for amusements when a Band is required?
 - (3.) What is done with the money so earned?
 - (4.) What has the Band cost the country since its formation, and what amount have they received from private sources?
 - (5.) Will the head of the department prohibit the Band from tendering in future?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes, according to grade. The members attend drill, perform regimental and other duty as ordered, and play when desired at Government House, as also when required by the Government or by the customs of the service.
- (2.) No; but they take private engagements, subject to the approval of the Officer Commanding Artillery.
- (3.) A proportion is handed over to the individual players; the balance is paid to the credit of the Band Fund for purchase of music, repairs to instruments, and other incidental expenses.
- (4.) Since the formation of the Band in 1872 it has cost (exclusive of pay, clothing, rations, fuel and light, received by the men as gunners, &c.) £1,229 7s. From private engagements the Band has received £110 17s. 10d.
- (5.) I cannot at present answer this question.

(9.) Local School Boards :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it intended, and if so when, to appoint Local School Boards to the Public Schools in the Country Districts?—

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that ten Districts have already been dealt with, and that action with regard to the remainder is in progress.

(10.) Assisted Immigration :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many deposits have been received on account of Assisted Immigration Passages from 20th January to 27th January, 1881?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The number of deposits received from the 20th to the 27th of January (both days included) was eighty. On the 27th January a letter was addressed to the Agent for Immigration directing him not to receive any more deposits pending the consideration of the whole question in the Assembly.

(11.) Pymont Bridge :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that great inconvenience is being felt by the shipowners through the want of attention on the part of the authorities of the Pymont Bridge Company by their not having men to open the bridge when required?

(2.) Did the Company deposit, in accordance with the Act of Incorporation, a return showing the cost of the bridge at the foot of Market-street; if so, what was the amount?

(3.) Do the Government propose taking steps, in the general interests of the shipowners and the people of both Sydney and Pymont, to take charge of this bridge on the terms of the Act of Incorporation of the Company?

Mr. Watson answered,—

(1.) In June, last year, some complaints were made by certain shipowners as to alleged delays in opening the Pymont Bridge for the passage of vessels, and correspondence thereon took place between the Treasury and the Directors of the Pymont Bridge Company, who state that the bridge is opened more frequently than is required by their Act of Incorporation, and that they cannot admit that there is any justifiable ground of complaint.

(2.) I am informed that the Company have not filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary an account in detail of the cost of the bridge erected at the foot of Market-street.

(3.) No decision has yet been arrived at by the Government in this matter.

(12.) City of Sydney Improvement Act :—Mr. Foster asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board for the year 1880 been brought under his notice?

(2.) Does he intend to introduce a Bill this Session to amend the City of Sydney Improvement Act?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Report has come under my notice.

(2.) I have already stated that a Bill will be introduced during the present Session.

(13.) Public School Books :—Mr. Foster asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that Collins's school books, or certain books of that series, have been recently substituted in several classes of certain Public Schools for the Irish National books?

(2.) Have general instructions been given that the Irish National books shall not be dispensed with in the education of any of the classes in the Public Schools?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I find that no such substitution has been authorized.

(2.) Such general instructions have been given, and it has been determined further to provide for the use of the books by regulation.

(14.) Assessors of Runs :—Mr. O'Connor, for Mr. Slattery, asked the Secretary for Mines,—The number of Runs recently assessed by each of the following assessors, and the total amount received by each of them to the present time, including contingent expenses, viz. :—Mr. Edward Lamb, Mr. John E. Dargin, Mr. W. A. Simpson, Mr. R. W. Cox, Mr. W. S. Paul, Mr. J. R. Canvin, Mr. T. V. Want, Mr. J. J. Riley, Mr. W. E. Abbott?

Mr. Baker answered,—

| Assessor | Runs | Amount received |
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| Mr. Edward Lamb... | 25 | £205 7 6 |
| Mr. John E. Dargin | 82 | do. 497 0 0 |
| Mr. W. A. Simpson | 90 | do. 557 0 0 |
| Mr. R. W. Cox | 83 | do. 497 0 0 |
| Mr. W. S. Paul | 107 | do. 573 0 0 |
| Mr. J. R. Canvin | 99 | do. 613 0 0 |
| Mr. T. V. Want | 99 | do. 614 0 0 |
| Mr. J. J. Riley | 97 | do. 569 0 0 |
| Mr. W. E. Abbott... | 81 | do. 595 12 8 |

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Baker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Returns showing the number of applications to mine on Crown Lands for Gold and Minerals not finally dealt with on 31st December, 1880; and also showing the numbers of applications to lease that have been finally dealt with, but the leases not issued on 31st December, 1880.

(2.) Notice cancelling Regulations Nos. 19 and 43 issued under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Watson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the Expenditure in the Colony and in England for Rents of Offices and for Salaries out of the Vote for Immigration for 1880.

(2.)

(2.) Return showing the amount received as Fees from Pupils at the Sydney University during the year 1880; also the number of Students who matriculated, and the number who graduated as B.A. in 1880.

(3.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1880. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return showing the Railway Charges on Produce conveyed by Railway from Junee to Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return in reference to the Cost of the Sydney International Exhibition.
Ordered to be printed.

6. HALL'S ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Sarah Hall, Clara Hall, and others, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale of certain Lands devised by the Will of the late George Hall, and the disposal and investment of the proceeds thereof.
And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Cumberland Mercury and Rural Gazette*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
7. NO-LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL:—Mr. Ryrie presented a Petition from Miners and others resident in and near Araluen, praying the House to pass this Bill.
Petition received.
8. BERRIMA COAL MINE RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Garrett having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable a Company called 'The Berrima Coal-mining and Railway Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Berrima Coal-mine to the Great Southern Railway*,"—read a first time.
9. MR. JOHN SMITH'S APPLICATION TO PURCHASE LAND AT MOLONG (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kerr moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, appraisements, minutes, and papers, referring to the application of Mr. John Smith, of Gamboola, for permission to purchase 60 acres of improved land in the county of Wellington, and land district of Molong, dated on or about the 19th October, 1877, and the conditional purchase of the same by Mr. G. F. Milgate.
Question put and passed.
10. BANKS'S MEADOW RESERVE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The names and dates of all the appointments of the Trustees of the Banks's Meadow Recreation Reserve from its dedication to the present time; the names of the Trustees who have resigned, and the dates of their resignations.
(2.) The boundaries of the Banks's Meadow Recreation Reserve prior to June, 1878, and the contents of such Reserve by surveyor's measurement.
(3.) How often have the whole or any portion of Phelps's and Kellet's Crown Grants at Botany been surveyed during the last six years; by whom were they surveyed; at whose instigation were such surveys made; the cost of each survey, and the date and completion of each survey.
(4.) The amount of land claimed by the Crown from the sea frontage of Phelps's and Kellet's Crown Grants at Botany, from Surveyor Binsted's plans; whether such claim was dedicated and gazetted, with the date.
(5.) How much land the Sydney and Bunnerong Road contains running through the aforesaid Grants; and if such ground was paid for by the Crown.
(6.) What are the subdivisions of the said Grants, together with copies of all correspondence and papers connected with the Banks's Meadow Recreation Reserve, and Phelps's and Kellet's Grants.
Question put and passed.
11. PRESS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Newspapers and other Periodical Publications.
Question put and passed.
12. SITE FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL AT ST. LEONARDS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, papers, and plans in the possession of the Government, or connected with the late Council of Education, respecting the resumption of 2 acres of land as a site for a Public School,—the land being a portion of a reserve in the township of St. Leonards, formally dedicated some years since for access to water and for public recreation, and of which the Borough Council of St. Leonards have been Trustees for more than ten years.
Question put and passed.
13. NO-LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Terry, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Terry then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate No-liability Mining Companies*."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to Incorporate No-liability Mining Companies*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th February, 1881.

14. **PRESS BILL**:—Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Newspapers and other Periodical Publications*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 18th February.
15. **EIGHT-HOUR SYSTEM OF LABOUR**:—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the social and intellectual welfare of the working classes demands that the Government should as far as possible encourage the eight-hour system of labour.
 - (2.) That in all Departments of the Government Service, where practicable, the work should be carried out on the eight-hour principle.
 - (3.) That all Government contracts for the construction of Railways should in future contain a clause in the conditions of contract that the work be carried out on the same principle.
 - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Foster requiring that the Resolutions be considered *seriatim*,—

Question,—That the Resolutions be proposed *seriatim*,—put and passed.

Resolution (1) proposed,—

That, in the opinion of this House, the social and intellectual welfare of the working classes "demands" that the Government should as far as possible encourage the eight-hour system of labour.

Mr. H. C. Dangar moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "demands," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the encouragement of the eight-hour system of labour."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

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

Resolution (1) then put,—

That, in the opinion of this House, the social and intellectual welfare of the working classes demands that the Government should as far as possible encourage the eight-hour system of labour.

The House Divided.

Ayes, 42.

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| Mr. Carter, | Mr. Foster, |
| Mr. Proctor, | Mr. Stephen Brown, |
| Mr. G. A. Lloyd, | Mr. Fremlin, |
| Mr. Holborow, | Mr. Melville, |
| Mr. Abigail, | Mr. Burns, |
| Mr. Henson, | Mr. Turner, |
| Mr. Poole, | Mr. H. H. Brown, |
| Mr. Garrard, | Mr. Lynch, |
| Mr. Trickett, | Mr. H. C. Dangar, |
| Mr. Pigott, | Sir Patrick Jennings, |
| Mr. Hezlet, | Mr. Hay, |
| Dr. Renwick, | Mr. Byrnes, |
| Mr. Slattery, | Mr. T. R. Smith, |
| Mr. Roseby, | Mr. Tooth, |
| Mr. Withers, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Fletcher, | Mr. O'Connor, |
| Mr. Bodel, | Mr. Copeland, |
| Dr. Ross, | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. Garvan, | |
| Mr. Cass, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. R. P. Abbott, | Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, |
| Mr. Sutherland, | Mr. Fergusson. |

Noes, 28.

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| Mr. Wisdom, | Mr. Cooke, |
| Mr. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Buchanan, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Combes, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Eckford, |
| Mr. Suttor, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. McCulloch, |
| Mr. Lackey, | Mr. William Clarke. |
| Mr. Myers, | |
| Mr. Jacob, | |
| Mr. Fawcett, | |
| Mr. Kerr, | |
| Mr. Stuart, | |
| Mr. Russell Barton, | |
| Mr. Kidd, | |
| Mr. Garrett, | |
| Mr. Andrews, | |
| Mr. Young, | |
| Mr. Wilkinson, | |
| Mr. Rutledge, | |
| Mr. Ryrie, | |
| Mr. Pilcher, | |
| Mr. Burdekin, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution (2) put,—

That in all Departments of the Government Service, where practicable, the work should be carried out on the eight-hour principle.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

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| Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, | Mr. Hezlet, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Dr. Renwick, |
| Mr. Copeland, | Mr. Pigott, |
| Mr. Reid, | Mr. Trickett, |
| Mr. Tooth, | Mr. Garrard, |
| Mr. Byrnes, | Mr. Poole, |
| Mr. Hay, | Mr. Henson, |
| Sir Patrick Jennings, | Mr. Abigail, |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar, | Mr. Holborow, |
| Mr. Lynch, | Mr. G. A. Lloyd, |
| Mr. Turner, | Mr. Proctor, |
| Mr. R. P. Abbott, | Mr. Carter, |
| Mr. Cass, | Mr. Sutherland, |
| Dr. Ross, | Mr. Stephen Brown, |
| Mr. Garvan, | Mr. Fremlin, |
| Mr. Bodel, | Mr. Melville, |
| Mr. Fletcher, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Withers, | Mr. T. R. Smith, |
| Mr. Roseby, | Mr. O'Connor. |
| Mr. Slattery, | |

Noes, 33.

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| Mr. Wisdom, | Mr. Ryrie, |
| Mr. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Cooke, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Fergusson, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Farnoll, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Buchanan, |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. Combes, |
| Mr. Lackey, | Mr. Eckford, |
| Mr. Myers, | Mr. Foster, |
| Mr. Jacob, | Mr. Andrews, |
| Mr. William Clarke, | Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. Pilcher, |
| Mr. McCulloch, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Kerr, | Mr. H. H. Brown, |
| Mr. Stuart, | Mr. Burdekin. |
| Mr. Russell Barton, | |
| Mr. Kidd, | |
| Mr. Garrett, | |
| Mr. Burns, | |
| Mr. Wilkinson, | |
| Mr. Rutledge, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Resolution (3) put,—

That all Government contracts for the construction of Railways should in future contain a clause in the conditions of contract that the work be carried out on the same principle.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Hazlet,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Withers,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. R. P. Abbott,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Mcville,
Mr. Fromlin,

Tellers,

Mr. Pilcher,
Dr. Renwick.

Noes, 51.

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| Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, | Mr. H. C. Dangar, |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. Abigail, |
| Mr. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Lynch, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Cooke, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Fergusson, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Proctor, |
| Mr. Lackey, | Mr. H. H. Brown, |
| Mr. G. A. Lloyd, | Mr. Burns, |
| Mr. Myers, | Mr. Foster, |
| Mr. Jacob, | Mr. Andrews, |
| Mr. William Clarke, | Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Roseby, | Mr. Holborow |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. Tooth, |
| Mr. McCulloch, | Mr. T. R. Smith, |
| Mr. Kerr, | Mr. Henson, |
| Mr. Stuart, | Mr. Byrnes, |
| Mr. Russell Barton, | Mr. Farnell, |
| Mr. Kidd, | Sir Patrick Jennings, |
| Mr. Garrett, | Mr. Combes, |
| Mr. Pigott, | Mr. Hay, |
| Mr. Trickett, | Mr. Carter, |
| Mr. Stephen Brown, | Mr. Copeland, |
| Dr. Ross, | |
| Mr. Wilkinson, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Rutledge, | Mr. Poole, |
| Mr. Byrie, | Mr. Reid. |
| Mr. Bodel, | |

And so it passed in the negative.

Resolution (4)—

That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—put and passed.

16. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1881, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1880 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Watson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Governor.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1881, together with Supplementary Estimates for the year 1880 and previous years.

Government House,

Sydney, 8th February, 1881.

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

17. PETITION OF MRS. MARY JONES:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mrs. Mary Jones, laid upon the Table of this House on the 8th July, 1880, be now adopted.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 18th February.

18. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed,—
- (1.) Encroachment on Cook Park; resumption of adjourned Debate;—until Tuesday, 1st March.
 - (2.) Kurrajong Land and Riley-street Surry Hills Land Sales Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee); second reading;—until Tuesday next.
 - (3.) Sydney Water Supply; resumption of adjourned Debate;—until Friday, 18th February.
 - (4.) Anatomy Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 18th February.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Map of the Colony:—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide a correct and proper Map of the Colony, on a sufficiently large scale, to show the Railway and Telegraph Stations, Post Offices, conditional and other purchases, together with reserves and other details?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The scale that would enable the information referred to to be given would be too large for publication.

- (2.) Mineral Lease, Milburn Creek:—Mr. Fergusson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the rent on mineral lease 17,693, of 20 acres, at Milburn Creek, county of Bathurst, parish Dunleary, been paid; if so, has it been paid annually, and up to what date has the rent been paid?

(2.) Are there any arrears of rent due on the said 20 acres?

Mr. Watson answered,—

(1.) Rent was paid annually up to 31st December, 1877.

(2.) Yes; arrears due from 1st January, 1878, amounting to £20.

- (3.) Improvements on Crown Lands:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. O'Connor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In cases where improvements on Crown Lands are valued so high as to bar selection, and the party selecting deems the valuation too high, and demands an appraisement, what is the amount of the fee he is required to pay?

(2.) By whom is the amount of the fee fixed, and by what authority?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Six guineas (£6 6s.)

(2.) By the Secretary for Lands. The fee of £1 1s. previously charged was found to be quite inadequate to meet the actual cost of appraisement. In the majority of cases the officers acting as appraisers are compelled to travel long distances to inspect the improvements, and to hold Courts of Appraisement in the locality, so as to put witnesses attending such Courts to the least possible expense and inconvenience; and the appraisers are consequently allowed travelling expenses. The fee is payable by Crown lessees and others, as well as conditional purchasers.

- (4.) Railway Passes to Representatives of Newspapers:—Mr. Cooke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was any distinction made between the Railway Passes issued to the representatives of the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper and those issued to representatives of other Sydney newspapers on the occasion of the recent demonstrations at Albury and Dubbo; if so, will he have any objection to state the reason?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I learn that the Passes were issued according to priority of application. When cards for the reporters of the *Sydney Morning Herald* and of the *Evening News* were applied for there were vacant places in the Ministerial Train, and cards were issued for that train accordingly. When, subsequently, Press passes were applied for, including one for the reporter of the *Telegraph*, there was no longer room in the Ministerial Train, and cards were issued for the Visitors Train.

(5.) Callan Park Asylum.—New General Post Office:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Garrard*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of Messrs. Kerr & Lowe's contract for the erection of the new Asylum, Callan Park?
- (2.) What is the period the said contract has to be completed in?
- (3.) What is the schedule of prices for stone-work per foot, brick-work per rod, excavation per cube yard in rock, also per cube yard in earth and in clay?
- (4.) Were competitive tenders asked for in connection with the finishing trades for the new General Post Office now building?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) £229,000.
- (2.) Three and a half years.
- (3.) Freestone, in blocks, per foot cube, 1s. 3d.; draft and axed work on stone, 7d.; draft and chiselled on stone, 11d.; setting stone in mortar, 3½d.; setting stone in cement, 4½d.; coursed rubble masonry, including header and quoins, as specified, 54s. 6d. per perch; coursed rubble masonry, as above, if lined with brickwork, 59s. per perch; brickwork in mortar, £19 per rod; brickwork in cement, £25 per rod; excavation in rock per cubic yard, 5s.; excavation in earth per cubic yard, 2s.
- (4.) Yes.

2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1881,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd February, 1881.*

*JOHN HAY,
President.*

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Deposits, &c., in Savings Bank of New South Wales and Government Savings Bank.
 - (2.) Schedule to the Estimates-in-Chief for 1881, showing the total remuneration received by all Public Officers who hold more than one office, or who have any special allowance in addition to their fixed annual salaries.
- Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulation increasing amount to be paid by Recruits claiming discharge from the New South Wales Artillery.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Canterbury.
 - (3.) Correspondence respecting increases of Salary in the Agent General's Department.
- Ordered to be printed.

4. OYSTER FISHERIES:—*Mr. Cameron* presented a Petition from Electors of the City of Newcastle and County of Northumberland, praying for an amendment of the law regulating Oyster Fisheries. Petition received.

5. BRIDGE FROM SYDNEY TO NORTH SHORE:—*Mr. Farnell* presented a Petition from residents of Sydney and Suburbs, representing the necessity for more easy means of communication between Sydney and the North Shore, and suggesting the construction of a Bridge for that purpose; and praying the House to take the matter into serious consideration. And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,— Petition received.

6. HALL'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Burns* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale of certain Lands devised by the Will of the late George Hall and the disposal and investment of the proceeds thereof. Question put and passed.

7. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC AND DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. W. J. Watson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of times the Clergymen (giving their names) of the various denominations attended the Public and Denominational Schools for the purpose of giving religious instruction, for each month of the years 1879 and 1880. Question put and passed.

8. HALL'S ESTATE BILL:—*Mr. Burns* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the sale of certain Lands devised by the Will of the late George Hall and the disposal and investment of the proceeds thereof,*"—read a first time.

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. James Watson*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1881 a sum not exceeding £1,929, to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Vic. cap. 54.

On motion of Mr. Watson, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

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

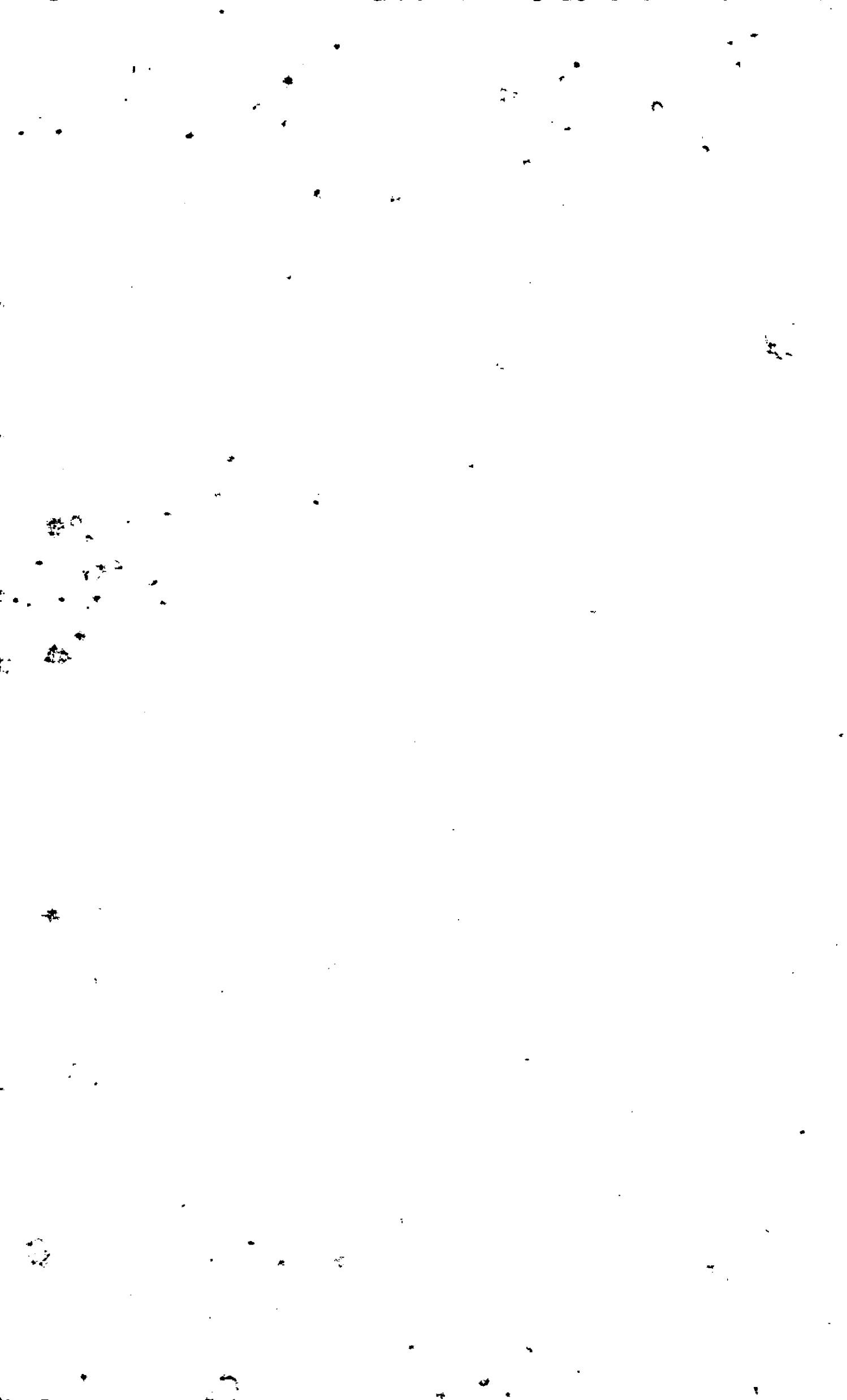
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

11. **FISHERIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill:

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

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 1881.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1881,"—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 Her 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, 10th February, 1881.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Jury Lists, Narrabri:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) On what date did the Bench of Magistrates at Narrabri revise the Jury Lists?
 (2.) What was the number of Jurymen on the List handed in by the Police for revision?
 (3.) How many did the Bench strike off the said List?
 (4.) How many fresh names were added to the said List?
 (5.) What are the names of the Magistrates who presided at the Revision Court?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) On the 14th of December, 1880.
 (2.) One hundred and eighty-one.
 (3.) Eighty-three.
 (4.) Thirteen.
 (5.) Messrs. C. E. Smith, Hamlet Fletcher, J. Moseley, Alfred J. Doyle, W. Pirie, and C. Collins.

- (2.) Police Barracks, Narrabri:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the cause of the delay in the erection of the Police Barracks at Narrabri?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Inspector General of Police having applied for certain additions and alterations to the proposed building, for which funds were available, an alteration in the plans became necessary, which involved delay. The amount necessary will be provided on next Estimates.

- (3.) Bridge over the Castlereagh River:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) When will tenders be invited for the Bridge over the Castlereagh River, at the town of Coonabarabran, the money for which has been voted by Parliament?
 (2.) Has the site been fixed; and if so, where?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders cannot be invited until the site is determined. There is a local dispute as to where the Bridge should be placed.

- (4.) Bridge over Bingera Creek:—*Mr. Campbell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—A sum of money having been voted for a Bridge over Bingera Creek, at Bingera, when will tenders be invited for same?

Mr. Lackey answered,—In about three weeks.

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- (5.) Court-house, Warialda :—Mr. Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Parliament having voted a sum of money for a new brick Court-house at Warialda, when will tenders be invited for same?
 (2.) Has the site upon which the old Police Barracks stand been handed over for the purpose of the new Court-house being erected thereon?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Plans are being prepared, and tenders will be invited for the Court-house at Warialda at the earliest possible date.
 (2.) Before the site upon which the Police Barracks stand can be handed over it will be necessary to obtain temporary accommodation for the Police until the old Court-house is made available for them.

- (6.) Bridges over the Big River :—Mr. Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will any provision be made on the Estimates-in-Chief, or Loan Estimates, for Bridge over the Big River at Bingera Town, and over the Big River between Pallamallawa and Moree?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A sum of £15,000 has been noted on Loan Estimates for the erection of a Bridge over the Big River at Bingera, and a sum of £2,000 is on the Estimates-in-Chief towards the construction of a Bridge near Moree, over the Big River.

- (7.) Road on Southern Side of Bridge over Parramatta Road.—Reserves on Line of Railway from Sydney to Illawarra :—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make passable for traffic the road on the southern side of the new bridge over the Parramatta Road?
 (2.) Have reserves been made along the proposed lines of Railway from Illawarra to Sydney?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the road is now fairly passable, but will be made good before opening of Iron Cove Bridge.
 (2.) Yes; I understand reserves have been made along the proposed line of Railway from Illawarra to Sydney.

- (8.) Roman Catholic Church Art Union :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General,—

- (1.) Is it true that the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church applied to the Government for liberty to hold an Art Union?
 (2.) Is it true that the Government refused this application?
 (3.) Is it true that the thing is going on in spite of the Government?
 (4.) If so, what action do the Government intend to take to uphold the law?

Mr. Wisdom answered,—

- (1.) The authorities of the Roman Catholic Church have not, so far as I know, made any application; but on the 23rd July last an application was made to me by Mr. Thomas Joseph Ryan, as Solicitor on behalf of the following persons—John F. Sheridan, William Hughes, Edward J. Hollingdale, John F. Lane Mullens, Phillip Sheridan, W. Larkin, James Horan, and J. C. Blanchard—to approve of what was called Articles of Association for a so-called Art Union.
 (2.) It did not appear to me to come within the definition of an Art Union, and I declined to approve of it. The application was refused.
 (3.) It appears, from what I have seen in the papers, that the so-called Art Union is still going on, but I have no hesitation in saying that it is an entirely illegal lottery, pure and simple.
 (4.) The Lotteries Prevention Act provides for the manner in which lotteries illegally held are to be dealt with. It provides “that any person selling or disposing or promising to sell or dispose of any goods, wares or merchandise shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds to be recovered in a summary way before any two Justices of the Peace.” As this is a popular penalty, it is quite competent for any person to sue for it; and I presume that if this so-called Art Union is proceeded with the Police will do their duty in the matter.

- (9.) Goods Traffic on Northern Railway :—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The amount of freight received for carrying goods on the Great Northern Railway between Newcastle and East Maitland, which had been landed in Newcastle on the steamer's wharf during the months of October, November, and December, 1879; also the amount received during the same months for the carriage of wool between East Maitland and Newcastle, for shipment at the Government wharf?
 (2.) The amount of freight received for similar services during the corresponding months of 1880?
 (3.) The number of bales of wool carried by rail between East Maitland and Morpeth, and between East Maitland and Newcastle, during the months of October, November, and December, 1879, and the number carried during the corresponding months in 1880?
 (4.) The quantity of goods carried between Morpeth and East Maitland for transit on the Great Northern Railway to the interior during the months of October, November, and December, 1879, and a like Return for the corresponding months of 1880?
 (5.) Is wharfage charged for goods landed and shipped at or from the Steam Companies wharfs, Morpeth?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is impossible to get the information to-day; but I will have a reply to the question prepared in the shape of a Return, which I will lay upon the Table perhaps on Tuesday next.

3. RESERVOIR AT KENNY'S HILL :—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table (*as exhibits only*) the following Plans in connection with proposed Reservoir, &c., at Kenny's Hill :—1. General Plan of Site proposed for Reservoir at Kenny's Hill. 2. Longitudinal Section of Pipe Line, Outlet Tunnel, Waste Weirs and Dams. 3. Details of River Crossings, Waste Weirs, Tunnels, &c. 4. Sections of Shafts on Line of Proposed Dam, Kenny's Hill. 5. Sections of Shafts on Line of Dam, Prospect Reservoir.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1881.
- (2.) Explanatory Statement of the Public Accounts of New South Wales, as embodied in the Ways and Means for the year 1881.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 17th December, 1880,—
“Sydney Water Supply.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. FISHERIES BILL:—The undermentioned Petitions, praying that certain amendments may be made in this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Slattery. From Oyster Dealers residing in the City of Sydney and Suburbs.
Petition received.

- (2.) By Mr. H. C. Dangar. From Fishermen of Sydney and its Suburbs.

This Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.

6. WATER SUPPLY FOR CARGO:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from Residents of Cargo and the surrounding neighbourhood, praying that a Reservoir may be constructed for storing water during the rainy months for their use.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

7. BERRIMA COAL MINE RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Berrima Coal Mine Railway Bill.

- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Myers, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Teece, Mr. Holborow, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

8. FISHERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to establish a system of Local Government*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

10. FISHERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 FEBRUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bridges over the Murray.—Wahgunyah-Corowa Bridge:—Mr. Levin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Victorian Government offered to pay half cost towards the erection of Bridges over the Murray at Howlong and Mulwala?

(2.) Have the Victorian Government offered to pay half towards purchasing the Wahgunyah-Corowa Bridge?

(3.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to accept that offer, and place the required sum on the Estimates for 1881 for that purpose?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Government of Victoria has expressed its desire to make reasonable concessions to terminate the collection of the heavy tolls levied at this Bridge.

(3.) The Government has not yet come to any determination with respect to the erection of Bridges at Howlong and Mulwala. With regard to the Wahgunyah Bridge, this Government advised the Chief Secretary of Victoria in January, 1880, that it was not considered advisable to purchase the Bridge at the price offered by the Company, as by the Act of Incorporation a sum less by £3,000 would suffice in 1883.

- (2.) Callan Park Asylum:—Mr. Trickett, for Mr. Tarrant, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The amount originally paid by the Government for Callan Park?

(2.) How much money has since been expended on the Asylum?

(3.) How many patients does it at present accommodate?

(4.) The amount of contract for the buildings at present in course of erection?

(5.) How many patients will Callan Park Hospital for the Insane accommodate when the buildings, for which contracts are at present let, are completed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The original price paid for Callan Park was £12,000.

(2.) £19,902 8s. 3d.

(3.) One hundred and forty.

(4.) £229,000.

(5.) Six hundred and sixty-six.

- (3.) Land Sale, Goangora:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the allotments in the township of Goangora, Namoi River, applied for on 29th November last, be submitted for sale?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The allotments in the township of Goangora will be offered for sale at auction, at Walgett, in April next.

- (4.) Boundary between New South Wales and Queensland:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the boundary line between New South Wales and Queensland, in the neighbourhood of the Moonie, Balloone, and Culgoa Rivers, been finally marked and settled by competent surveyors; and if so, would there be any objection to state particulars?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes, for 286 miles west from the Warrego River to South Australia. Mr. Surveyor Cameron is now surveying easterly from the Warrego River as far as the Macintyre River (about 200 miles). There is no objection to state the particulars.

- (5.) Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Lockhart:—Mr. Badgery asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has Mr. Maxwell resigned his position as Registrar of the District Court?

(2.) Has he applied for a pension under Schedule B, and when?

(3.) What amount of money is available under Schedule B?

(4.) How long has Mr. Maxwell been in the Service?

(5.) How long has Mr. Lockhart, late Commissioner for Crown Lands, been in the Service?

(6.) Has Mr. Lockhart's office been abolished? (7.)

- (7.) Has Mr. Lockhart applied for a pension under Schedule B, and when?
 (8.) Has Mr. Lockhart produced a certificate of incapacity, signed by Dr. J. C. Cox and Dr. P. Sydney Jones?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) No; but he applied on the 31st of August, 1880, to retire from active service under the provisions of the Superannuation Act of 1864, as amended by the Superannuation Act Repeal Act of 1873, 36 Vic. No. 29.
 (3.) £245 1s.
 (4.) Since the 2nd of February, 1843.
 (5.) Since the 27th of February, 1849; and as Commissioner of Crown Lands since the 11th of June, 1868.
 (6.) Yes; it was abolished on the 31st of December last.
 (7.) Yes; Mr. Lockhart applied on the 12th of October last.
 (8.) Yes.
2. PAPER:—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Returns showing the expenditure on Water Supply to Country Towns.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. WAGGA WAGGA GAS BILL:—Mr. Douglas, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 27th January, 1881; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as agreed to in the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Douglas then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 25th February.
 Question put and passed.
4. APPLICATIONS TO MINE UNDER RESERVES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 (1.) The names of individuals who have applied to mine for coal, shale, and minerals, other than gold, under any reserves which have been made since 1st January, 1874, up to 31st December, 1880 inclusive, and the area of land granted them, and the date of application.
 (2.) The number of applications which have been approved of.
 (3.) The amount in fees, if any, which has been received by the Government from parties whose applications have been approved of.
 (4.) The amount of money spent by applicants on improvements.
 (5.) The length of time each applicant can hold the land under the terms of his application.
 (6.) The names of individuals who have applied since 1st January, 1874, to 31st December, 1880, to mine for coal, shale, and minerals, other than gold, under any reserves or roads, and the date of application.
 Question put and passed.
5. HALL'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon Hall's Estate Bill.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brodribb, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Jacob, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Poole, Mr. Terry, Mr. Kidd, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
6. CONTEMPTS PUNISHMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
 Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

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| Sir Henry Parkes, | Mr. Foster, |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. Levin, |
| Mr. Lackey, | Mr. Jacob, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Garvan, |
| Mr. Wisdom, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, | Mr. Lyne, |
| Mr. Martin, | Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. Davies, | Mr. H. C. Dangar, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Burdekin, |
| Mr. Myers, | Mr. Beyers, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Burns, |
| Mr. Fletcher, | Mr. Garrard, |
| Mr. Abigail, | Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. Combes, |
| Mr. Eckford, | Mr. Fergusson, |
| Mr. T. G. Dangar, | Mr. Terry, |
| Mr. Pigott, | Mr. Russell Barton, |
| Mr. Roseby, | Mr. Kerr, |
| Mr. Trickett, | Mr. Murray, |
| Mr. Hezlet, | Mr. Poole, |
| Mr. Andrews, | Mr. Kidd, |
| Mr. Bodcl, | Dr. Renwick, |
| Mr. Cooke, | Mr. Garrott, |
| Mr. Loughnan, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Douglas, | Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. Rutledge, | Mr. Brunker. |
| Mr. Rylie, | |
| Mr. Wilkinson, | |

Noes, 5.

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| Mr. Copeland, |
| Mr. Farnell, |
| Mr. Buchanan, |
| <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Melville, |
| Mr. O'Connor. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. R. B. Smith then moved, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

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| Sir Henry Parkes, | Mr. Bodcl, |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. Andrews, |
| Mr. Lackey, | Mr. Hezlet, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Trickett, |
| Mr. Wisdom, | Mr. T. G. Dangar, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. Burdekin, |
| Mr. R. B. Smith, | Mr. Foster, |
| Mr. Young, | Mr. H. C. Dangar, |
| Mr. Martin, | Mr. Boyers, |
| Mr. Garrett, | Mr. Lyno, |
| Dr. Renwick, | Mr. Brunker, |
| Mr. Poole, | Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. Reid, | Mr. Pigott, |
| Mr. Kerr, | Mr. Fawcett, |
| Mr. Russell Barton, | Mr. Abigail, |
| Mr. Terry, | Mr. Fletcher, |
| Mr. Murray, | Mr. Myers, |
| Mr. Garvan, | Mr. Baker, |
| Mr. William Clarke, | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. Levin, | Mr. Davies, |
| Mr. Wilkinson, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Douglas, | Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, |
| Mr. Loughnan, | Mr. Fergusson. |
| Mr. Cooke, | |

Noes 5.

Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Kidd,
Tellers,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Roseby.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. CHALLENGE IN MISDEMBANOUR BILL:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

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| Mr. Copeland, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. O'Connor, | Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. Buchanan. |
| Mr. Myers, | |
| Mr. Proctor, | |
| Mr. Abigail, | |
| Mr. Garrard, | |
| Mr. Andrews, | |
| Mr. McLaughlin, | |
| Mr. Garvan, | |
| Mr. Cass, | |
| Mr. Levin, | |
| Mr. Poole, | |
| Mr. Lync, | |
| Mr. Russell Barton, | |
| Mr. Kerr, | |
| Mr. Young, | |
| Mr. Slattery, | |
| Mr. Kidd, | |

Noes, 38.

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| Sir Henry Parkes, | Mr. Hezlet, |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. T. G. Dangar, |
| Mr. Wisdom, | Mr. Cooke, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Garrett, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Burns, |
| Mr. R. P. Abbott, | Dr. Renwick, |
| Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, | Mr. William Clarke, |
| Mr. Jacob, | Mr. Loughnan, |
| Mr. Pigott, | Mr. Bowman, |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. Beyers, |
| Mr. Fergusson, | Mr. H. H. Brown, |
| Mr. Murray, | Mr. Baker, |
| Mr. Foster, | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. Burdekin, | Mr. Davies, |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar, | Mr. Martin, |
| Mr. Torry, | Mr. Brunker, |
| Mr. Wilkinson, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Henry Clarke, | Mr. Trickett, |
| Mr. Sco, | Mr. Roseby. |
| Mr. Douglas, | |

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott then moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

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| Sir Henry Parkes, | Mr. Andrews, |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. T. G. Dangar, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Garvan, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Garrard, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Foster, |
| Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, | Mr. Terry, |
| Mr. Wisdom, | Mr. William Clarke, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. Fawcett, |
| Mr. Davies, | Mr. Burdekin, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. Purves, | Mr. McLaughlin, |
| Mr. Brunker, | Mr. Russell Barton, |
| Mr. Myers, | Mr. Beyers, |
| Mr. Proctor, | Mr. Levin, |
| Mr. Abigail, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Pigott, |
| Mr. Trickett, | Mr. Young. |
| Mr. Slattery, | |

Noes, 2.

Tellers,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Roseby.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Abbott, that the Bill be withdrawn.

8. IMPRISONED DEBTORS SUPPORT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—

And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

9. MOUNT KEMBLA COAL AND OIL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Public School at Bulahdelah:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Were plans and specifications prepared for a new Public School at Bulahdelah some two years ago, and tenders twice called for the erection of a building; if so, were any tenders received?

(2.) If tenders were received, was any tender accepted; if not, has he any objection to state for what reason?

(3.) Was a petition presented to the Minister for Public Instruction in August last by Mr. Copeland, M.P., from Bulahdelah, setting forth the inadequacy of the present school-house there, and praying for more suitable accommodation?

(4.) Did the same Minister receive a letter from Mr. Jacob, M.P., dated 2nd December of last year, informing him of the insufficient size and drawbacks of the said school; if so, has that communication been replied to?

(5.) Did the Minister referred to receive, on or about the 17th of last December, copy of resolutions passed at a public meeting of parents and guardians of children attending the aforesaid school, complaining of continued inattention to petitions for increased school accommodation, and alleging harmful results to the children from the condition of the building, and aggravations thereof to follow if prompt measures were not taken to remedy the grievance?

(6.) If any or all of the above-mentioned documents have been received, what action has been taken to allay the irritated feelings of the parents and guardians, and provide a more healthy and suitable school building?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It will be very difficult to give answers to these questions in the ordinary way, and I propose to lay a statement upon the Table, giving the information sought, probably to-morrow or the following day.

(2.) Produce conveyed by Railway to Sydney:—Mr. Myers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What are the respective quantities of the following kinds of agricultural produce which have been trucked to the Metropolis from places beyond 150 miles of Sydney during the year 1880, viz.:—Hay, straw, grain, and potatoes?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Hay, 1,228 tons; straw, 696 tons; grain, 2,592 tons; potatoes, 166 tons.

(3.) Alienation of Land at South Head of Botany Bay:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any, and if so what, portion of the South Head of Botany Bay, known as Point Sutherland and Colonel's Corner, been alienated by the Crown?

(2.) If there has been any such alienation, does it include the spot on which Captain Cook, the discoverer of this part of Australia, is supposed to have landed?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The western part of the South Head of Botany Bay was alienated in the year 1815 as part of 700 acres granted to J. Birnie; it embraces what is known as Colonel's Corner, which is believed to be the spot where Captain Cook landed.

(4.) Trade on the River Darling:—Mr. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that between July and January last over 40,000 bales of wool have passed down the River Darling to South Australia and Echuca for Victoria, and not one bale to Sydney?

(2.) Is it true that the Government have a large party of men snagging the Darling River and keeping it clear of fallen trees, thereby enabling steamers from neighbouring Colonies to take the whole of the Darling trade from New South Wales?

(3.) Will the Government cause inquiries to be made into the foregoing, with a view of taking steps if possible to keep the trade in this Colony?

Mr.

Mr. Lackey answered,—I am aware that large quantities of wool from this Colony pass down the Darling in transit to the neighbouring Colonies, and also that the Government have been and are spending money with a view of facilitating the navigation of the Darling. It is thought that the policy of giving such facilities to a considerable number of our fellow colonists a just one, especially when it is considered that the Darling is the only highway open at present to the residents of that district.

(5.) The Hurlstone Estate :—Mr. Purves asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government purchased the Hurlstone property; if so, from whom, and at what price?
- (2.) Is he aware that the same was subdivided, offered for sale at auction, and that no satisfactory price could be obtained for any allotment?
- (3.) Has the Government other property contiguous to the Hurlstone Estate dedicated to the same object for which the Hurlstone property was purchased, and has not a considerable sum been expended on the same?
- (4.) What do the Government contemplate doing with the land previously purchased for the same object as the Hurlstone Estate?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Government have, under the provisions of the "Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act," resumed possession of the property known as the Hurlstone Estate for the purposes of a Training School, but have not paid any money nor agreed to any price.
- (2.) The Government have not any knowledge whether the property has been subdivided or offered for sale at auction.
- (3.) The Government have other property in the neighbourhood, but not contiguous, upon which £673 has been expended since its purchase.
- (4.) It is intended to sell this latter property under clause 4 of the "Public Instruction Act," as it has been found unsuitable for a Training School.

(6.) Price obtained for Alienated Crown Lands :—Mr. Purves asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the average price per acre for all lands alienated for the last five years?
- (2.) What is the average price per acre for all land alienated in the Riverina District for the last five years, and how much has been alienated?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) £1 1s. 5d.
 - (2.) £1 1s. 2½d. is the average price per acre of land alienated, and an area of 4,655,508 has been sold.
- (7.) Postmaster at Lower Gundaroo :—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Postmaster General,—When will the correspondence relating to the removal of the Postmaster at Lower Gundaroo, moved for on 9th July, 1880, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The Return is now ready, and I will lay it upon the Table this afternoon.

(8.) Deposits on Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Myers asked the Secretary for Lands,—What amount of deposit money has been received by the Government from conditional purchasers of Crown Lands during the ten years from 1870 to 1880 inclusive?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The amount of deposits on conditional purchases credited at the Treasury during the ten years from 1870 to 1880 inclusive, £3,388,200 14s. 6d.

(9.) Road on North Side of Namoi River :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that there is no surveyed road on the north side of the Namoi River from Narrabri to Walgett?
- (2.) Will steps be taken to cause a survey of this road at once and proclaimed for public use, to enable conditional purchasers and others in wet seasons to reach Narrabri Railway?
- (3.) Will such road be placed upon the Schedule and a yearly grant given for its maintenance?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) Yes. Instruction for survey is in the hands of Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Clements.
 - (2.) The Surveyor General is at present absent from town, but his attention will be drawn to the subject upon his return.
 - (3.) Such provision as may be necessary will be made when the road has been opened.
- (10.) Deeds in the Registrar General's Office :—Mr. Levin asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What number of Deeds registered in the Registrar General's Office, Deeds Branch, are there not yet indexed?
 - (2.) Have complaints been made of such state of arrears?
 - (3.) What steps, if any, will be taken to reduce such arrears?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) 2,868.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Provision has been made on the Estimates for an additional clerk for this service.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return in reference to Goods Traffic on the Great Northern Railway.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 9th July, 1880,—"Removal of the late Postmaster at Lower Gundaroo."
Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—
"Immigration."—Ship "Glamis."
Ordered to be printed.

4. **PIER AT MANLY** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Municipal Council of Manly and the Minister for Lands and the Minister for Mines respectively in reference to the land on which the Manly Pier stands.
Question put and passed.

5. **MINERAL LEASES OF TIN LANDS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amount received by the Treasurer for Mineral Leases of Tin Lands in the Northern Districts since 1st January, 1871.
Question put and passed.

6. **MOUNT KEMBLA COAL AND OIL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company Limited to construct two lines of Railway from land near Mount Kembla belonging to the said Company and to connect the same with the sea-coast at Red Point and Wollongong respectively.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company Limited to construct two lines of Railway from land near Mount Kembla belonging to the said Company and to connect the same with the sea-coast at Red Point and Wollongong respectively,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon; together with a copy of the Memorandum of Association of the Company, and plans of the proposed lines of Railway.

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Sydney, 15th February, 1881.*

7. **PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN A COURT OF LAW**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had been subpoenaed to attend at the Supreme Court in a case—*Heaton v. Richards*—to produce certain records of the House having reference to the printing and publication of a book entitled "*The Australian Dictionary of Dates and Men of the Time,*"—

And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such subpoena without the leave of the House,—

Put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said subpoena personally, or by one of the officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

8. **INTEREST ON BALANCES DUE ON CONDITIONAL PURCHASES**:—Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) "That," in the opinion of this House, it is of the utmost importance to encourage the development of agriculture, and to promote the occupation of the soil by settlers; and that in view of the present state of agriculture in the Colony it is most urgent that steps to this end should be taken at once.

(2.) That no stinted liberality ought to characterise the manner in which Parliament should approach the question of the alienation of the public lands to that class of colonists who settle on the soil, and who by their industry and discernment make it most productive for the whole community.

(3.) That no class of persons ought ever to be placed in individual and direct subordination to the State in a relation different from that occupied by other classes.

(4.) That, therefore, it is advisable in the best interests of the country to alter the system which makes conditional purchasers interminable Crown tenants and Crown debtors instead of holders of the said lands in fee simple.

(5.) That, therefore, the payment of interest upon the balances due upon conditional purchases should cease on and after the 1st of July next, and grants issue upon the payment of balances by annual payments not to exceed one shilling per acre each.

(6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That" in the first Resolution, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "in the opinion of this House conditional purchasers should be allowed to pay off their balances by annual instalments of one shilling per acre without interest."

"(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

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

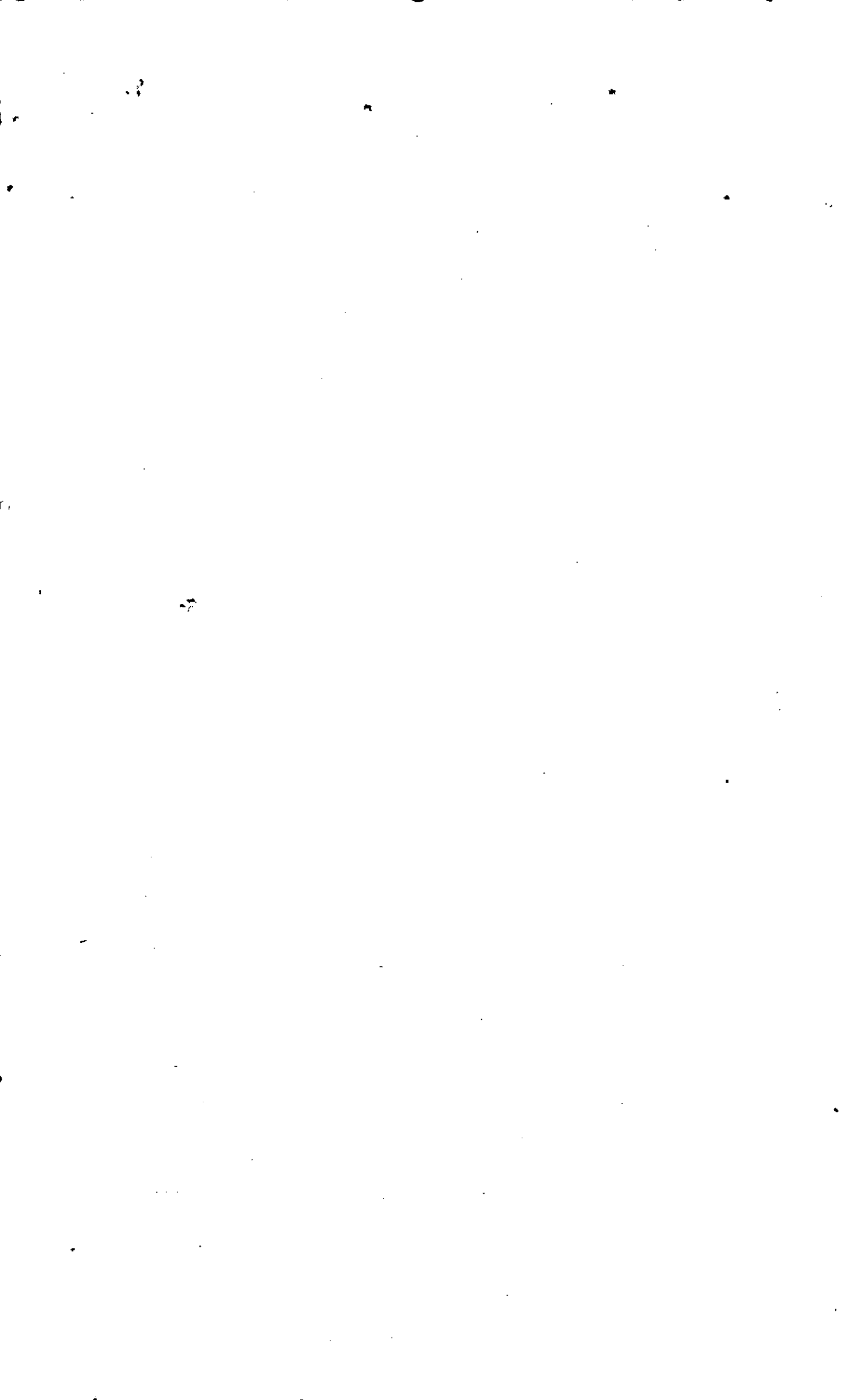
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 25th February.

The House adjourned at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Reserve at the Shades, near Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has Mr. District-Surveyor Fisher received any instructions to survey or report on a reserve of 100 acres for recreation purposes, applied for within the last three years, and again recently, at the Shades, near Molong; if so, has any report on the same been received; if not, will he say what is the cause of the delay?

(2.) Is Mr. Surveyor Sharp, or any other Surveyor, at present surveying land in the vicinity of Molong or Bob's Creek; if so, to whom does the land belong, upon whose application is the survey being made, what area has he to survey, and when is the work likely to be finished?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) An application to have 100 acres of land near Molong dedicated for public recreation was received on the 25th ultimo, and forwarded to Mr. District-Surveyor Fisher for report on the 27th of the same month. No report has yet been received, but there does not appear to have been any delay.

(2.) I am not aware; but the necessary inquiry will be made, as since the notice of the question has been given it is impossible to ascertain.

- (2.) Reserves on Banks of Parramatta River :—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he lay upon the Table of the House the Map of the survey of the Parramatta River showing all the reserves made by the Government on its banks?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I learn that tracings are now being prepared at the Survey Office, where alone they can be obtained, showing the information asked by the Honorable Member. The tracings will be completed and laid upon the Table as quickly as possible, but I am not in a position at present to name the exact date.

- (3.) Alignment of Streets, Parramatta :—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has the Government received an application from the Borough Council of Parramatta, dated the 19th July, 1880, asking for the alignment of certain streets in the said borough; if so, when will the application be complied with?

Mr. Baker answered,—Yes. Instructions issued to Mr. District-Surveyor Woolrych in November for action; he has been requested to expedite the survey.

- (4.) Deepening the Parramatta River :—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received a Petition, signed by the Mayor of the Borough of Parramatta on behalf of inhabitants of the said borough, praying that the Parramatta River be deepened, to obviate the great nuisance occasioned by the imperfect arrangements made by the Government to drain their establishments into the said river; if so, what is the intention of the Government in regard to the Petition?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Such a Petition has been received, but no decision has been come to as to the most desirable steps to be taken in the matter. It is now receiving attention at the hands of the professional officers of the department.

12. **VOTE OF CREDIT** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. James Watson, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1881, together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

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Sydney, 15th February, 1881.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. **PAPERS** :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Further Despatch respecting the disallowance of the Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Act.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **FISHERIES BILL** :—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from Prawn Fishers, residing on the River Hunter, praying that a clause may be inserted in the Fisheries Bill providing that Prawn Fishing shall not commence before the 1st day of October in each year, and terminate on the 1st day of May in each year following.
Petition received.

5. **SUPPLY**.—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

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

Ordered, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The House adjourned at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Chinese Immigration:—Mr. Poole asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in during the present Session any measure restrictive of Chinese Immigration to this Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to restrict Chinese Immigration; but the Government is anxious to act concurrently with the Government of Victoria in this matter.

- (2.) Coroner for Murrurundi:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, asked the Attorney General,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Coroner for the District of Murrurundi?

Mr. Wisdom answered,—Further inquiry will be instituted, and the appointment made if necessary.

- (3.) Obstruction to Harbour of Port Macquarie:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the wreck of the steamship "Ballina" has been allowed to remain for about two years obstructing the channel and fairway at the entrance to Port Macquarie harbour?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that where a portion of the said wreck now lies there was 10 feet of water two years ago, immediately before the wreck of the said vessel?
 - (3.) How many complaints and petitions for the removal of this obstruction have been made and presented to the Marine Board and other departments of the Government?
 - (4.) Is the Colonial Treasurer aware that the said wreck has been the cause of a sandspit forming, and rendering the port very unsafe for navigation by the vessels usually trading there?
 - (5.) What steps do the Government intend to take for the removal of the said wreck?
 - (6.) Has the Colonial Treasurer any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all petitions, letters, and other papers in connection with the said wreck, and the consequent filling up of the entrance of the harbour of Port Macquarie?

Mr. Watson answered,—

- (1.) The "Ballina" was wrecked about two years ago at the entrance to Port Macquarie, and her remains still lie there.
 - (2.) It is probable, from the changing nature of the Port Macquarie bar, that there were 10 feet of water two years ago where a portion of the wreck now lies.
 - (3.) Three complaints have come to the Marine Board on the subject.
 - (4.) There is a sand-spit formed near the wreck at the present time, rendering the port difficult for navigation; but whether this is due to the changing nature of the place or to the wreck of the vessel, which is now in several pieces, is not clear.
 - (5.) Several communications have been addressed to the owners of the wreck with a view to its removal.
 - (6.) The papers will be laid upon the Table in the course of a few days.
- (4.) Alienation of Crown Lands:—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Lands,—What number of acres of land were alienated during 1880 by way severally of conditional purchase, additional conditional purchase, mineral conditional purchase, after auction selection, Volunteer land orders, improvement purchase, auction sales (country lots), and auction sales (town lots), with the amount of money received on account of the above alienations under each separate form of sale?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of the House, in the shape of a Return, the information asked for in this question.

(5.)

(5.) Dimond's Licensing Case :—Mr. Foster asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Colonial Secretary had under his consideration the conduct of certain gentlemen holding Her Majesty's Commission of the Peace in the proceedings in Dimond's Licensing Case on the 11th June last year ?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary state what course he intends to adopt in reference thereto ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The conduct of certain Magistrates in this matter has been under the consideration of the Government, and the action of the Government has, as yet, not concluded. I appeal, therefore, to the Honorable Member's sense of propriety not to press the question any further at this time.

(6.) Annexation of Golden Grove to Municipality of Darlington :—Mr. Foster asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he received a Petition from certain persons residing at Golden Grove, asking to be annexed to Darlington Municipality as rate-payers ?

(2.) Will the Government carry out the prayer of the Petition ; and what steps have been taken in the matter ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A Petition was received from the residents of Golden Grove, but being informal it had to be sent back to the petitioners for amendment. It has since been returned, and the necessary steps will be taken for its publication, in accordance with the "Municipalities Act," without delay.

(7.) Bridge over the Hunter River at Bowman's Crossing :—Mr. Davies, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to Bridge over the Hunter River at Bowman's Crossing, near Jerry's Plains,—When are the Government likely to call for tenders for its erection, and does he intend to carry out his promise made in the Assembly when I withdrew my motion on the subject ; if so, when ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A delay has arisen in this case on account of change of officers. Tenders will be invited within a month for a high-level bridge, with enclosed approaches.

(8.) Court-house at Orange :—Mr. Kerr asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to call for tenders for the erection of the Court-house at Orange ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders for this work will be invited in about three weeks time.

(9.) Agricultural Produce received into Port Jackson :—Mr. Myers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What are the respective quantities of the following kinds of agricultural produce which have been received into Port Jackson during the year 1880, viz.,—Hay, straw, chaff, flour, wheat, bran, pollard, oats, and potatoes ?

Mr. Watson answered,—The information asked for cannot be given, as there are no records of the coast trade in this Colony ; but a Return has been prepared showing the quantities of the articles mentioned, which were received in Port Jackson from Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, New Zealand, and Tasmania in the year 1880, which is as follows :—

| From | Hay, &c. &c. | Flour. | Wheat. | Bran. | Pollard. | Oats. | Potatoes. |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------|
| | Tons. | Tons. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Tons. |
| Victoria..... | 7,982 | 5,725 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 164,572 | 55,301 | 13,745 | 700 | 16,360 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Queensland | 12 | 2 | 19 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| South Australia | 10 | 16,669 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 146,571 | ..... | 50 | ..... | 664 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| New Zealand | 9 | 91 | 23,604 | 214,167 | 7,566 | 90,949 | 6,298 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Tasmania | 894 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 69 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 17,796 | 27,398 | 1,406 | 16,823 | 2,644 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| | 8,907 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 22,557 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 352,562 | 296,866 | 22,767 | 108,472 | 26,015 $\frac{3}{4}$ |

(10.) Mr. E. C. Cracknell :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Postmaster General,—Has his attention been directed to a statement which appeared in the *Evening News* newspaper on the 15th instant, accusing Mr. E. C. Cracknell of neglect of duty in the delivery of telegrams ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—My attention was directed to a paragraph that appeared in the *Evening News*, and I called upon the Superintendent of Telegraphs, and he has forwarded me the following report, which I consider satisfactory, and I am convinced that neither he nor any of the officers of the department are to blame :—“As the boat-race was pulled on the Thames about midnight, Sydney “time, the Eastern Cable Company very courteously cleared their lines and sent an express “telegram so that it would arrive here in time for publication on the morning of the 15th instant. “The news was telegraphed to me, when I gave directions for copies to be forwarded to the papers. “Mr. Moloney, the officer in charge, had written two copies, which were sent to the *Herald* and “*Daily Telegraph*, and was commencing to write another for the *Evening News* when Mr. Caswell, “connected with that paper, came in at 4:5 a.m., and was informed of the result of the race by “Mr. Moloney ; so that it will be clearly seen that there was no favouritism, but, on the contrary, “the representative of the *Evening News* was the first to receive the information. It has been “the practice for many years past to supply the whole of the daily Sydney newspapers with any “information received and likely to be of any interest to the general public.—E. C. CRACKNELL, “17/2/81.”

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Return showing the number of acres of Crown Land alienated during the year 1880, and the amount received for the same.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Public School at Bulahdelah.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ACQUISITION OF LANDS BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY :—Mr. Davies presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Sydney, praying the House to favourably consider a measure to be introduced empowering the City Council to acquire lands or other properties situate beyond their present jurisdiction for such purposes as they may consider will be advantageous to the public.
Petition received.
4. BERRIMA COAL MINE RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Garrett, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 10th February, 1881; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 25th February.
Question put and passed.
5. SUPPLY (*Reception of Resolution*) :—The Chairman of Committees reported from the Committee of Supply a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1881 a sum not exceeding £409,750, being £332,750 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1881, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1880, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1881; £70,000 for wages of Railway Employés and Railway Services generally for the months of February and March, 1881; and £7,000 for wages of Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, and other Services for the months of February and March, 1881.
On motion of Mr. James Watson, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
6. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1881, the sum of £409,750 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1881; for wages of Railway Employés and Railway Services generally; and for wages of Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, and other Services for the months of February and March, 1881.
On motion of Mr. Watson, the Resolution was read a second time.
Mr. Watson then moved, That the Resolution be now agreed to.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2) :—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. James Watson, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 3), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1881.
(2.) Mr. Watson then presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1881*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed.
8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. James Watson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through its remaining stages in one day of a Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1881.
Question put and passed.
9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2),—on motion of Mr. James Watson, read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Watson, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
10. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1881, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £1,929 to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Vic. cap. 54.
On motion of Mr. Watson, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

11. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James Watson moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Watson, *passed*.

Mr. Watson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1881.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1881,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th February, 1881.

12. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Mr. Farnell (*by consent*) moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "until To-morrow at Seven o'clock."
Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.
Question,—That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Seven o'clock,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at two minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at *Seven* o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 FEBRUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Free Public Library :—*Mr. Joseph P. Abbott*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House (*as exhibits only*) the Plans for the proposed Free Public Library?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There will be no objection whatever to laying these plans upon the Table as exhibits.

(2.) Road from Gunnedah to Barraba :—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) With reference to the final decision arrived at in regard to the several suggested routes of road from Gunnedah to Barraba,—Which line has been approved of, if more than one adopted, and has such been opened and proclaimed to the public; if so, date?

(2.) Has due regard been made for proper supply of water to travellers, &c., on the road determined upon?

(3.) Does a travelling stock road exist along this line; if so, date of proclamation and extent; and is there a Scheduled Vote for this road, and amount?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) By recent proclamation of several short lengths of road a continuous route has been obtained, partly through alienated land *via* parishes Weetalibah, Yarrari, Tuleumba, Willuri, and Rangari, joining the Carroll Road at Borah, and the Tamworth Road at Oaky Creek. This line was confirmed on 11th January, 1881.

(2.) There are nine water reserves upon this road between Gunnedah and Borah; but I am not in a position to say what extent a supply of water is available for travellers.

(3.) No; the road being between and through alienated land for a great part of the way, a travelling stock route is not possible. The road is on Schedule, as a 3rd class road for 25 miles from Gunnedah towards Barraba, £375.

(3.) Site for Public School at Bulla Creek :—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. W. J. Watson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will a decision be arrived at with respect to an application for a site for a Public School at Bulla Creek?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—An objection has been raised by the Rev. J. Maitland Ware to the appropriation for Public School purposes of the site above referred to, on the grounds that it is unsuitable and that the land has been already dedicated for a road; no such dedication can, however, be traced in the Survey Office, and the District Surveyor will be directed to report on the application.

(4.) Telegraph Office, Harden Railway Station :—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. W. J. Watson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—For the convenience of the people of Young, Grenfell, and others who have their goods consigned to Harden Railway Station,—Will he have any objection to open the Railway Telegraph Office at that place to the public, the nearest Public Telegraph Office being at Murrumburrah, 2 miles distant, and no convenience for delivering messages to Harden except by post?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No objection to this on the part of the Railway Department; and I will communicate with my Honorable Colleague, the Postmaster General, on the subject, with the view to the Public and Railway Telegraphs Systems, which are now separate at this place, being connected for the purpose.

(5.)

- (5.) Railway Plat form at Two-mile Creek :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. W. J. Watson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to grant the inhabitants of Two-mile Creek, on the Southern Railway between Murrumburrah and Wallendbeen, a platform and siding?

Mr. Lackey answered,—As far as I am at present advised, a platform or siding is not required at this place; but I will direct further inquiry to be made.

- (6.) Water Supply for Temora :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. W. J. Watson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Government decided on any scheme for the purpose of supplying the Temora Gold Fields with water?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This matter is now being considered, but it is surrounded with some difficulties. A determination, however, will be arrived at as early as possible.

- (7.) Postal Arrangements—Wombat, Young, and Grenfell :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. W. J. Watson*, asked the Postmaster General,—Seeing there is an alteration in the arrival and departure of Mails at Murrumburrah,—Will he alter the arrivals and departures of Mails from Wombat, Young, and Grenfell proportionately, viz., to arrive half-an-hour earlier and depart an hour and a quarter later?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Yes; the necessary alterations have been directed, and they come into operation to-day.

- (8.) Public School at Thorp's Pinch :—*Mr. Combes* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a Public School at Thorp's Pinch?
- (2.) Is the Government aware that the present school is taught in a church, which will be quite unfit for children to stay in during the winter months?
- (3.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Government that the present teacher at Thorp's Pinch is uncertificated?
- (4.) Will the Government appoint a higher class teacher; and if so, when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) It is the intention of the Government to establish this school, but delay has taken place in the Architect's department; but he will be urged to expedite the matter.

(2.) The school is at present conducted in the Presbyterian Church—a building in which there is no fire-place.

(3.) The teacher of the former Provisional School has been allowed to remain in charge since it has become a Public School.

(4.) A duly certificated teacher will be appointed as soon as it can be done without unnecessary prejudice to the lady now in charge of the school.

- (9.) Narrabri Gaol :—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to construct a stone or brick wall around the new Narrabri Gaol in place of one of iron as contemplated, the latter being considered risky and not suitable for the climate?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is proposed to erect a brick wall instead of the iron fence provided for by contract.

- (10.) Tenders for Grey Tweed :—*Mr. O'Connor* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was a letter sent to his department alleging certain reasons for the non-acceptance of a tender by Messrs. Bergan & Sons for the supply of grey tweed?

(2.) Was the tender of Messrs. Bergan & Sons accepted notwithstanding that letter?

(3.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the letter referred to?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

(1 and 3.) I am not aware of any letter of the kind; but if the Honorable Member will supply the name of the writer and the date I will cause inquiry to be made.

(2.) If the Honorable Member refers to a tender called for "Grey Woollen for Prisoners Clothing" in August, 1880, *Mr. James Bergan* was the successful tenderer, because the lowest.

2. BALMAIN CEMETERY BILL :—*Mr. McCulloch*, for *Mr. Edmund Barton*, presented a Petition from the Mayor, and others, of the Municipal District of Leichhardt, alleging that certain provisions of the Balmain Cemetery Bill contravene By-laws made by the said Municipality; and praying that leave be granted to them to appear by Counsel in support of their allegations before the Select Committee to which the Bill has been referred, or at the Bar of the House.
Petition received.

3. MR. H. POLSON :—*Mr. Foster* presented a Petition from *H. Polson*, representing that a road has been surveyed through his property, known as "Pigeon Grove," and that such road would damage his property; and praying the House not to sanction the opening of the said road.
Petition received.

4. WATER SUPPLY FOR SYDNEY AND SUBURBS :—*Mr. Poole* presented a Petition from Citizens of Sydney, in favour of submitting the rival schemes for supplying Sydney and the Suburbs with water to some competent and impartial professional authority; and praying the House to take the necessary steps for securing such an inquiry.
Petition received.

5. SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND TEACHERS UNDER THE PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copy of Circular issued by the late Council of Education, and dated 31st May, 1873, containing extracts from the Minutes of the Council in respect of the "Augmentation of Salaries of Officers and Teachers for provident purposes."

(2.) Copy of Circular relating to the same, issued by the Under Secretary for Public Instruction, and dated 10th January, 1881.

(3.) A Return showing the items of particulars prepared by the late Council of Education upon which was based the sum of £13,590 passed by Parliament in its last Session for miscellaneous purposes.

Question put and passed.

6. ROAD THROUGH MR. POLSON'S LAND, KNOWN AS "PIGEON GROVE" (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all petitions, letters and other papers, including Mr. Surveyor Evans's report, referring to a road through "Pigeon Grove" (Mr. H. Polson's land), at Redbank, Manning River, which road is required in order to connect the Oxley Island Government Road with the Redbank Government Road.
Question put and passed.
7. SITE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AT BULLA CREEK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. W. J. Watson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Council of Education and the Rev. J. M. Ware and others, having reference to a site for a Public School at Bulla Creek, also a copy of the Inspector's report thereon.
Question put and passed.
8. ACQUISITION OF LANDS BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to purchase or otherwise become possessed of lands and other premises situate beyond the boundaries of the City which could be appropriated for the purpose of Baths and other public uses.
Question put and passed.
9. PRESS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. McLaughlin moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.
Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

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| Sir Henry Parkes, | Mr. Poole, |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. Holborow, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Bodcl, |
| Mr. Lackey, | Mr. Turner, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Burns, |
| Mr. Cass, | Mr. Withers, |
| Mr. G. A. Lloyd, | Mr. Henson, |
| Mr. R. B. Smith, | Mr. Roseby, |
| Mr. McLaughlin, | Mr. Abigail, |
| Mr. John Brown, | Mr. H. H. Brown, |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar, | Mr. Copeland, |
| Mr. Garrett, | Mr. Eckford, |
| Mr. O'Connor, | Mr. See, |
| Mr. Garrard, | Mr. Baker, |
| Mr. Slattery, | Mr. Fawcett, |
| Mr. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Carter, |
| Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Fletcher, |
| Mr. Fullford, | Mr. T. G. Dangar, |
| Mr. Jacob, | Mr. Byrnes, |
| Mr. Foster, | Mr. Purves, |
| Mr. Bowman, | Mr. Cameron, |
| Mr. Perry, | |
| Mr. Rylie, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Melville, | Mr. Pigott, |
| Mr. Garvan, | Dr. Renwick. |
| Mr. Vaughn, | |

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| Mr. Farnell, |
| Mr. Brodribb, |
| Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Tarrant, |
| Mr. McCulloch, |
| Mr. Combes, |
| Mr. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Wilkinson, |
| Mr. Loughnan, |
| Mr. Douglas, |
| Mr. Cramsie, |
| Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. Wilson, |
| Mr. Proctor, |
| Mr. Buchanan, |
| Mr. Davies, |
| <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Burdekin, |
| Mr. Joseph P. Abbott. |

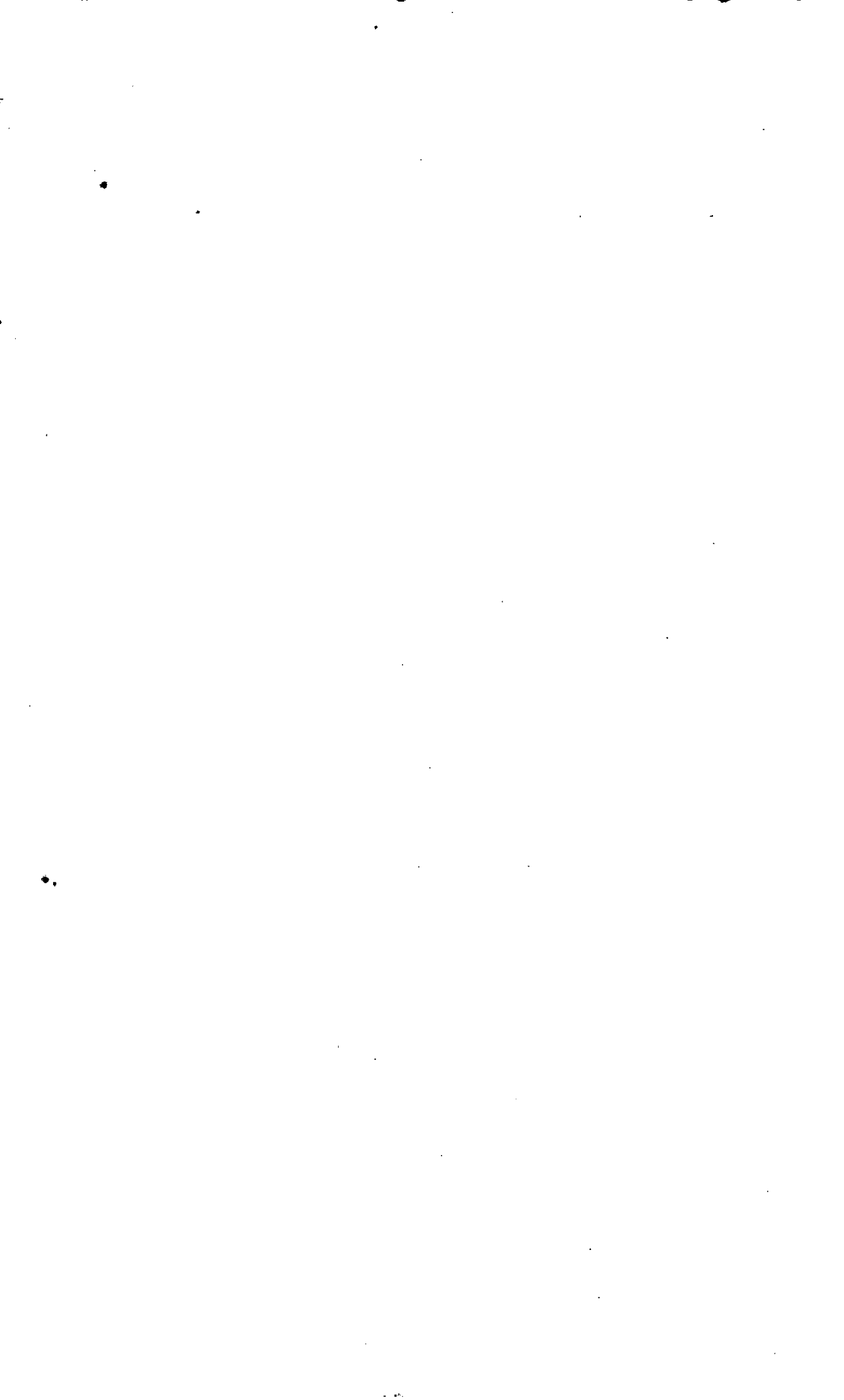
And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 4th March.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
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| (1.) Petition of Mrs. Mary Jones ; resumption of adjourned Debate ;— | } until Friday next. |
| (2.) Sydney Water Supply ; resumption of adjourned Debate ;— | |
| (3.) Anatomy Bill ; second reading ;— until Friday, 11th March. | |
| (4.) Kurrajong Land and Riley-street Surry Hills Land Sales Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee) ; second reading ;—until Friday, 4th March. | |

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Road from Walgett to Coonamble:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What decision has been arrived at with reference to the road from Walgett to Coonamble, *via* Nugil Swamp?

(2.) Is it intended to abandon this road, repair or pile Nugil Swamp, so as to make it available and crossable to the public in wet seasons, or to adopt the deviation road to Cumbogoland, as asked for by petition, accompanied by plan; and if so, to provide funds for a bridge over the Castlereagh River at Cumbogoland?

(3.) Has, or will, this road be placed upon the Schedule of Minor Roads?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) A decision has not been arrived at yet; but the matter is under consideration.

(2.) Petitions from the residents of the town and district of Walgett, from the residents of the town and district of Coonamble, also from the Coonamble Municipal authorities, praying for a deviation of the road *via* Cumbogoland, have been sent to the District Surveyor for his report.(3.) I am informed that the road *via* Nugil is on Schedule for this year—71 miles, £710.

(2.) Redfern Railway Station:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the total number of passengers arriving at the Redfern Railway Station during the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1880 respectively?

(2.) What was the total number of tickets issued during each of the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, and 1880 at the Redfern, Newtown, Petersham, Ashfield, Burwood, Homebush, and Parramatta Stations respectively?

(3.) What was the total number of tons of goods carried by the Great Southern and Western Railways to and from the Redfern Railway Station during the respective years mentioned in question No. 2?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I will, to-morrow, lay upon the Table the answers to the Honorable Member's questions in the form of a Return.

(3.) Patents:—Mr. Henson asked the Attorney General,—

(1.) How many Patents were applied for during the year 1880?

(2.) How many Patents were granted?

(3.) What was the total amount paid by the persons to whom they were issued?

(4.) Who received the money, and how was it appropriated?

Mr. Wisdom answered,—

(1.) One hundred and two (102).

(2.) Ninety-five (95).

(3.) One thousand nine hundred pounds (£1,900).

(4.) The sum paid into the Treasury is £20 in each case. The Attorney General receives £5 for perusing the papers connected with each application, and perusing and settling draft Letters of Registration. The Attorney General's Secretary receives £1. The Crown Solicitor receives £5 10s. 6d. for preparing Letters of Registration. A Board consisting of two persons, who receive £3 3s. each for their services, is always appointed to examine and report upon all Petitions for Letters of Registration. The balance (£2 3s. 6d.) remains in the Treasury.

(4.) Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many free selectors were there, and what area selected, when the "Amended Land Act of 1875" came into operation?

(2.) How many of such selectors (stating the area they represent) have since availed themselves of the terminable payment system provided in the Act of 1875?

Mr.

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) 84,479 selections; 7,764,480 acres selected.
 - (2.) 4,390 selections; 421,339 acres 38 perches up to 31st December, 1880. I may state in further explanation, that the amount represented under the Act of 1875 is $5\frac{2}{3}$ per cent.; the amount under the Act of 1861 is $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
- (5.) Cemetery at Bowling Alley Point:—*Mr. Burdekin*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has any land been dedicated as a General Cemetery at Bowling Alley Point?
 - (2.) Have Trustees been appointed for such Cemetery; and if so, their names?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Yes; $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres.
 - (2.) No; all the denominations have not yet nominated Trustees. Those nominated will now be appointed.
- (6.) Timber Reserves in Namoi Electorate:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Mines,— Will there be any objection to place upon the Table of this House a tracing or lithograph, for printing, showing all timber reserves in the Namoi Electorate, with area of each, and date of proclamation and number, together with copy of all existing regulations having reference thereto, or any special ones made regarding the cutting of timber on these reserves not embodied in the general timber licenses?

Mr. Baker answered,—There will be no objection to place upon the Table of this House a tracing or lithograph showing all timber reserves in the Namoi Electorate as soon as the same can be procured from the Lands Department. No special regulations have been made in reference to cutting timber on those reserves; the only regulations in force are those published on the 24th of September, 1878.

- (7.) Police at Wilcannia:—*Mr. Brodribb* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he increased the Police Staff at Wilcannia, in view of the influx of population consequent on the discovery of gold at Mount Poole, Wilcannia being the nearest town to the new diggings; and if not, will he do so?

Mr. James Watson answered,—The Police Force at Wilcannia has not been increased; but additional men will be sent thither if necessary. In the meantime the Serjeant of Police at Wilcannia has gone to Mount Poole to make inquiries and report.

2. PAPER:—*Mr. Lackey* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 2nd March, 1880,—“Murrumburrah Railway Station.”
Ordered to be printed.

3. FREE RAILWAY PASSES TO MR. McELHONE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between any Member of this House and the Government relative to Free Passes on the Railway granted on the application of Mr. McElhone; also all applications made by Mr. McElhone to the Government for Free Railway Passes within the last year, verbal or otherwise.
Question put and passed.

4. CONTRACTS OF WILLIAM BURNETT FOR BRIDGES AT ABERDEEN AND BOWMAN'S CREEK (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Garrett* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all documents, reports, minutes, and correspondence having reference to the contracts of William Burnett in connection with the bridges that were carried away at Aberdeen and Bowman's Creek.
Question put and passed.

5. JOHN BLACK'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT MUSWELLBROOK (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McLaughlin* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers referring to the selection of John Black at Muswellbrook, shown on Plan D. 1,507-2,083, being conditional purchase 76-175, Muswellbrook, and alienation of the same land to F. White.
Question put and passed.

6. ROADS FROM GUNNEDAH TO BARRABA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Joseph P. Abbott* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, with tracings (if any), that has taken place between the Government, the District or any other Surveyors, or any other person, respecting the opening up of roads from Gunnedah to Barraba since the order of this House of the 4th November, 1879, to the present time.
Question put and passed.

7. JURY LIST, NARRABRI (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Levien, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The names of all persons struck off the Jury List by the Bench of Magistrates at Narrabri when last revising the same.
 - (2.) A list of all the new names placed upon the same Jury Roll at the same revision.
- Question put and passed.

8. RAILWAY RATES ON COLONIAL PRODUCE:—*Mr. Myers* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this “House,” the Railway Rates on Colonial Produce are excessive and unequal, and should be reduced.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.

Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “House,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “while the Railway Rates should be reasonable, fair, and moderate, import duties upon all imported grain, hay, and all other farm produce should be imposed, with a view to the encouragement and support of the farming industries of the country.”

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question,—

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and negatived.

Question again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

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

Original Question then put, and negatived.

9. CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY INCORPORATION BILL :—Mr. Stuart, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 28th January, 1881 ; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 4th March.

Question put and passed.

10. MAPS SHOWING CROWN LANDS OPEN TO SELECTION OR SALE :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,

(1.) That there should be printed without delay and distributed to every Land Office in the Colony, lithographs or other maps showing in the plainest manner what Crown Land is open to selection or sale in each district of this Colony.

(2.) That for want of or in consequence of the want of such maps, the public or any person wanting information as to what land is open to selection cannot obtain the required information.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

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| Mr. Purves, | Dr. Ross, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Bodel, |
| Mr. Fremlin, | Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. T. R. Smith, | Mr. Withers, |
| Mr. McLaughlin, | Mr. McCulloch, |
| Mr. Brunker, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Garvan, | Mr. McElhone, |
| Mr. Tooth, | Mr. Joseph P. Abbott. |
| Mr. Edmund Barton, | |
| Mr. R. P. Abbott, | |
| Mr. Slattery, | |
| Mr. Bowman, | |
| Mr. John Brown, | |
| Mr. Roseby, | |
| Mr. Cass, | |
| Mr. Beyers, | |
| Mr. Burns, | |

Noes, 31.

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| Sir Henry Parkes, | Mr. Trickett, |
| Mr. James Watson, | Mr. Burdekin, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Davies, |
| Mr. Wisdom, | Mr. Eckford, |
| Mr. Lackey, | Mr. Andrews, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Garrett, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Wilkinson, |
| Mr. Proctor, | Mr. Douglas, |
| Mr. Martin, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Teece, | Mr. Webb, |
| Mr. Carter, | Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Henson, | Mr. Fawcett, |
| Mr. Holborow, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Pigott, | Mr. Murray, |
| Mr. Tarrant, | Mr. Kidd. |
| Mr. Wilson, | |
| Mr. Poole, | |

And so it passed in the negative.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public School at Splitter's Creek:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps have been taken for the purpose of establishing a Public School at Splitter's Creek, near Blandford?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I understand that the application, received last month, for the establishment of a Public School at Splitter's Creek has been referred to the District Inspector for report.

- (2.) Police at Millie:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When is it intended, as promised, to place Police and form a Police Station at Millie, between Narrabri and Moree?
 (2.) Will provision be made on Estimates for such?
 (3.) Has a site been obtained for these buildings, or application made to the Lands Department for one; if not, will such be done?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) A Police Station will be established at Millie as early as practicable.
 (2.) Provision has been made on the Estimates.
 (3.) When the village is surveyed a site will be fixed for Police Buildings.

- (3.) Free Public Library:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) In reference to the land between Market-street and St. James's School, resumed for a Public Library,—When do the Government intend to take possession of it?
 (2.) Do they intend to give the tenants of the various houses notice to quit; if so, when, and what time do they intend to give them to quit?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I can only say that the land has been resumed, and that the matter is now in the hands of the Crown Solicitor with a view to its completion.

- (4.) Pymont Bridge:—Mr. Poole, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The date the Pymont Bridge Company submitted their regulations for the approval of the Governor and Executive Council; and if they were approved of, the date of such approval?
 (2.) Do the said Company possess the right to set aside any clause of the Act of Incorporation?
 (3.) Will he take steps to compel them to comply with the clause of the Act which states that they shall file in the Colonial Secretary's Office, immediately after the completion of the Bridge, a statement showing the cost of the same?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The records of the Treasury show that the Pymont Bridge Company submitted their regulations for the approval of the Governor and Executive Council on the 4th of March, 1863, and that they were approved on the 21st of April following.
 (2.) Of course the Company has no right to set aside a clause of its Act of Incorporation.
 (3.) The whole matter shall be brought under the notice of the Government at an early Cabinet sitting.

- (5.) The Civil Service:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will all the Returns relative to the ages of persons in the Civil Service, moved for by Mr. Farnell on the 25th March, 1880, be completed and laid upon the Table of the House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Portions of these Returns have already been laid upon the Table, but some difficulty has arisen in obtaining the information for their completion. It is hoped, however, that the whole will be completed in the course of a few days.

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- (6.) Bridge over Reedy Creek:—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of a Bridge over Reedy Creek, at Tallawang Crossing?
Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders will be invited for this Bridge probably within a month.
- (7.) Unpaid Legacy Duties:—Mr. Terry asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Do the Government intend enforcing the payment of unpaid legacy duties under the “Stamp Duties Act of 1865”?
Mr. James Watson answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at in this matter by the Government.
- (8.) Public School at Pelican Island:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. R. B. Smith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What is the cause of delay in the erection of the Public School at Pelican Island, Macleay River?
(2.) In view of the urgent necessity for the establishment of a Public School at the place named, will immediate steps be taken for its erection?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
(1.) The delay arose principally from the fact that the school site was not available till last month.
(2.) Plans of school buildings are already in hand, and will shortly be completed.
2. JAMES LEONARD'S APPLICATION TO SELECT LAND AT GUNNEDAH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the application of James Leonard, made at Gunnedah on the 16th of November, 1876, to conditionally select 560 acres of land, together with all plans of the same land, reports of Surveyors, minutes of the Surveyor General and of the Minister for Lands thereon, and all minutes, letters, and reports of those officers, or any other person thereon; also copies of all letters, minutes, reports of Surveyors and of the Surveyor General, or any other person, in reference to Travelling Stock Reserve No. 1,084, on Liverpool Plains, made on the 24th of February, 1877, together with all notifications of such Reserve.
Question put and passed.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Tarrant moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1881, A.M.

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

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

- (1.) Ad Eundem Degrees Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without Examination and to give to Bachelors of Arts the rights powers and privileges of Masters of Arts in certain cases*,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd February, 1881.

JOHN HAY,
President.

AD EUNDEM DEGREES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd February, 1881.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title, lines 3 and 4. Omit “rights powers and privileges of Masters of Arts” insert “right of voting”
,, Preamble, line 9. After “Arts” insert “in certain cases”
,, Preamble, lines 9 and 10. Omit “all the rights powers and privileges of Masters of Arts in certain cases” insert “the right of voting for Fellows”
,, 2, clause 3, lines 12 and 13. Omit “all the rights powers and privileges of a Master of Arts in the Convocation” insert “the privilege of attending and voting at the election of Fellows”

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday, 11th March.

- (2.) Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd February, 1881.

JOHN HAY,
President.

MATRIMONIAL

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd February, 1881.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 9. *Omit* " who" *insert* " whose husband"

„ clause 1, lines 9 and 10. *Omit* " have a domicile" *insert* " be domiciled"

„ *After* clause 1 *insert* the following new clause:—

"2. Every such petition shall state the fact of such domicile and proof thereof to the satisfaction of the Court shall be given before any decree in the suit shall be pronounced and it shall be stated in any decree for dissolving the marriage that such proof has been so given." Proof of domicile to be given, &c.

Page 2. *After* clause 2 *insert* the following new clause:—

"4. In all respects other than those in this Act specifically provided for the several clauses and provisions of the Act hereby amended shall apply to petitions and suits under this Act and to all proceedings therein as far as it shall be practicable." Principal Act to apply to proceedings under this.

Page 2, clause 3, line 16. At end of clause *add* " of 1881."

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

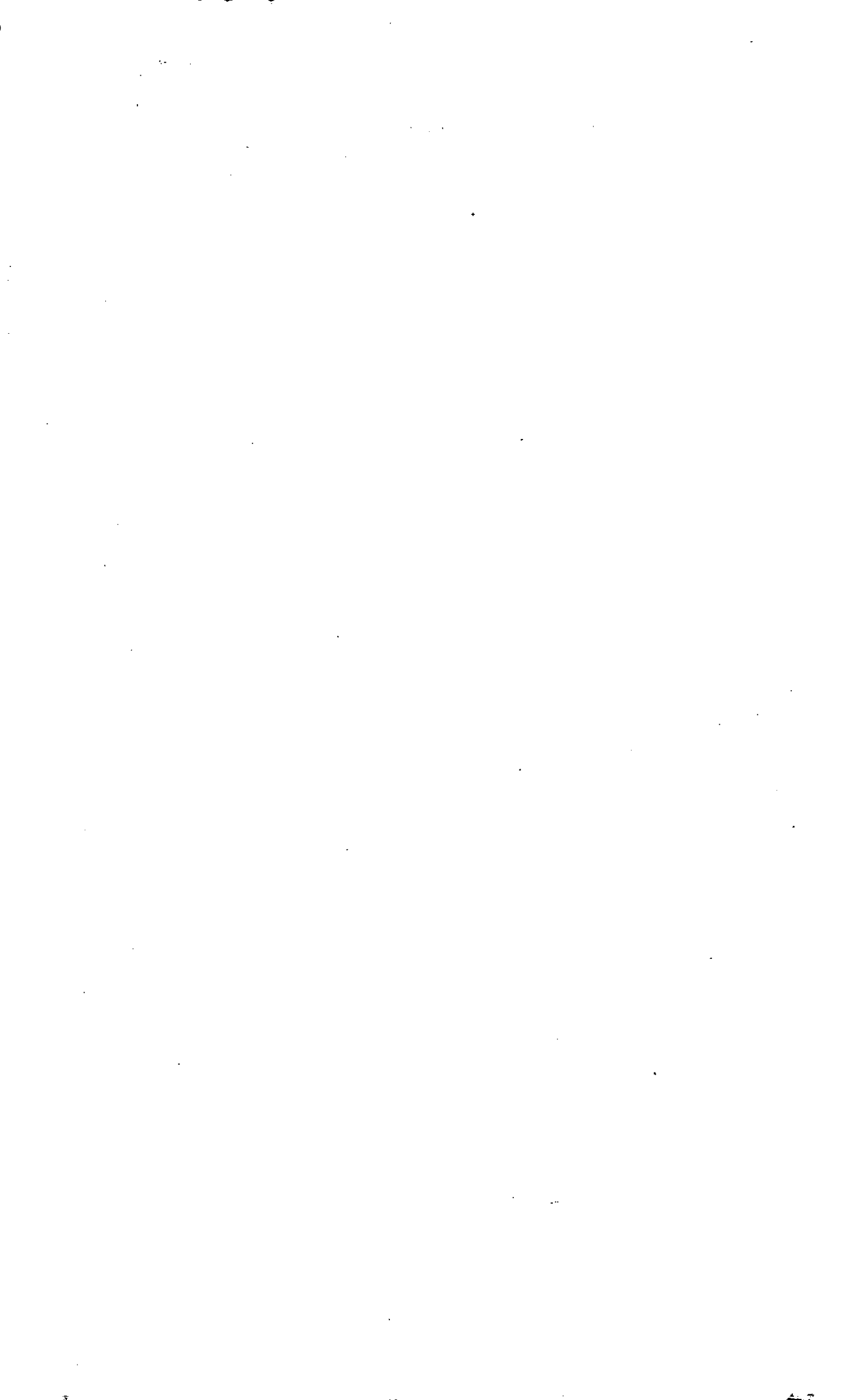
Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday, 18th March.

- G. MUNICIPAL BATHS SITE ACQUISITION BILL:—Mr. O'Connor *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to purchase or otherwise become possessed of lands and other premises situate beyond the boundaries of the City which could be appropriated for the purpose of Public Baths or other public uses,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 11th March.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Conditional Purchases:—Mr. H. C. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What was the amount of interest overdue and unpaid upon conditional purchases up to the passing of the "Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875"?

(2.) What amount of principal and interest upon conditional purchases made since the passing of that Act remained overdue and unpaid on the 1st January last?

(3.) What action does the Government intend to take with reference to these conditional purchases?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) I have explained to the Honorable Member, by official letter of the 19th instant, that the information sought can only be obtained from the Treasury, which department reports that it will take from four to six weeks to compile.

(2.) As bearing on the questions, I may state that, from information obtained in the Department of Lands, it appears that the amount of interest on conditional purchases made to 31st December, 1872, and paid prior to 31st December, 1875, was £301,554 6s.; and that the interest remaining unpaid on the latter date, in respect to conditional purchases made prior to the first-mentioned date, was £1,266 19s. 7d., being less than $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

(3.) The conditional purchases referred to in the third question will be dealt with as provided by law.

(2.) Public School at Castle Mountain:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the land for a Public School at Castle Mountain, near Quirindi, been yet surveyed; and if so, when?

(2.) Has the plan been sent to the Minister for Education; and if so, when?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes; two sites have been surveyed, the first on 19th May last, the second (being the land specified in an amended application) on 4th December last. The plan of the latter was not, however, received in this department until the 25th ultimo.

(2.) No; but a tracing will shortly be transmitted.

(3.) Insolvency Law:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Attorney General,—Is it his intention to introduce, this or next Session, a new Insolvency Bill?

Mr. Wisdom answered,—The matter has been under the consideration of the Government more than once. I admit its importance, and the desirability of amending the existing law; and the Government will endeavour to amend the law next Session.

(4.) Mr. Crane, Acting Police Magistrate:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the salary of the Acting Police Magistrate, Mr. Crane, and what other emoluments does he receive in the shape of fees?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that Mr. Crane receives a salary of £500 per annum; and I am informed that the other emoluments, in the shape of fees, amount to about £174 per annum.

(5.) Tramway to Pennant Hills:—Mr. H. C. Dangar, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has consideration been given to the propriety of constructing a Tramway to Pennant Hills, and to the forming and making of the roads subdividing the Field of Mars Common before the sale of that land, with the view of obtaining a sufficient sum out of the thereby increased value of the land to pay for those improvements?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes; and in consequence the survey has been suspended in the localities likely to be affected by the projected Tramways. (6.)

(6.) District Commissioners in Insolvent Estates:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Attorney General,—

(1.) Does the appointment of District Commissioners in Insolvent Estates entail any expense upon the Government?

(2.) How are the services of District Commissioners in Insolvent Estates remunerated?

Mr. Wisdom answered,—

(1.) The appointment does not entail any expense upon the Government.

(2.) Out of fees paid upon the petition for the sequestration of any estate being lodged.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 18th January, 1881,—“Roads, Bridges, and Ferries.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 8th February, 1881,—“Site for a Public School at St. Leonards.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 12th January, 1881,—“Grants of Land to the Australian Agricultural Company.”

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Report from the Agent for Immigration for 1880.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Dr. Renwick moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1881,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th February, 1881.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 1881, A.M.

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

6. MOUNT KEMBLA COAL AND OIL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to enable the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company Limited to construct two lines of Railway from land near Mount Kembla belonging to the said Company and to connect the same with the sea-coast at Red Point and Wollongong respectively,*”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th February, 1881.

JOHN HAY,
President.

MOUNT KEMBLA COAL AND OIL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 24th February, 1881.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 11, clause 33, line 5. Omit “and intituled an Act to make, &c.”

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday, 4th March.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at five minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public School at Lawson:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is he aware that there is no Public School on the Blue Mountains between Springwood and Mount Victoria?
 (2.) Has he received an application for the establishment of a School at Lawson, midway between the above established schools, and the centre of a rapidly improving district?
 (3.) Has he received an offer of a new cottage for a school at 1s. per week; if so, what action (if any) has been taken in the matter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that there is no Public School on the Blue Mountains between Springwood and Mount Victoria.
 (2.) An application was received, and declined, on the ground that only ten children of the school ages resided within 4 miles of the site of the proposed school.
 (3.) The use of a front room in a small cottage was offered at a rental of 1d. per week; but as a school could not be established in conformity with the Regulations that offer could not be accepted. It should be explained that all the children in the vicinity can attend, and in most cases do attend, the Public School at Springwood, to which place they are conveyed by train free of cost.
 (2.) Railway from Nyngan to Bourke:—*Mr. Russell Barton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 When does he intend to call for tenders for the extension of the Railway from Nyngan, on the Bogan, to Bourke?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Government will be in a position to invite tenders for this extension within a month from this date.

2. PRIVILEGE:—*Mr. Joseph P. Abbott* moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire and report to this House whether William Hillier Holborow, the Honorable Member for Argyle, was not at the time of his election as Member for Argyle, and is not at the present time, disqualified from sitting or voting as a Member of the Legislative Assembly by reason of his holding an office of profit under the Crown at the date of such election and at the present time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

3. WATER SUPPLY FOR SYDNEY AND SUBURBS:—*Mr. Withers* presented a Petition from Citizens of Sydney in favour of submitting the rival schemes for supplying Sydney and Suburbs with Water to some competent and impartial professional authority; and praying the House to take the necessary steps for securing such an inquiry.
 Petition received.

4. PYRMONT BRIDGE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Roseby*, for *Mr. Abigail*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, reports, or other documents that have passed between the Government and the Pyrmont Bridge Company, having reference to the alleged obstruction to harbour navigation; also the same in reference to the taking over of the said Bridge by the Government.

Question put and passed.

5. **WAGGA WAGGA GAS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Douglas moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Douglas, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Douglas (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
6. **INTEREST ON BALANCES DUE ON CONDITIONAL PURCHASES**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Slattery,—
 “(1.) “That,” in the opinion of this House, it is of the utmost importance to encourage the development of agriculture, and to promote the occupation of the soil by settlers; and that in view of the present state of agriculture in the Colony it is most urgent that steps to this end should be taken at once.
 “(2.) That no stinted liberality ought to characterise the manner in which Parliament should approach the question of the alienation of the public lands to that class of colonists who settle on the soil, and who by their industry and discernment make it most productive for the whole community.
 “(3.) That no class of persons ought ever to be placed in individual and direct subordination to the State in relation different from that occupied by other classes.
 “(4.) That, therefore, it is advisable in the best interests of the country to alter the system which makes conditional purchasers interminable Crown tenants and Crown debtors instead of holders of said lands in fee simple.
 “(5.) That, therefore, the payment of interest upon the balances due upon conditional purchases should cease on and after the 1st of July next, and grants issue upon the payment of balances by annual payments not to exceed one shilling per acre each.
 “(6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
 Upon which Mr. Fitzpatrick had moved, by way of amendment,—That all the words after the word “That” in the first Resolution be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words,—“in the opinion of this House conditional purchasers should be allowed to pay off their balances by annual instalments of one shilling per acre without interest.”
 “(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,”—
Point of Order.—Mr. Pigott requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker whether these Resolutions, involving the release of money owing to the Crown, were properly before the House, not having been considered in a Committee of the Whole.
 Mr. Speaker said that the matter had not escaped his notice, and that, after careful consideration, he had come to the conclusion that the Resolutions, if agreed to would not have the effect of releasing or compounding a debt to the Crown, but were merely abstract Resolutions, and were therefore not irregular.
 The House then resumed the said adjourned Debate.
 Mr. Kidd moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 1881, A.M.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 18th March.

7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Berrima Coal Mine Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday, 11th March.*
 (2.) Petition of Mrs. Mary Jones; adjourned Debate;—*until Friday, 18th March.*
 (3.) Sydney Water Supply; resumption of adjourned Debate;—*until Friday, 11th March.*
8. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2)**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
 AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No. 11.*
 Governor.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1881,*”—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 Her 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, 25th February, 1881.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Postmaster at Mittagong:—Mr. Kidd asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) How many persons have held the office of Postmaster at Mittagong since the 1st January, 1877, the dates of their appointments, and the dates on which they subscribed the usual postal declaration, and before whom?

(2.) How many Assistant Postmasters have been appointed during the same period, their names, the dates of their appointments, and the dates on which they subscribed the usual postal declaration, and before whom?

(3.) Are other persons than the Postmaster and Assistant Postmaster (if any) allowed to transact the business of the Office, and are they in the habit of doing so?

(4.) Is the Post Office at Mittagong accessible to all Railway officials who have ordinary business to transact at all hours of the day or night, or is it a separate apartment?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Two. John H. Walpole, appointed 3rd December, 1875, subscribed declaration on 9th December, 1875, before Mr. F. P. MacCabe, J.P.; and Thomas E. Ward, the present Postmaster, appointed 16th October, 1879, on which date he subscribed declaration before Mr. John Davies, J.P.

(2.) One. Emma Ward, appointed 16th October, 1879, on which date she subscribed declaration before Mr. John Davies, J.P.

(3.) Yes; the Telegraph Operator assists in delivering letters.

(4.) In reference to this question, the Postmaster, who is also Railway Station-master, reports that the part of the office in which the Post Office is carried on is not accessible to the Railway officials, as he does not allow anyone there. He adds that the Post Office is conducted in an apartment used as the Postmaster's private office, the Telegraph business being also conducted therein.

- (2.) The Eight-hour System of Labour on Railways:—Mr. Jacob, for Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to apply the eight-hour principle to the men engaged on the permanent way of the Railways in the Colony; if so, when will that principle be made to apply to them?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It was proposed some years ago that the permanent way men should work eight hours instead of ten hours, with a corresponding reduction in pay; but at their request the work time was made nine hours a day without reduction in pay. There will be no objection to adopt the eight-hour system in the Permanent Way Branch, if the men wish it.

- (3.) Artillery Subalterns:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was an Order issued by His Excellency the Governor to Artillery Subalterns relative to an examination in certain subjects for those wishing to qualify for rank of Captain, and at what date?

(2.) Was a Board appointed to examine candidates, and at what date?

(3.) Did the Board fix the subjects for examination, and who composed the Board?

(4.) Was an examination held by the said Board, how many candidates passed, and what are the names of the candidates who passed?

(5.) Was the aforesaid examination set aside and another substituted; if so, by whom?

(6.) Were the subjects fixed by the first Board of a higher or lower standard than those fixed by a differently constituted Board?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Order having reference to the subjects of examination emanated from the Commandant on the 19th August last.

(2.) A Board was first appointed by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief on the 31st August, and subsequently reconstructed by the same authority on 9th September, 1880.

(3.) The subjects of examination were fixed by the Commandant and the Officer commanding Artillery Forces. The Board consisted of Colonel Richardson, President; Colonel Roberts and Major Christie, Members.

(4.)

- (4.) An examination was held, and Lieutenants Baynes, Airey, Bouverie, and Savage passed.
- (5.) The examination was set aside by His Excellency the Governor, with the concurrence of the Colonial Secretary, for reasons which appeared to justify that course.
- (6.) The standard was similar to that of a former Board; but I believe the books used were of a higher character than those of the first examination.
- (4.) Metal sent by Railway from Emu Plains:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the quantity of metal sent from Emu Plains by rail during the year 1880; also the amount of freight received, and the cost to the department for working expenses, &c., for carrying the same?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—25,398 tons, freight £4,403. Until the Statistical Returns for the past year are analysed the working expenditure for this traffic cannot be ascertained.
- (5.) Carriage of Firewood by Railway:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How many trucks of firewood have been sent from Penrith, Cross Roads, South Creek, Rooty Hill, Crawford's Siding, Blacktown, Douglas Siding, Riverstone, Mulgrave, Seven Hills, Guildford, Fairfield, Cabramatta, Liverpool, Campbell Fields, and Campbelltown, during the year 1880; the amount of freight received, and the cost to the department for working expenses, &c., for carriage of same?

| Mr. Lackey answered,— | No. of Trucks. | Freight. |
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| Penrith | 213 | £166 |
| Cross Roads | 1,116 | 978 |
| South Creek | 3,412 | 2,773 |
| Rooty Hill | 2,428 | 1,529 |
| Crawford's Siding | 107 | 97 |
| Blacktown | 1,810 | 1,106 |
| Douglas Siding | 1,101 | 767 |
| Riverstone | 2,213 | 1,672 |
| Mulgrave | 2,480 | 2,298 |
| Seven Hills | 365 | 183 |
| Guildford | 48 | 21 |
| Fairfield | 1,381 | 568 |
| Cabramatta | 1,234 | 534 |
| Liverpool | 2,841 | 1,400 |
| Campbell Fields | 1,281 | 1,033 |
| Campbelltown | 1,111 | 908 |

Until the Statistical Returns for the past year are analysed the working expenditure for this traffic cannot be ascertained.

- (6.) Tanks on Road, Narrabri to Moree:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What number of tanks, wells, or reservoirs for public use have been constructed on the road Narrabri to Moree, and the nature of the work at each place?
- (2.) The position or site of each so made, and their distance from each other?
- (3.) In whose charge each placed, fees adopted for travelling stock, and what regulations exist as to the management thereof?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) There are two tanks, with drinking tanks for stock at each, now in course of construction.
- (2.) On travelling stock reserve on south bank of Galathera Creek within 20 chains of road, and on travelling stock reserve between Ten-mile and Boggy Creeks on the road, 12 miles apart.
- (3.) As tanks are not completed, caretakers have not yet been appointed or fees determined.

- (7.) Pier at Manly:—*Mr. Stuart* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has any application been made by the Port Jackson Steamboat Company for the renewal of the lease of the Pier at Manly?
- (2.) Has any application been made by the Municipal Council of Manly for the site occupied by the Pier at Manly?
- (3.) What is the amount of rental paid by the Port Jackson Steamboat Company for the site occupied by the Pier at Manly?
- (4.) Has any communication in reference to the lease of the Pier at Manly been addressed to the Port Jackson Steamboat Company?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The Mayor of Manly stated that the Members of the Municipal Council were of opinion that the lease of the Pier should not be renewed to the Steamboat Company, but that the wharf should be vested in the Council.
- (3.) Twenty-five (£25) per annum.
- (4.) Yes; they have been asked to furnish reasons why their lease should be renewed, and they have strongly represented the hardship and loss they would sustain by the non-renewal of their lease.

- (8.) Publicans Licenses:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the new Licensing Bill be introduced during the present Session; if not, does he propose dealing with the question of transfers and renewals at an early date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This question opens up one or two rather important considerations. It will be recollected that when Parliament was assembled in December last it was stated in the Opening Speech that Government hoped to bring this Session to an early close, with the view of opening the Session proper to the year not later than May, and the Government is still desirous that the Session proper to 1881 shall commence at an early date. As the business has not progressed as at that time was hoped, it will be my duty in a day or two to make a statement as to what course we propose to take with the public business, in order to close this Session as early as possible. In any case, whether we can bring in a Licensing Bill or not, the Government will submit to Parliament a measure for dealing with the present state of the Licensing question.

(9.) Tenders for Public Works :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is there any approved Ministerial document in the Colonial Architect's Office setting forth that all public works exceeding in cost the sum of £20 shall be submitted to public competition by calling for tenders ; if so, will the Minister lay a copy of the same upon the Table of the House ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—There is no such document in existence.

2. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO COOMA :—Mr. Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from Residents of Gunning, Gundaroo, Ginninderra, Weetangara, and Canberra, in favour of the Railway to Cooma being constructed *via* Gunning, Gundaroo, and Ginninderra to Queanbeyan ; and praying that the route suggested may be adopted by the House.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the traffic at the Redfern Railway Station.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting a claim for compensation by the Milburn Creek Copper-mining Company.
Ordered to be printed.

4. THE TEMORA RUN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. W. J. Watson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the lease or license issued to Messrs. Mack & Graves, or their predecessors, enabling them to hold and occupy the Temora Run ; also copy of any instrument issued in pursuance of the 13th section of the Mining Act suspending such lease or license ; also copy of the Proclamation defining the limits of the Temora Gold Field.

Question put and passed.

5. WAGGA WAGGA GAS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable William Wark and John Anderson Wark to construct Gas-works within the Borough and Suburbs of Wagga Wagga.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable William Wark and John Anderson Wark to construct Gas-works within the Borough and Suburbs of Wagga Wagga,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st March, 1881.*

6. AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Reid presented a Petition from the Directors and Acting Manager of the Australasian Steam Navigation Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australasian Steam Navigation Company to trade in Coal.

And Mr. Reid having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

7. WATER SUPPLY FOR SYDNEY AND SUBURBS :—Mr. Henson presented a Petition from Citizens of Sydney and Suburbs, in favour of submitting the rival schemes for supplying Sydney and Suburbs with Water to some competent and impartial professional authority ; and praying the House to take the necessary steps for securing such an inquiry.
Petition received.

8. MR. LICENSED-SURVEYOR W. B. CHRISTIE :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of accounts between Licensed-Surveyor W. B. Christie and the department of the Surveyor General, showing more particularly those portions on which deductions have been made.

(2.) Copy of the Opinion of the Honorable the Attorney General, or Solicitor General, on a portion of Mr. Christie's case submitted by the Surveyor General.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Fergusson,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Fullford,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Slattery,

Tellers,

Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fromlin.

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| Mr. Abigail, | Mr. Levin, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Lynch, |
| Mr. Edmund Barton, | Mr. Lyne, |
| Mr. Bodel, | Mr. McElhone, |
| Mr. Brodribb, | Sir Henry Parkes, |
| Mr. Stephen Brown, | Mr. Pilcher, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. Purves, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Combes, | Mr. Roseby, |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar, | Mr. Suttor, |
| Mr. Davies, | Mr. Tarrant, |
| Mr. Farnell, | Mr. Trickett, |
| Mr. Garrard, | Mr. James Watson, |
| Mr. Garrett, | Mr. Webb, |
| Mr. Hay, | Mr. Wisdom, |
| Mr. Henson, | Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Jacob, | |
| Mr. Lackey, | Mr. Burdckin, |
| Mr. Levien, | Mr. McLaughlin. |

And so it passed in the negative.

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9. APPRAISEMENT OF RUNS :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return comprising,—
- (1.) All papers, documents, instructions, memos., and minutes, Executive or otherwise, relative to the appraisement of all Runs the leases of which expired on the 31st December, 1880; also showing the appraised rent of such Runs respectively, the names of the lessees, the names of the appraisers appointed in each case, the number of leases that have been renewed under the new appraisements, the rate of rent per square mile at which each Run has been appraised, and the number of appraised Runs that have been confirmed or accepted by the Minister at the appraised rent.
- (2.) The number of Runs the appraised rent of which has not been accepted by the Minister, the number of Runs that have been referred for re-appraisement to three appraisers, the names of the appraisers appointed to re-appraise each Run respectively, and the names of the lessees of each Run so referred.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. ENCROACHMENT ON COOK PARK :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
- “(1.) “That” the act of the Trustees of Cook Park in allowing a large portion of the ground to be fenced in for private purposes, and so depriving the people of their right to the best portion of the Park, is a most unwarrantable infringement of the people’s rights, and ought not to be allowed.
- “(2.) That the Government should at once adopt measures to remove the fence in question, and restore the Park to the people.
- “(3.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,”—
- And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
- Mr. Reid moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That” in the first Resolution, and the whole of the second Resolution, with a view to the insertion in place thereof of the words “in the opinion of this House the enclosure made, and the building erected, in Cook Park should be removed after reasonable notice.”
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
- Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Original Question then put, and negatived.

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes before Ten o’clock, until To-morrow at Four o’clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTION.—Travelling Stock Reserve on Road from Narrabri to Bingara:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has a Travelling Stock Reserve, or any other Reserve, been made and gazetted along the newly measured and marked road by Mr. Staff-Surveyor M'Master from Narrabri to Bingara, and if so, the particulars; if not, will such be done?

(2.) Has this road been proclaimed and gazetted, and will it be cleared and made available to public use and scheduled?

(3.) The distance of this road as measured between the two places?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) There is no direct stock route between the towns of Narrabri and Bingara, but stock may be travelled along the following reservations:—No. 377, notified 1st July, 1874; No. 466, notified 1st July, 1875; No. 775, notified 1st July, 1875; No. 746, notified 10th October, 1878; No. 938, notified 22nd December, 1879.

(2.) The road has not been proclaimed, but survey has been completed, plans of which are about to be transmitted to the Surveyor General. I am informed some works have already been carried out, and more will be done where required. The road is on schedule.

(3.) The length of the road cannot be accurately given, as the plans have not yet been received, but the schedule distance is 80 miles.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on the Police Department for 1880.

(2.) Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Corporation of the City of Sydney for the year ended 31st December, 1880.

Ordered to be printed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 3 MARCH, 1881, A.M.

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

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before Two o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Post and Telegraph Office, Woodburn:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Purves*, asked the Postmaster General,—What are the gross receipts of the Post and Telegraph Office at Woodburn for the year 1880?

Mr. Suttor answered,—£306 14s. 8d.

(2.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Camden and Campbelltown:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to ask Parliament for a further sum to complete the building of a Post and Telegraph Office at Camden this Session, the amount already voted having been found insufficient?

(2.) Is it his intention to propose a sum for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Campbelltown?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) No further sum has been placed on the Estimates, but the building is being erected with the view of future additions, for which about £600 will be required.

(2.) £1,000 has been voted for a Post and Telegraph Office at Campbelltown, and plans have been prepared in accordance with the accommodation asked for, which, however, will involve additional expenditure beyond the vote. The matter is at present under consideration.

(3.) The Central Police Court:—*Mr. Carter* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that the Mayor and certain Officers of the City Council have condemned, under the "City of Sydney Improvement Act of 1879," the Central Police Court, as being unfit for the accommodation of the occupants?

(2.) Are the premises in question in such a dilapidated and unwholesome condition as to justify the action above referred to being taken?

(3.) What steps do the Government propose adopting in reference to the said buildings, to comply with the notice served on the Minister for Justice, setting out the improvements required by the Municipal authorities to fit the premises for the accommodation of the occupants or otherwise?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) A notice, signed by the Mayor and certain Municipal Officials, has been served on the Minister of Justice under section 31 of the "City of Sydney Improvement Act of 1879" (42 Vict. No. 25), requiring certain alterations and improvements to be made in the Central Police Court buildings. The Attorney General advised, however, that the Act did not apply to Government buildings.

(2 and 3.) No. The floors of the offices have been recently cleaned, and the ceiling of the chief clerk's room repaired, but the building is in need of more general and thorough repair, consisting chiefly of new floors, skirtings, painting, plastering, &c., also covering roof with iron. When these repairs shall have been executed, the Colonial Architect considers the premises will be healthy and in sufficiently good condition to answer all necessary purposes for a considerable time; and the requisite steps will be taken at once in the manner indicated. It may be observed that the unhealthiness of the building is said in a great measure to have been occasioned by the refuse outside in connection with the Markets, and not attributable so much to the building itself.

(4.) The late N. P. Bayly:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the late N. P. Bayly at any time applied for land, and had it granted within the northerly extension of the Gulgong Gold Field?

(2.) Has the late N. P. Bayly applied for any of the land on the above gold field in virtue of improvements?

(3.) How did the late Mr. Bayly become possessed of portions 125, 126, 93, and 94, county of Phillip, parish of Deralo or Barra?

(4.) Did the late N. P. Bayly obtain grants of the same?

Mr.

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Portions 93 and 94, parish of Boogledie (not Bara or Derale), were purchased in virtue of improvements. Portions 125 and 126 have not been sold.
- (4.) Yes, of portions 93 and 94.
- (5.) Railway Extension :—Mr. Tooth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to name the date on which the Government will declare to this House their policy with regard to the extension of Railways?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I am not in a position to say the day upon which I shall be prepared to make the statement referred to, but hope to be able to do so within a fortnight.

- (6.) The late Guard Kirkpatrick :—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any provision for the Widow and Family of the late Guard Kirkpatrick, who was killed on the Tramway while in the execution of his duty?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Yes.

- (7.) Site for Court-house at Candelo :—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Secretary,—If the letter written from his department, 1st March, and numbered on margin 81-1,803, means that the site of the proposed Court-house at Candelo is to be on lots 10 and 11 section 6 of that township?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No such letter has been written by my instructions; but possibly the Honorable Member refers to a communication from the Department of Justice. I understand, however, that the site in question has not been approved. It is reported by the Police to be unsuitable, being situated on the side of a steep hill where considerable excavation would be necessary. I find that reserve No 370 section 31 has been recommended for the purpose.

- (8.) Church and School Lands Bill :—Mr. Beyers, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Church and School Lands Bill yet received the Royal Assent; and if not, is he aware of any cause for the delay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not in a position to say anything about the state in which this Bill now is. As far as I am aware, no Despatches have been received on the subject; none has been communicated to me. Perhaps the best way will be for the Honorable Member to postpone the question, or to put it upon the Paper for some day next week, and between the present time and that I shall have an opportunity of communicating with the Governor as to whether any Despatch is in his hand which has not reached me.

2. PAPERS :—

- Mr. Wisdom laid upon the Table,—Letters of Registration of Inventions under the Act 16 Victoria No. 24 for 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Baker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 17th December, 1880,—“Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Railway Works.”
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 15th February, 1881,—“Pier at Manly.”
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 18th January, 1881,—“Arrears of Rent for Gold-mining Leases and Mineral Leases.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

3. INQUEST ON THE BODY OF EDWARD EDWARDS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the evidence taken before the Coroner's Court with reference to the death of Edward Edwards, killed on the 26th February last at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Question put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 MARCH, 1881, A.M.

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

5. PAPER :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Proposed Regulations for the Management of Immigration.

Ordered to be printed.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. McLaughlin (*by consent*) moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words “until Tuesday next.”

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be there added,—put and passed.

Question,—That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twenty-two minutes after One o'clock A.M., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Coroner for Penrith :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who is the Coroner for the Penrith District, and did he hold an inquest on Mr. Freeman, lately murdered near Penrith?

(2.) Was the Coroner for Penrith appointed an Appraiser of Runs, and is it a fact that he was away appraising runs, and that no Coroner was appointed to hold inquests whilst he was away?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Mr. John King Lethbridge J.P. is Coroner for the Penrith District; and I am informed that he only held a Magisterial Inquiry in the case of the late Mr. Freeman.

(2.) Mr. Lethbridge was appointed Appraiser of Runs on the 25th June, 1880, with the approval of the Minister of Justice, on condition that he made suitable arrangements for the performance of his duties during his absence from the District of Penrith; and it is understood that Mr. Lethbridge arranged with Mr. Cleeve, J.P., to hold such inquiries in the meantime as might be necessary.

- (2.) Public School at Barrangarry :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Why has the Public School at Barrangarry not been opened for use yet; and when will it be opened?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that possession could not be taken of the school building before the 5th of this month. The teacher has now been instructed to take possession.

- (3.) Land sold in the Electorate of Eden :—Mr. Garvan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The total area of land sold in the Electoral District of Eden since the passing of the "Land Act of 1861"?

(2.) The area alienated to conditional purchasers?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The area alienated, otherwise than by conditional purchase, is 27,568 acres. The area alienated by conditional purchase is 342,533 acres 3 roods 3 perches.

- (4.) Railway Train stopping at Newtown :—Mr. Foster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the up-train arriving in Sydney at 10 p.m. cease to stop as usual at Newtown on Monday, 1st March?

(2.) Had the public any, and if so what, notice that this train would not stop at Newtown?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The train referred to has not ceased to stop at Newtown, but it has stopped there ten minutes earlier than it did prior to the 28th February, from which date the new Time-table necessitating the alteration came into operation.

(2.) The new Time-table was published for three days before it came into force.

- (5.) Conditional and Other Purchases Validating Bill :—Mr. Levin, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce the Conditional and Other Purchases Validating Bill during the present Session?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The Colonial Secretary will shortly make a statement of the measures the Government intend to proceed with this Session, and that will afford the Honorable Member the information he desires.

- (6.) Sewage Scheme to Ben Buckler :—Mr. Hazlet, for Mr. Trickett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the works connected with the Sewage Scheme to Ben Buckler be commenced?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is intended to invite tenders in a few days for the sections of tunnel, which can be worked from crossing of Double Bay Valley.

- (7.) Public School at Blakehurst :—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any tender been accepted for the erection of a Public School at Blakehurst, Kogarah?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It appears that when tenders were first invited for this work none were received, and fresh tenders had to be called for. No tender has, therefore, yet been accepted.

(8.)

- (8.) Over-way Bridge at Ashfield :—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the erection of the over-head Bridge at Ashfield be commenced ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—In about three weeks time.

- (9.) Mr. Bell, Railway Contractor :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has Mr. Bell, the contractor for the erection of an engine-shed and turn-table, &c., at South Wagga Station, received any money from the Government to pay the men their wages ?
 - (2.) Did Mr. Bell get his progress payment when the Commissioner had due notice that the men had not been paid ?
 - (3.) Can the Minister say whether the men employed by Mr. Bell for this work have been paid what is due them ?
 - (4.) If not paid, will the Minister hold back any moneys due to the contractor until the men are paid ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; and for the express purpose of enabling him to pay the men their wages.
- (2.) Yes. The Commissioner communicated with the Engineer-in-Chief on the subject, and the latter officer certified for the amount due to the contractor to enable him to pay his men, on the representation that that was his object in pressing for payment.
- (3.) I cannot say, but I have been informed that they have not been paid.
- (4.) All moneys in hand will be retained for this purpose.

- (10.) Lottery in connection with Church of England Cathedral at Grafton :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General,—

- (1.) Has he noticed that a lottery has been established in connection with the building of a Church of England Cathedral at Grafton, in violation of the law ?
- (2.) Will he adopt measures to put a stop to this open disregard of the law ?

Mr. Wisdom answered,—As soon as I received the question from the Honorable Member, I communicated with the Inspector of Police at Armidale, and received the following telegram, signed "Wm. M'Cormack, Sergeant, *pro.* Sub-inspector, absent" :—" *Re* Lottery for Grafton Cathedral, Mr. Lodge, the Acting Secretary, informs me Lottery has been abandoned fortnight ago."

- (11.) Recreation Ground at Timor Rock :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What decision has been arrived at with reference to application of 30th October, 1880, for Public Recreation Ground for the people of Coonabarabran at Timor Rock ?
- (2.) Have any instructions been issued (or will such) to have the land surveyed, with a view to dedication ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) A Surveyor's report upon the application has just been received, and the reservation of the land, under the 4th section, for recreation purposes will shortly be made.
- (2.) After the notification of the Reserve, instructions will be issued for measurement of the land, with a view of dedication.

2. PAPERS :—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing the proposed distribution of the Vote on the Estimates for Subordinate Roads under Trustees.
 - (2.) Return showing the proposed distribution of the Vote on the Estimates for Subordinate Roads under the Officers of the Roads Department.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. BALMAIN CEMETERY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Connor, for Mr. Edmund Barton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to the Mayor and other Petitioners of the Municipal District of Leichhardt to appear by Counsel before the Select Committee on the "Balmmain Cemetery Bill," as prayed for by them in the Petition presented on the 18th February last.
- Question put and passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

5. WATER SUPPLY FOR SYDNEY AND SUBURBS :—Mr. Withers presented a Petition from Citizens of Sydney and Suburbs, in favour of submitting the rival schemes for supplying Sydney and Suburbs with Water to some competent and impartial professional authority ; and praying the House to take the necessary steps for securing such an inquiry.
- Petition received.

6. CARRIAGE OF PRODUCE AND STOCK BY RAILWAY :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all letters or correspondence between Hall Prince & Co., Messrs. Bedwell, Inglis, Ellis, and Wells Smith & Co., or any other agent selling hay, corn, potatoes, poultry, pigs, sheep, lambs, &c., coming by rail to Darling Harbour, or any other station of the Great Southern or Western Railways, to the Secretary for Public Works, Commissioner for Railways, or other Railway official during the years 1878, 1879, and 1880, in reference to short delivery of produce or stock sent by rail.

(2.) Copies of any correspondence charging any Railway official by above parties with giving Wells Smith & Co., or other agents, undue preference in getting trucks or having trucks of produce consigned to them so placed, and stating they always, or nearly always, get first or early sales of their produce before consignments to other agents, by this means giving them the chance of getting better prices for produce consigned to them than other agents obtain in consequence of their getting first sales.

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

7. MINERAL SELECTION AT MITCHELL'S CREEK:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee laid upon the Table of this House on the 16th April, 1880, on the Petition of Mr. Thomas Cox, relative to a Mineral Selection at Mitchell's Creek, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. R. P. Abbott,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Carter,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hezlet,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. R. B. Smith,

Tellers,

Mr. Day,
Mr. Edmund Barton.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Baker,
Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Bodel,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Fawcett,
Mr. Fergusson,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Levin,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. McElhone,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Purves,
Mr. Reid,
Dr. Renwick,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Withers,
Mr. Young,
Tellers,
Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,
Mr. W. J. Watson.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. PAPER:—Mr. Baker laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 25th March, 1880,—“The Civil Service.”
Ordered to be printed.

9. RESUMPTION OF LAND AT SUTHERLAND POINT, BOTANY BAY:—Mr. Pigott moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should forthwith resume 100 acres of land at Sutherland Point and Colonel's Corner, on the South Head of Botany Bay, and including the spot on which Captain Cook, the discoverer of this part of Australia, is supposed to have landed.

(2.) That the said 100 acres should be dedicated to the purposes of a Park or Public Recreation Ground.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Henson,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. R. B. Smith,

Tellers,

Mr. Edmund Barton,
Mr. Pigott.

Noes, 48.

Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Bodel,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Carter,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Fawcett,
Mr. Fergusson,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Levin,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Murray,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Purves,
Mr. Reid,
Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. James Watson,
Mr. W. J. Watson,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Withers,
Mr. Young,
Tellers,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Day.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. REBATE ON CARRIAGE OF STOCK BY RAILWAY:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The date on which the first consignments of cattle and sheep were sent by rail from Wagga Wagga and Junee to Sydney, and the names of the owners and consignees.

(2.) The number of sheep sent by rail from Wagga or Junee or Cootamundra consigned to Messrs. York and Walsh or Elliott, and the dates of each consignment; also to Ivory & Macnamara.

(3.) The dates on which consignments of sheep were sent from above places to Pitt Son & Badgery, Sullivan & Simpson, Harrison Jones & Devlin, Maiden Hill & Clarke, or any other person.

(4.) The date on which arrangements were made with Mr. Swift to allow him 20 per cent. rebate for carriage on sheep from above places.

(5.) The amounts paid to or due to any of the above firms or persons, and any other person to whom rebate was paid or is due.

Question put and passed.

11. **DREDGING AND DISCHARGING SILT**:—Mr. Withers moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the cost per yard or ton for dredging, raising, and discharging silt (to be shown separately) in Sydney Harbour and the out ports for the year ending 31st December, 1880, each port to be shown separately.
Question put and passed.
12. **WATER SUPPLY FOR SYDNEY AND SUBURBS**:—Mr. Withers moved pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should send for Colonel Mendell, or some other competent Engineer, to report on the merits of the Prospect and Kenny Hill Water Schemes for supplying the City of Sydney and Suburbs with Water.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Dr. Renwick moved the Previous Question.
Question proposed,—That that Question be now put.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH, 1881, A.M.

Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

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| Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, | Mr. Levin, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. G. A. Lloyd, |
| Mr. Beyers, | Mr. Lynch, |
| Mr. Bruncker, | Mr. McElhone, |
| Mr. Burdekin, | Mr. Murray, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Myers, |
| Mr. Carter, | Sir Henry Parkes, |
| Mr. Combes, | Mr. Slattery, |
| Mr. Davies, | Mr. Suttor, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Tooth, |
| Mr. Eckford, | Mr. James Watson, |
| Mr. Farnell, | Mr. W. J. Watson, |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. Wisdom, |
| Mr. Fletcher, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Fullford, | |
| Mr. Garrett, | Mr. William Clarke, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. McLaughlin. |
| Mr. Lackey, | |

Noes, 9.

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| Mr. Abigail, |
| Mr. Garrard, |
| Mr. Roseby, |
| Dr. Ross, |
| Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. Withers, |
| <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar, |
| Dr. Renwick. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

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| Dr. Ross, |
| <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Garrard, |
| Mr. Withers. |

Noes 35.

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| Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, | Mr. Levin, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. G. A. Lloyd, |
| Mr. Beyers, | Mr. Lynch, |
| Mr. Burdekin, | Mr. McElhone, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. McLaughlin, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Murray, |
| Mr. Carter, | Mr. Myers, |
| Mr. William Clarke, | Sir Henry Parkes, |
| Mr. Combes, | Mr. Roseby, |
| Mr. Davies, | Mr. Suttor, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Tooth, |
| Mr. Eckford, | Mr. James Watson, |
| Mr. Farnell, | Mr. W. J. Watson, |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. Wisdom, |
| Mr. Fletcher, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Fullford, | |
| Mr. Garrett, | Mr. Bruncker, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Slattery. |
| Mr. Lackey, | |

And so it passed in the negative.

13. **PRESS BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—postponed until Friday, 25th March.
14. **KURRAJONG LAND AND RILEY-STREET SURRY HILLS LAND SALES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time this day.
15. **CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY INCORPORATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and with amendments in the Title.
On motion of Mr. Stuart (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time this day.

16. MOUNT KEMBLA COAL AND OIL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

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

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

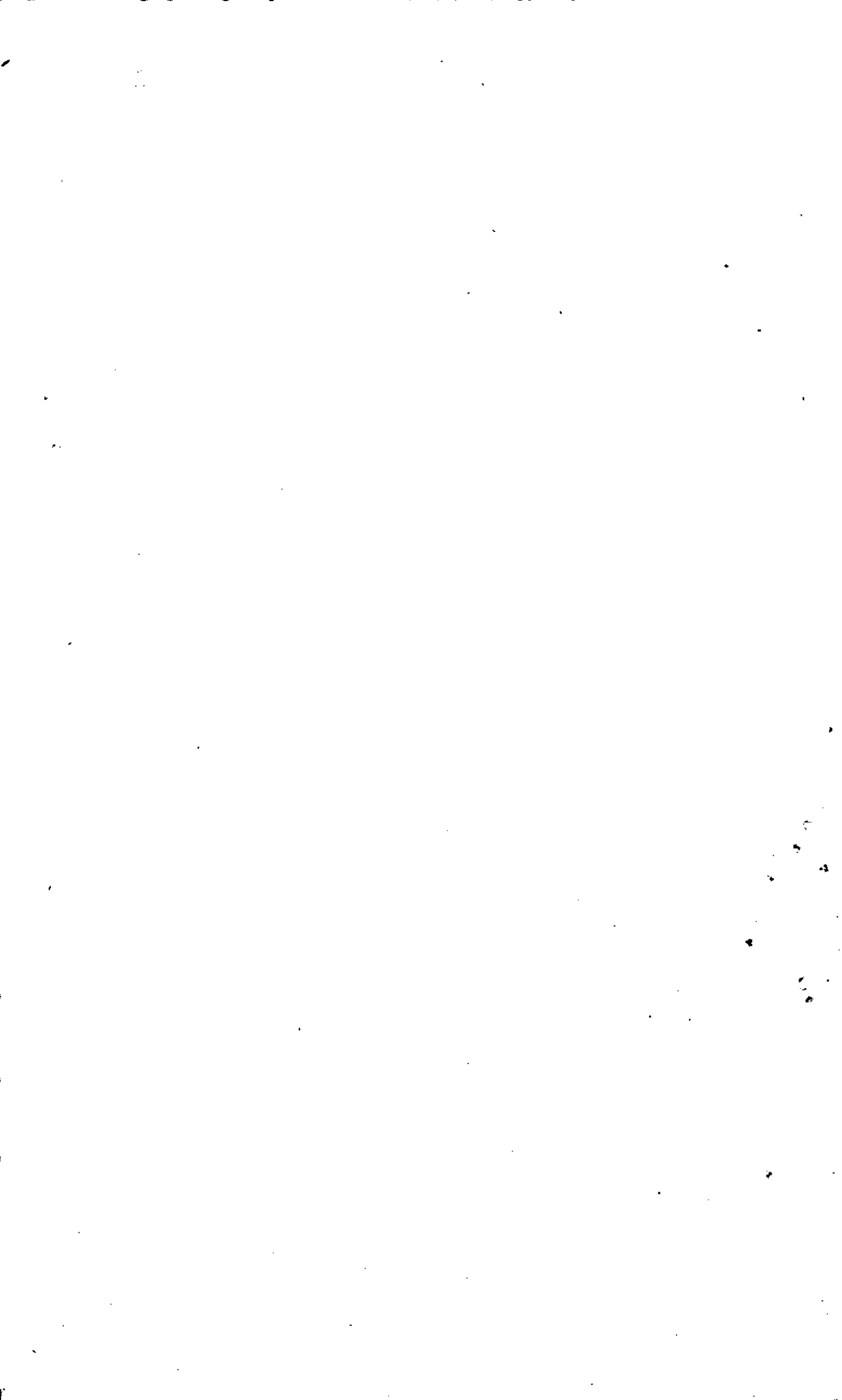
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company Limited to construct two lines of Railway from land near Mount Kembla belonging to the said Company and to connect the same with the sea-coast at Red Point and Wollongong respectively.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 9th March, 1881, A.M.

The House adjourned at eight minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The late Miss Bray:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government any information, other than has been made public, in reference to the mysterious death of the young woman, Miss Bray, whose mangled remains were found on the Railway line near Burwood?

(2.) As suspicions have been thrown out, not without very strong grounds, that the unfortunate young woman in question has met with foul play, will the Government at once institute the most stringent and searching inquiry into how this young woman came by her death?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I should have thought that the verdict of the Coroner's Jury would have satisfied the public with respect to this melancholy circumstance; but I desire to say that, as far as any information is in the hands of the Government, it is confirmatory of the propriety and strict truth of that verdict. It seems to me cruel to the parents of this unfortunate young lady, for the sake of the gratification of the morbid feeling of sensation-mongers, to imply that some foul usage occurred, which there is not a tittle of evidence to lead us to suppose.

- (2.) Public School at Mutton's Falls:—Mr. Combes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that the Public School at Mutton's Falls has been closed for the past seven weeks?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to re-open this School?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I find that the teacher having claimed to leave the School, it became necessary to make inquiries before appointing another, as the number of scholars had fallen off to sixteen, the minimum number for a Public School being twenty.

(2.) A teacher having been appointed, the School will now be re-opened.

- (3.) Public School at Norway:—Mr. Combes asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Public School at Norway, on the Swashfield Road?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is intended to erect a school-house so soon as a site can be obtained; meanwhile the school will be opened in a suitable tent.

- (4.) Compensation to Public School Teachers for loss of Fees:—Mr. Day asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to pay the claims of the Teachers in the Public Schools compensation for loss of school fees, as published in the official report of the *Herald* in November last for the period stated therein, viz., twelve months from the passing of the "Public Instruction Act"; if so, when will such payments be made?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed that a statement of the claims in question has been made by the Chief Inspector, and is now under the consideration of the Minister of Public Instruction. It is expected that the matter will be settled and the money paid in the course of a few days.

2. SYDNEY HOSPITAL BILL:—Dr. Renwick presented a Petition from the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Treasurer, and Secretary of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary. And Dr. Renwick having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—(*Hart and Others v. Jacob*) :—Dr. Renwick, as Chairman *pro tem*, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, relative to the Petition of John S. Hart and others against the return of Archibald Hamilton Jacob as the Member for the Electoral District of Gloucester, which was referred to the said Committee on 25th January last.

And the said Report having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 17th December, 1880, to whom was referred on the 25th January, 1881, a Petition from John S. Hart and others, against the return of Archibald Hamilton Jacob, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Gloucester, have determined and do hereby accordingly declare,—

“That Archibald Hamilton Jacob, Esquire, has been duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of Gloucester.

“No. 2 Committee Room,
“9th March, 1881,—

“ARTHUR RENWICK,
“Chairman *pro tem*.”

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Renwick, that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

4. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence relating to the constitutionality of an expiring Parliament voting Supplies for a period wholly subsequent to the legal term of its own existence.
(2.) Final Return to an Order made on 25th March, 1880,—“The Civil Service.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wisdom laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 3rd March, 1881,—“Inquest on the body of Edward Edwards.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. LIQUOR LICENSES SUSPENSORY ACT CONTINUATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to continue for a further term and amend the “Liquor Licenses Suspensory Act of 1880.”
Question put and passed.

6. AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australasian Steam Navigation Company to trade in Coal.
Question put and passed.

7. KURRAJONG LAND AND RILEY-STREET SURRY HILLS LAND SALES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable the Bishop of Sydney to sell two portions of land situated respectively at Kurrajong County of Cook and Surry Hills near Sydney and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale thereof.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Bishop of Sydney to sell two portions of Land situated respectively at Kurrajong County of Cook and Surry Hills near Sydney and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale thereof,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with attested copies of the Deeds referred to in the Preamble and the Bond for the payment of the balance of the purchase money of the Kurrajong land.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th March, 1881.

8. CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to provide for the creation of Corporate Bodies of Trustees in which Property belonging to the Church of England may be vested and to make further provisions in reference thereto.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to provide for the creation of Corporate Bodies of Trustees in which property belonging to the Church of England may be vested and to make further provisions in reference thereto,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a printed copy of a Bill almost identical with the Bill before the Committee, and approved of by the Fourth Provincial Synod held in Sydney in the month of September, 1879; also a printed copy of the Proceedings of that Synod; also printed copies of the Proceedings of the Synods of the Diocese of Sydney, of the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale, and of the Diocese of Bathurst, showing a record of their approval of the Bill; also copies of letters from the Vicar-General of Grafton (in the absence of the Bishop), and the Bishop of Bathurst, concurring in the proposal to ask Parliament to pass the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th March, 1881.

9. AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Reid having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Australasian Steam Navigation Company to trade in Coal,*"—read a first time.
10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 10 MARCH, 1881, A.M.

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

11. ANATOMY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorize the establishment of Schools of Anatomy, and to regulate the practice of Anatomy therein.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th March, 1881.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Three o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Expenditure on Railway Sidings, Stations, and Buildings:—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The amount expended from capital for alterations and additions to Sidings, Stations, and Station Buildings since the 1st of January, 1878, specifying the name of each Siding, Station, Platform, or Station Building, and giving the expenditure of each separately?

(2.) Whether the works were carried out by day labour or by tender; and if by tender, the name of the contractor?

(3.) The respective dates when the works were commenced and completed?

(4.) On whose recommendation were the works undertaken, and by whom was the expense authorized?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This information will take some time to prepare. It will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return as soon as it is ready.

- (2.) Sydney School of Arts:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. William Clarke, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What sums of money have been paid to the Sydney School of Arts during the last six years other than the ordinary subsidy to which that Institution was entitled?

Mr. James Watson answered,—1878, Technical College, £2,000; 1879, Lecturers College, £1,000; 1880, Lecturers College, £1,000; 1880, Scientific Apparatus, £500.

- (3.) Railway Freights:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. William Clarke, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he instituted an investigation into the rates of Railway Freights, as promised; and if so, will he state what is the character of the investigation?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The question is under consideration.

- (4.) Land Sales in Northern Districts:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Brunner, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amounts the undermentioned Districts and Counties have respectively contributed to the Treasury by way of land revenue from all sources from the 1st January, 1875, to the 31st January, 1881:—Districts—The Clarence, Gwydir, Liverpool Plains, Macleay, New England, Warrego; Counties—Northumberland, Hunter, Durham, Gloucester, Brisbane?

Mr. James Watson answered,—It will take some time to procure the information asked for by the Honorable Member; but it will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible in the shape of a Return.

- (5.) Purchase by the Government of Exhibits at the Sydney and Melbourne Exhibitions:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the cost of Exhibits bought by the Colonial Secretary or other Ministers for Public Offices at the Sydney Exhibition?

(2.) The like in regard to Melbourne Exhibition?

(3.) Was the money voted by Parliament to purchase these Exhibits; if not, out of what vote was the money taken to pay for these goods?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—To-morrow, or on Tuesday, I will lay upon the Table a Paper giving the required information.

(6.)

(6.) Compensation to Postmasters for loss of Commission on Sale of Stamps :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Lynch*, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it his intention to compensate the Postmasters of the Colony for the loss they sustained through the reduction of the commission from 5 per cent. to 2½ on the sale of postage stamps?

(2.) Is he aware that the reduction was occasioned through the Stamp Act coming into operation?

(3.) Has it come to his knowledge that Banks, Storekeepers, and Clerks of Petty Sessions are appointed vendors of duty stamps on the same terms as Postmasters?

(4.) Will he cause such inquiries to be made as may enable him to reimburse the Postmasters in question for the loss of the commission on the sale of stamps?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) A promise was made to the Postmasters that, should it be found that the combined commission on postage and duty stamps did not equal that formerly received on postage stamps, the matter would be further considered.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Postmasters are allowed 2½ per cent. commission on any purchase amounting to 10s. and upwards; Clerks of Petty Sessions 2¼ per cent. on purchases amounting to £2 and upwards; Storekeepers, if appointed licensed distributors, 2½ per cent. on purchases amounting to £5 and upwards; Banks and the general public, 2½ per cent. on purchases amounting to £50 and upwards. All Postmasters and Clerks of Petty Sessions have had credit advances, upon which commission is allowed on payment for the same at the rate of 2½ per cent., such payments being made after stamps are sold.

(4.) Returns are now being prepared with a view of ascertaining what loss, if any, has been sustained by Postmasters.

(7.) Pollution of George's River :—*Mr. Beyers*, for *Mr. McCulloch*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the George's River for some miles below Liverpool has become so polluted, in consequence of the discharge of refuse from factories and sewage from the Benevolent Asylum, as to be an intolerable nuisance and dangerous to the health of persons residing near its banks?

(2.) Will the Government take steps to abate this dangerous nuisance?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Some little time ago a complaint was made to the Government by the Managers of the Benevolent Asylums of this river being very much polluted. An inquiry was instituted by the Police as to the facts of the case, and after this inquiry it was determined that the matter was rather one to be dealt with by the Municipal Council of Liverpool than by the Government, and the case was referred to the Municipal Council accordingly; and I have received a letter from the Mayor stating that it had been brought under the notice of that body.

(8.) Public School at Big Hill, near Marulan :—*Mr. Myers* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken with regard to the proposed Public School and dwelling-house at Big Hill, near Marulan?

(2.) Have the plan and specification been prepared?

(3.) When will tenders be called for the buildings?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes; the Architect has been instructed to prepare the necessary plans and specifications.

(2.) Not yet; but they are in hand.

(3.) Tenders will be invited as soon as the plans and specifications are completed and approved. The Architect has been requested to expedite the matter.

2. PAPERS :—*Sir Henry Parkes* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulations under the 20th section of the "Public Instruction Act of 1880."

(2.) Lands resumed for Public School purposes, under the "Land for Public Purposes Acquisition Act," in the following localities :—

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| 1. Darlinghurst, | 6. Upper Hexham, |
| 2. West Maitland, | 7. Tingha, |
| 3. Wollongong, | 8. Wagga Wagga, |
| 4. Leichhardt, | 9. Wallerawang, |
| 5. Stanmore, | 10. Ashfield. |

(3.) Correspondence relating to Immigrants nominated in the Colony not in conformity to Regulations.

Ordered to be printed.

3. SYDNEY HOSPITAL BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Dr. Renwick* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary. Question put and passed.

4. AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Dr. Renwick*, for *Mr. Reid*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Australasian Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Sir Patrick Jennings*, *Mr. Combes*, *Mr. Copeland*, *Mr. H. C. Dangar*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Garrett*, *Mr. Hay*, *Mr. Jacob*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. SYDNEY HOSPITAL BILL :—*Dr. Renwick* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to incorporate the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary,"—read a first time.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Melville* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. LIQUOR LICENSES SUSPENSORY ACT CONTINUATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to continue for a further term and amend the "Liquor Licenses Suspensory Act of 1880."

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to continue for a further term and amend the "Liquor Licenses Suspensory Act of 1880."

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to continue for a further term and amend the 'Liquor Licenses Suspensory Act of 1880,'"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 11 MARCH, 1881, A.M.

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

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1880 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services chargeable to Surplus Revenue Account.

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,646 19s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services chargeable to the Surplus Revenue Account."

Services chargeable to the Account of 1879.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,910 9s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services chargeable to the Account of 1879."

Services chargeable to the Account of 1880.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £108,375 6s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services chargeable to the Account of 1880."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1881.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,060, for Department of His Excellency the Governor, for the year 1881.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £928, for Executive Council, for the year 1881.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,125, for Legislative Council for the year 1881.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,037, for Legislative Assembly for the year 1881.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1881.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,520, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1881.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,971, for Department of Colonial Secretary, for the year 1881.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,050, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1881.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £78,402, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, for the year 1881.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,815, for Naval Brigade, for the year 1881.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £219,680, for Police, for the year 1881.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £68,994, for Lunacy, for the year 1881.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,150, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the year 1881.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Medical Board, for the year 1881.

(21.)

- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,870, for Medical Adviser, Vaccination, Medical Officers, &c., for the year 1881.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,175, for Department of Audit, for the year 1881.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,995, for Department of Registrar General, for the year 1881.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,750, for Department of Agent General for the Colony, for the year 1881.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £41,086, for Immigration, for the year 1881.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £360, for City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year 1881.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £650, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1881.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,730, for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1881.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,612, for Erysipelas Hospital and Branch Asylum for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1881.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,900, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1881.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,530, for Government Domains, for the year 1881.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,147, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1881.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £49,591, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1881.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,708, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1881.

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,095, for Treasury, for the year 1881.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,505, for Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1881.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,425, for Customs, for the year 1881.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,325, for Colonial Distilleries and Refineries, for the year 1881.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £295, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1881.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1881.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £43,991, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1881.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £77,806, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1881.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,021, for Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1881.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,055, for Health and Emigration Officers, for the year 1881.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,241, for Quarantine, for the year 1881.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1881.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,275, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1881.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,340, for Glebe Island Abattoir, for the year 1881.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,819, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1881.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £700, for Lifeboats, for the year 1881.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55,322, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1881.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

No. V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £525,865, for Public Instruction, under the Act 40 Vict. No. 23, for the year 1881.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for Public Scholarships, for the year 1881.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,039, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1881.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,500, for Orphan Schools, Parramatta, for the year 1881.

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(57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,305, for Observatory, for the year 1881.

(58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,550, for Museum, for the year 1881.

(59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,812, for Free Public Library, for the year 1881.

(60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,251, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1881.

NO. VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,890, for Department of Justice, for the year 1881.

(62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,924, for Department of Master in Equity, for the year 1881.

(63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,759, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1881.

(64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,832, for Department of Sheriff, for the year 1881.

(65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,508, for Insolvency Court, for the year 1881.

(66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,159, for District Courts, for the year 1881.

(67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,260, for Coroners Inquests, for the year 1881.

(68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55,578, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1881.

(69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £86,936, for Prisons, for the year 1881.

(70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £633, for the Shaftesbury Reformatory for Girls, for the year 1881.

(71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £220, for Registrar of Copyright, for the year 1881.

(72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,457, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1881.

NO. VII.—THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,935, for Department of the Attorney General, for the year 1881.

(74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,289, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsman, for the year 1881.

(75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,451, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the year 1881.

(76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,764, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1881.

(77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1881.

NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,638, for Department of Lands, for the year 1881.

(79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,800, for Conditional Land Sales, for the year 1881.

(80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,075, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1881.

(81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £582, for Oyster Beds, for the year 1881.

(82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £266,208, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1881.

(83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,888, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1881.

NO. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,647, for Department of Public Works, for the year 1881.

(85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £124,088, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation, for the year 1881.

(86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,103, for Department of Colonial Architect, for the year 1881.

(87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £141,746, for Public Works and Buildings, for the year 1881.

(88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £520,631, for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1881.

(89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,132, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1881.

No. IX.—RAILWAYS.

- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,120, for General Establishment, for the year 1881.
 (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,991, for Engineering Establishment, for the year 1881.
 (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £775,773, for Existing Lines—Working Expenses—for the year 1881.
 (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £566, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1881.

No. X.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £287,911, for Post Office, for the year 1881.
 (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,770, for Money Order and Government Savings Bank Department, for the year 1881.
 (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £130,409, for Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1881.
 (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,843, for British and Australian Cable Subsidy, for the year 1881.
 (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for New Zealand Cable Subsidy, for the year 1881.

No. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,599, for Department of Mines, for the year 1881.
 (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,800, for Minor Roads, for the year 1881.
 (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,881, for Occupation of Lands, for the year 1881.
 (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,330, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1881.
 (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,045, for Imported Stock, for the year 1881.
 (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,175, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1881.
 (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,938, for Public Tanks and Wells, for the year 1881.
 (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,749, for Miscellaneous, for the year 1881.

On motion of Mr. Watson, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

9. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

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

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1880 and previous years, the sum of £143,932 14s. 9d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(5.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1881, the sum of £4,324,035 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Watson, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes after Three o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Roster of Detachment Duties of Officers of New South Wales Artillery :—Mr. Hezlet asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is a proper Roster kept of the detachment duties of the Officers of the New South Wales Artillery ?
 (2.) Will the Colonial Secretary lay upon the Table a Return showing the Roster of detachment duties of the Officers of the New South Wales Artillery within the last two years ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Officer commanding the New South Wales Artillery has furnished the Commandant with the following information :—“ Yes, unless for special reasons it becomes unnecessary, owing to the sickness of Officers or other causes.”

(2.) I have no objection to lay a copy of the Roster upon the Table of the House.

- (2.) Artillery Subaltern Officers :—Mr. Hezlet asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., confidential or otherwise, relative to the late examination of Subaltern Officers for the vacancy of Captain in the New South Wales Artillery ?

(2.) Also copies of any correspondence relative to the promotion of any who attended the examination ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think I should be discharging my duty if I consented to lay copies of this correspondence upon the Table of the House. Now, in this case, the principal facts are these :—That in the first examination one candidate failed by two or three marks only. The candidate who succeeded was barred from promotion, according to military rule, by an official report against his conduct. It would be a breach of all proper conduct in relation to military discipline to produce copies of these official reports from the Officer in Command. It must be injurious to the subject of them, and would do no good whatever. It would have been impossible in the present case to have promoted the gentleman who succeeded by two or three marks, because as I have said he was barred by a report, which is held to be an obstacle all over the world to promotion until sufficient time has elapsed and sufficient merit acquired to condone the offence altogether. I think, therefore, I should be quite unjustified in laying a copy of this correspondence upon the Table of the House, as it would tend to impair military discipline, and would be contrary to military rules all over the Empire.

- (3.) Stock Tanks on Track from Collarenebri to the Narran River :—Mr. Russell Barton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received Petitions praying that Stock Tanks might be made on the 60-mile Track from Collarenebri to the Narran River, such track being the shortest and most direct route for stock from the Culgoa, Bree, Bokira, and Narran Rivers to Narrabri ?

(2.) Is it a fact that £2,000 was placed on the Estimates for 1879 for the purpose of constructing Tanks on this line ; and if so, will he state why that sum has not been expended ?

(3.) Did not a Surveyor, sent for that purpose, report favourably of this route ?

(4.) Is the Honorable the Secretary aware that if these Tanks had been constructed a great deal of wool that now goes to Queensland would have come to Sydney, *via* Narrabri ?

(5.) Does the Secretary for Works intend to carry out this very necessary work ; and if so, when ?

Mr.

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) No petition can be traced, but several communications have been received advocating construction of Tanks on this line.
- (2.) No such sum was voted in 1879. £2,000, however, was voted a few days since for this work, and for Tanks on road Bagots to Narran; but the money is not yet available.
- (3.) The Road Superintendent has recommended the expenditure.
- (4.) I am not aware.
- (5.) The necessary steps will be taken as soon as the Appropriation Act is passed.

(4.) Stock Tanks on route from the Warrego to the Culgoa River:—Mr. Russell Barton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Stock Tanks on the main stock route from the Warrego to the Culgoa Rivers, *via* Sednopper and the 18-mile, have silted up and become almost useless?
- (2.) That, in consequence, stock have to travel at least 40 miles without water, and drovers and owners of stock suffer serious loss?
- (3.) Does he intend to take steps to have these Tanks cleaned out; and if so, when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware.
- (2.) I am not aware.
- (3.) The Inspector of Public Tanks and Wells is now on his way to that part of the country, and will receive instructions to make the necessary inquiry, and if the Tanks be in the state indicated to cause them to be cleaned out at once.

(5.) Mr. McMaster, Publican:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was the licensed house of Mr. McMaster, publican, of George-street, Sydney, entered by a detective and members of the Police Force on Wednesday, the 2nd of March, and searched, under the supposition that there was an illicit still on the premises?
- (2.) Was any such still found after the premises had been so searched?
- (3.) Were the detectives empowered by warrant to search the said premises; and if so, was the warrant produced and shown to the proprietor?
- (4.) Were the authorities acting on mere suspicion, or by virtue of information received?

Mr. Watson answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the Police accompanied the Chief Inspector of Distilleries at his request.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Yes. The warrant was not produced, as Mr. McMaster did not offer any objection to a search being made.
- (4.) The detectives were assisting the Chief Inspector of Distilleries, who was acting under a warrant obtained by virtue of information received.

(6.) Eight-hour System of Labour on the Railways:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of engine-drivers employed on the Suburban Lines are working at the rate of fourteen hours per day, and does he intend to do anything to reduce their hours of labour?
- (2.) Have any steps been taken by the department to carry out, as far as practicable, the Resolution of this House relating to the application of the eight-hour system of labour; and if not, when is it likely any action will be taken in the matter?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) It is not the case that the engine-drivers on the Suburban Lines work at the rate of fourteen hours per day; they work for sixty hours a week, or ten hours a day. It is impossible to adopt the eight-hour system in the case of drivers and firemen. Those employed on the Suburban Line run less miles than any of the other passenger train drivers, and they have ample time for meals and rest between their trains; moreover, they only run five days a week, one day per week being allowed them to wash out and attend to their engines, on which days they only work five hours.
- (2.) Yes, action has been taken. Inquiry is being made as to the means by which the working time of the block-signal men, porters, and others can, as far as practicable, be brought within the limits of eight hours.

(7.) Sea-wall, Botanic Gardens:—Dr. Renwick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to extend the Sea-wall at the Botanic Gardens beyond Mrs Macquarie's Chair towards the Corporation Baths in Woolloomooloo Bay?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is not the present intention of the Government to enter on this work, which would be rather an expensive one, owing to the depth of water and the irregularity of the rocks; besides which, it is very questionable whether any artificial facing of the foreshore at this place would not materially detract from its natural beauties.

(8.) Widow of the late Edward Robinson:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any action in regard to the Petition of Sarah, widow of the late Edward Robinson, of Petersham, received on the 14th of May, 1880?

Mr. Lackey answered,—£250 was voted by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, and paid to Mrs. Robinson, after full inquiry had been made into the circumstances of the case, and I can see no reason for increasing that amount.

(9.) School of Arts, Petersham:—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Was the £300 voted by Parliament for a School of Arts at Petersham paid; and if so, to whom?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I understand that the sum of £300, voted on Supplementary Estimates for 1878 for the purchase of a site for the School of Arts at Petersham, was paid on the 12th July, 1878, to the credit of the "Borough of Petersham School of Arts Fund" in the Commercial Bank, Sydney. (10.)

(10.) Railway Crossing at Ashfield:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to stop all vehicle traffic over the level crossing at the Ashfield Railway Station?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The foot-bridge which is being put up to connect the two platforms will necessarily prevent vehicles crossing at this place. The public have no right to a crossing over the line at this particular spot; on either sides there are crossings for vehicles, one at Alt-street on the level, and another by a bridge at Matilda-street.

(11.) Bridge over the Parramatta River:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total cost of the Bridge over the Parramatta River?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The total cost of the Parramatta River Bridge, including extras, but exclusive of excavating approaches, is about £47,000. A more accurate statement can be given when the completion of the Iron Cove Bridge will admit of the final settlement of accounts.

(12.) Resident Medical Officer, Quarantine Station:—Mr. Tarrant asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Resident Medical Officer to the Quarantine Station; if so, what will be the duties of such officer, and how will he be remunerated for his services?

Mr. James Watson answered,—Yes. The duties of the officer referred to will be to reside at and take charge of the Quarantine Station, and to board vessels as they enter the Heads. He will be remunerated for his services by the salary voted by Parliament.

(13.) Horse and Cattle Brands Directories:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, for Mr. McLaughlin, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Have the Horse and Cattle Brands Directories for the year 1879 been published?
- (2.) Have they been published yearly since the "Brands Registration Act of 1866" came into force?
- (3.) As these Brands Directories are of great importance to stockowners and others, will the Minister be good enough to state the cause of the delay in their publication?
- (4.) When will they be published?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) Not yet.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The cause of the delay in this instance has arisen through an alteration being made in the form of the Directory, which has entailed a great deal of additional work, but which, when completed, will improve the Directory and effect a considerable saving of expenditure, and also through the work being of such a nature as that those only who are acquainted with it could perform it correctly.
- (4.) They will be completed and published with the least possible delay—probably within eight weeks.

(14.) Water Supply for Temora:—Mr. W. J. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Government taken any, and if so what, action with a view to provide a Water Supply for the residents of Temora?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Government some time since caused a survey and report to be furnished in connection with the matter, and tenders were subsequently invited for the supply of the necessary pipes and pumping engines, with a view to the supply of water for domestic use. On the water from the proposed source being analysed, however, it was pronounced by the Government Analyst unfit for that purpose. The question, also, of a supply of water for mining purposes is under consideration, and an officer of the Harbours and Rivers Department, in conjunction with the Mining Warden, has received instructions to report on it. Pending the receipt of their report no definite action can be taken. It will be seen this question, both in its local aspect and its general bearing on similar cases likely to arise from time to time, is surrounded with difficulties. I can only assure the Honorable Member, however, that it is receiving the best consideration of the Government.

(15.) Sale of Intoxicating Liquors at Railway Platform at Lawson:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the open and flagrant sale of intoxicating liquors upon the Railway Platform at Lawson?
- (2.) What steps does he intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I have received this morning only a communication from, probably, the Honorable Member's informant, and inquiry into the matter is being made.

2. OSBORNE'S LEASING BILL:—Mr. Reid presented a Petition from Henry Hill Osborne, Patrick Hill Osborne, and others, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Henry Hill Osborne, of Bowral, formerly of the District of Illawarra, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, Patrick Hill Osborne, of Currandooley, Lake George, in the said Colony, Esquire, Alick Osborne, of May Brook, Moss Vale, in the said Colony, Esquire, and Ben Marshall Osborne, of Berrima, in the said Colony, Esquire, Trustees of the Will of Henry Osborne, late of Marshall Mount, in the District of Illawarra, Esquire, deceased, or other the Trustees for the time being of the Will of the said Henry Osborne, deceased, to grant building and mining leases of certain lands devised by the said Will to the said Henry Hill Osborne, Patrick Hill Osborne, Alick Osborne, and Ben Marshall Osborne. And Mr. Reid having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Maitland Mercury*, and the *Illawarra Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices, required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 10th June, 1879,—“Messrs. Hudson Brothers.”
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 4th December, 1879,—“Messrs. Hudson Brothers.”
- Ordered to be printed.

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Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing the Roster of Detachment Duties of the Officers of the New South Wales Artillery within the last two years.
 - (2.) Correspondence respecting certain Resolutions, &c., published in the Minutes of Proceedings of the recent Intercolonial Conference.
 - (3.) Correspondence with regard to certain portions of the Appendix to the Minutes of the recent Intercolonial Conference.
- Ordered to be printed.

4. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (Formal Motion)** :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of Conditional Purchases made in each district during the last five years, ending the 31st December, 1880; also a Return showing the area of land so conditionally purchased, together with the area and number transferred.
Question put and passed.
5. **SYDNEY HOSPITAL BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Dr. Renwick moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Sydney Hospital Bill.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abigail, Mr. Brodribb, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Hezlet, Mr. Poole, Mr. Roseby, Mr. R. B. Smith, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
6. **ANATOMY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Renwick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Dr. Renwick (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
7. **AD EUNDEM DEGREES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Dr. Renwick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without Examination and to give to Bachelors of Arts the rights powers and privileges of Masters of Arts in certain cases,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th March, 1881.*

8. **MUNICIPAL BATHS SITE ACQUISITION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Davies moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

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| Mr. Abigail, | Mr. Lackey, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Lynch, |
| Mr. Russell Barton, | Mr. Melville, |
| Mr. Beyers, | Mr. Proctor, |
| Mr. Bowman, | Dr. Renwick, |
| Mr. Brodribb, | Mr. Roseby, |
| Mr. Burdekin, | Mr. See, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. Slatery, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. Carter, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. Combes, | Mr. Suttor, |
| Mr. Cooke, | Mr. Teece, |
| Mr. Copeland, | Mr. Terry, |
| Mr. Davies, | Mr. Turner, |
| Mr. Eckford, | Mr. James Watson, |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. Withers, |
| Mr. Fletcher, | Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Fremlin, | |
| Mr. Garrett, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Hezlet, | Mr. Brunker, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Henry Clarke. |
| Mr. Kidd, | |

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| Mr. Bodel, |
| Mr. John Brown, |
| Mr. William Clarke, |
| Mr. Garrard, |
| Mr. Garvan, |
| Mr. Henson, |
| Mr. Lyne, |
| Mr. McElhone, |
| Mr. Myers, |
| Mr. Poole, |
| Mr. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Wilkinson, |

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| Mr. Pigott, |
| Mr. Joseph P. Abbott. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

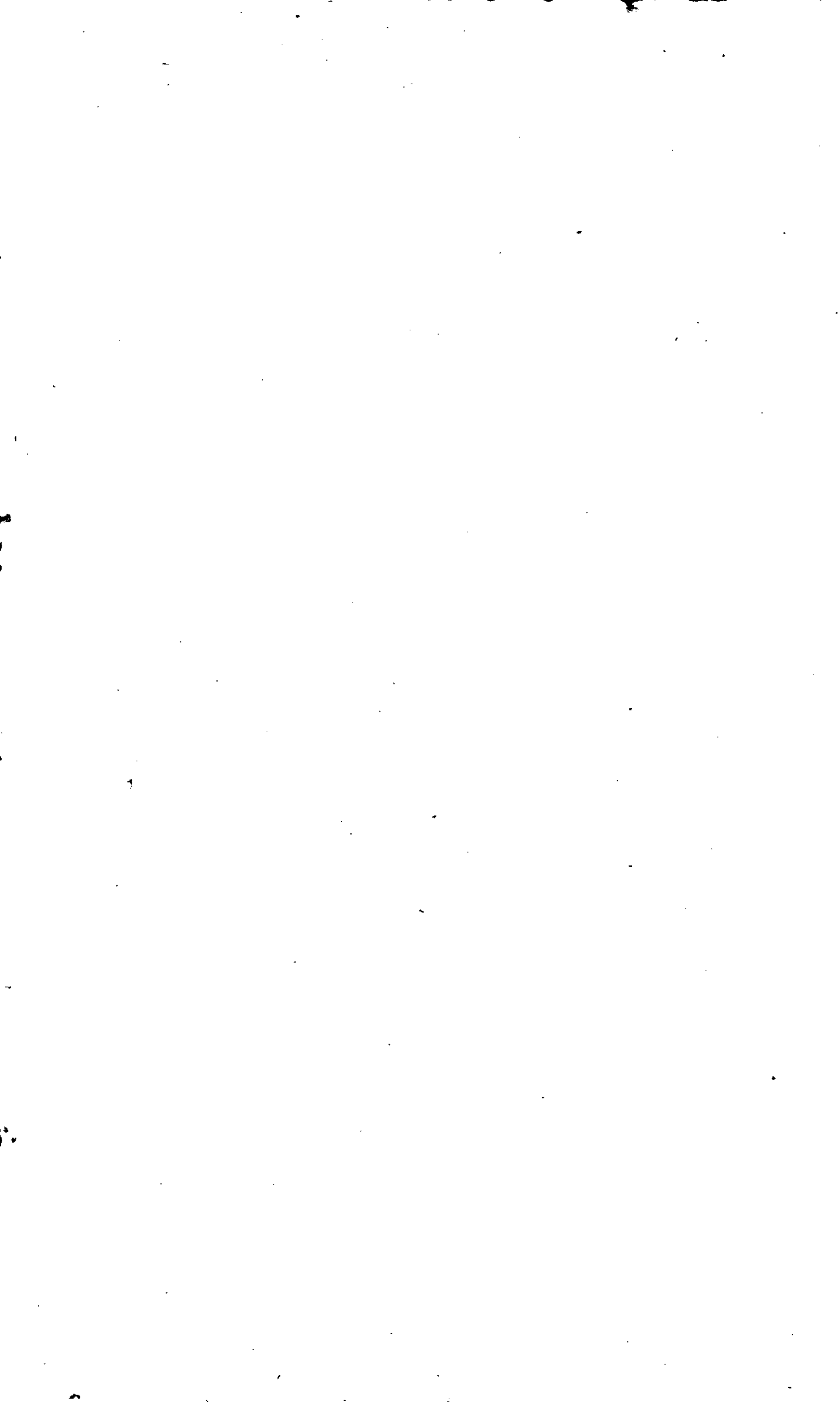
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

9. **BERRIMA COAL MINE RAILWAY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Garrett (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

10. **SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY:**—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject postponed until Friday, 25th March.

The House adjourned at Ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 MARCH, 1881.

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

MEMBER SWORN :—William Forster, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gundagai.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Messrs. Pigott & Trickett :—*Mr. Fullford*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Attorney General,—

- (1.) In how many cases, if any, were the firm of Pigott & Trickett employed to act by Mr. Holroyd, in his capacity of Master in Lunacy, in cases affecting the properties of lunatics under his control?
 (2.) The costs in each case paid to or claimed by them, and the total costs paid to them, and the amount due or claimed?

Mr. Wisdom answered,—

(1.) The firm of Pigott & Trickett have been employed by the Master in Lunacy since the coming into force of the "Lunacy Act of 1878"—viz., from the 1st April, 1879, to the present time—in eight cases affecting the properties of insane patients under his control.

(2.) The following is a detailed list of costs in each case claimed by and paid to them. I do not give the names of the patients as it is not desirable :—No. 1, £18 3s. 8d.; No. 2, £1 1s.; No. 3, £3 18s. 4d.; No. 4, £3 18s. 4d.; No. 5, £4 8s.; No. 6, £5 3s. 10d. In the two other cases Messrs. Pigott & Trickett made no charge. The total amount of costs was £36 13s. 2d.

- (2.) Applications to Purchase Land in the Counties of Ashburnham and Gordon :—*Dr. Ross* asked Secretary for Lands,—Has any person in the Counties of Ashburnham and Gordon applied to have lands measured under the 30th section of the "Crown Lands Amendment Act" during the last four years, ending the 31st December, 1880; if so, the area applied for, the name of the person, the amount of money paid or deposited in each case, and the area sold?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes; the information sought, so far as can be determined (the accounts being kept under the head of Runs and not Counties), is supplied in the form of a Return, which I will place upon the Table of the House.

- (3.) Money deposited under the 25th section of the "Crown Lands Amendment Act" :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any information been laid, or money deposited, and by whom, and in what districts, under the 25th section of the "Crown Lands Amendment Act" during the last five years, ending the 31st December, 1880; if so, has any of the deposit money been forfeited, and how much?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes; 213 deposits were paid, of which 167 were refunded. From eight deposits the total sum of £29 2s. 6d. was deducted for expenses, and the balance refunded. Thirty-eight cases upon which deposits were paid are not yet dealt with. By a Return which will be laid upon the Table of the House detailed information is given.

- (4.) Trespass on a Reserve by George Lockart :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that one George Lockart, a selector, residing at Redbank, near Murga, or any of his children, has been recently fined, and in what amount, by the Toogong Bench, for an alleged trespass on a reserve—that is, for crossing over from one selection to another,—the reserve being between the two selections; and will the Minister have any objection to lay a copy of the depositions taken in the cases before the Police Court upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Police Magistrate at Orange, who visits the Toogong Bench, reports that George Lockart was fined in a small amount in the shape of damages for grazing 800 sheep on a travelling stock reserve, the right of grass on the said reserve being limited to *bona fide* travelling stock and stock belonging to the Crown Lessee (41 Vic. No. 19 sec. 19). He points out that, although the right of ingress and egress to selections is given by 43 Vic. No. 29 sec. 9, it was never contemplated, in his opinion, to permit the grazing of 800 sheep backwards and forwards three times a week by different routes. I am informed that there was no written evidence taken in the case.

(5.)

- (5.) Nevin's Conditional Purchase at Inverell:—Mr. Murray asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps do the Government intend to take in the case of Nevin's selection at Inverell?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Nevin's Conditional Purchase, taken up on the 27th September, 1877, was surveyed in March, 1878, by Licensed-Surveyor Henderson, with a road 1 chain wide reserved along its eastern boundary. In accordance with a recommendation made by District-Surveyor Greaves, when Mr. Henderson's survey was made, a re-survey has been made by Licensed-Surveyor Laing, reducing the area of the selection by 11½ acres, and increasing the width of the road to 3 chains, although the width of the same road is left only 1 chain on the east and west of the portions adjacent and situated to the north and south of the said selection; and in consideration of the delay that has taken place in dealing with this case, I have decided not to agree to the proposed increases in the width of the road east of Nevin's Conditional Purchase.

- (6.) Post and Telegraph Office at Tingha:—Mr. Murray asked the Postmaster General,—Do the Government intend to erect a Post and Telegraph Office at Tingha; and if so, when will steps be taken?

Mr. Suttor answered,—No money has yet been voted for new offices; but the matter is under consideration, and better temporary premises will be secured in the meantime, if possible.

- (7.) Metal sent from Emu Plains by Railway:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What quantity of metal has been sent from Emu Plains by rail during the year 1879; also the amount of freight received, and the cost to the department for working expenses for carriage of same?

Mr. Lackey answered,—16,533 tons; freight, £3,012; cost to the department for working expenses, £2,378.

- (8.) Carriage of Firewood by Railway:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How many trucks of firewood have been sent from Penrith, Cross Roads, South Creek, Rooty Hill, Crawford's Siding, Blacktown, Douglas Siding, Riverstone, Mulgrave, Seven Hills, Guildford, Fairfield, Cabramatta, Liverpool, Campbell Fields, and Campbelltown, during the year 1879; the amount of freight received, and the cost to the department for working expenses for conveyance of same?

| Mr. Lackey answered,— | No. of Trucks. | Freight. |
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| Penrith | 434 | £353 |
| Cross Roads... .. | 1,766 | 1,477 |
| South Creek... .. | 2,631 | 2,029 |
| Rooty Hill | 2,680 | 1,711 |
| Crawford's Siding | Nil; opened in May, 1880. | |
| Blacktown | 1,051 | 537 |
| Douglas Siding | 1,105 | 739 |
| Riverstone | 2,435 | 2,060 |
| Mulgrave | 1,791 | 1,034 |
| Seven Hills | 304 | 164 |
| Guildford | 20 | 8 |
| Fairfield | 1,444 | 600 |
| Cabramatta | 1,037 | 475 |
| Liverpool | 1,750 | 848 |
| Campbell Fields | 1,068 | 879 |
| Campbelltown | 1,262 | 1,055 |

Cost to the department for working expenses, £11,302.

- (9.) Railway Station at Emu Plains:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the erection of the new Railway Station at Emu Plains be proceeded with?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The department is proceeding as rapidly as it can with the various improvements at different parts of the line. Some are more pressing than others. It is intended, however, to carry out this work with as little delay as possible.

- (10.) Post and Telegraph Office, South Creek:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Postmaster General,—When will the erection of the new Post and Telegraph Office at South Creek be proceeded with, for which the money was voted last Session?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Plans will be ready in about a fortnight, and when they have been approved of no unnecessary delay will take place in inviting tenders.

- (11.) The Lord Bishop of Sydney:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What amount of money does Bishop Barker draw yearly from the State?
- (2.) Does he draw his full State salary during his absence from the Colony?
- (3.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to reduce Bishop Barker's salary that he draws from the State by one-half during his absence from duty?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Bishop receives £1,500 from the sum provided under Schedule C to the Constitution Act. He also receives £500 from the Bishopthorpe Estate.
- (2.) He does draw his full salary during his absence from the Colony.
- (3.) I do not think the Government are called upon to interfere.

- (12.) The Barwin River:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In the event of the Railway policy of the Government not being extended to Walgett, and the fact of there being no material to construct a road,—Is it intended to provide a sum of money to clear and snag the Barwin River from Walgett to Bourke, and thus enable the residents in these localities to take advantage of water carriage to Bourke Railway?

Mr. Lackey answered,—In the event of the Railway policy not containing provision for extension to Walgett, ample provision will be made in this matter to enable the residents to take advantage of water carriage to the Railway at Bourke.

- (13.) Police Quarters at Narrabri :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Was any money granted or voted for new brick Police Quarters at Narrabri ; if so, when, and the amount ?
 - (2.) Were the plans and specifications of the buildings prepared, tenders invited, and one accepted, for the work ; if so, date of acceptance, name of contractor, and time stipulated for completion of the buildings ?
 - (3.) If tender accepted, what progress has been made towards completion of the work ; and if none, the cause of delay ?
 - (4.) No vote being on Estimates, as promised in reply to question of the 10th instant, is it intended to make any provision for such buildings by a vote on the Supplementary Estimate or from grant for Public Buildings, and to what extent ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; £1,250 in 1877.
 - (2.) Yes ; the tender of R. Terbutt was accepted on 31st July, 1877, the time for completion being 30th April, 1878.
 - (3.) Foundations were laid ; the contractor then abandoned the work.
 - (4.) The sum of £2,270 for the work on an enlarged plan has been noted for next Estimates.
- (14.) Fire Brigades Bill :—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the Fire Brigades Bill this Session ?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot say at this moment. I should like to go on with the Bill, but it will depend upon the progress of the public business.

- (15.) Milburn Creek Copper Mining Company :—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What are the names of the shareholders of the Milburn Creek Copper-mining Company to whom is to be paid any compensation or money voted by the Parliament, and what number of shares is held by each shareholder ?
 - (2.) What are the names of the Directors of the said Company ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The legal manager of the Company has been asked for the information the Honorable Member desires. So soon as his statement is obtained it shall be laid upon the Table of the House.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Wisdom laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 22nd February, 1881,—“ Jury List, Narrabri.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Statement of Accounts of the Government Savings Bank for the year 1880.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing Deposits paid under the 30th clause of the “ Lands Act Amendment Act of 1875 ” in connection with applications made during the four years preceding the 31st December last to have land in the Counties of Gordon and Ashburnham submitted to sale by auction.

(2.) Return showing the Deposits made under the 25th section of the “ Crown Lands Amendment Act of 1875 ” for five years to 31st December, 1880, and the manner in which the same have been appropriated.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 22nd February, 1881,—“ John Black’s Conditional Purchase at Muswellbrook.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—

(1.) *Seat of William Hillier Holborow, Esquire* :—Dr. Renwick, as Chairman *pro tem.*, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications with reference to the question submitted to them on the 25th February last regarding the Seat of William Hillier Holborow, Esquire.

And the said Report having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 17th December, 1880, to whom was referred on the 25th February, 1881, the question whether William Hillier Holborow, one of the Members for Argyle, was not at the time of his election as one of the Members for Argyle, and is not at the present time, disqualified from sitting or voting as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, by reason of his holding an office of profit under the Crown at the date of such election, and at the present time,—have determined and do hereby accordingly declare,—

“ That William Hillier Holborow, one of the sitting Members for Argyle, was not at the time of his election as a Member for Argyle, and is not at the present time, disqualified from sitting or voting as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, although he then held, and now holds, an office of profit under the Crown as an officer in the Volunteer Force.

“ No. 2 Committee Room,

“ 15th March, 1881,—

“ ARTHUR RENWICK,

“ Chairman *pro tem.*”

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Renwick, that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

(2.) *Adjournment of the Committee* :—Dr. Renwick moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of. Question put and passed.

5. BATES’S ESTATE BILL :—Mr. Trickett, for Mr. Edmund Barton, presented a Petition from Francis Howard Potts, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale, mortgage, and leasing of certain lands and hereditaments devised by the Will of Mary Ann Bates, deceased, and for other purposes.

And Mr. Trickett having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

6. PUBLIC WORKS PERFORMED WITHOUT BEING TENDERED FOR (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 (1.) The various works performed by Sydney firms from 1st January, 1880, to 28th February, 1881, other than those for which tenders have been called.
 (2.) The nature of the works and cost of each, together with the names of the parties performing the same.
 Question put and passed.
7. LAND TAKEN UP BY THE LATE N. P. BAYLY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports, petitions, letters, and other papers, together with plans, in reference to auriferous lands in the District of Mudgee, between Barra Creek and Cooyal, taken up by purchase or selection by the late N. P. Bayly.
 Question put and passed.
8. GOVERNMENT SCALES AND WEIGH-BRIDGES AT RAILWAY STATIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports and correspondence during the present year from any officer of the Railway Department sent to inspect Government scales or weigh-bridges at Mulgrave, Windsor, Richmond, and any other Stations on the Great Southern, Western, and Northern Railways.
 Question put and passed.
9. POLICE MAGISTRATE FOR BURROWA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and minutes relating to the question of the appointment of a Police Magistrate for Burrowa.
 Question put and passed.
10. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Electoral Act of 1880."
 Question put and passed.
11. OSBORNE'S LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Henry Hill Osborne, of Bowral, formerly of the District of Illawarra, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, Patrick Hill Osborne, of Currandooley, Lake George, in the said Colony, Esquire, Alick Osborne, of May Brook, Moss Vale, in the said Colony, Esquire, and Ben Marshall Osborne, of Berrima, in the said Colony, Esquire, Trustees of the Will of Henry Osborne, late of Marshall Mount, in the District of Illawarra, Esquire, deceased, or other the Trustees for the time being of the Will of the said Henry Osborne, deceased, to grant building and mining leases of certain lands devised by the said Will to the said Henry Hill Osborne, Patrick Hill Osborne, Alick Osborne, and Ben Marshall Osborne.
 Question put and passed.
12. DISTRICT COURTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. McLaughlin, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the "District Courts Act of 1858."
 Question put and passed.
13. ANATOMY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Dr. Renwick, read a third time, and passed.
 Dr. Renwick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the establishment of Schools of Anatomy and to regulate the practice of Anatomy therein.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the establishment of Schools of Anatomy and to regulate the practice of Anatomy therein,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 15th March, 1881.*
14. BERRIMA COAL MINE RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Combes, read a third time, and passed.
 Mr. Combes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable a Company called 'The Berrima Coal-mining and Railway Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Berrima Coal Mine to the Great Southern Railway.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a Company called 'The Berrima Coal-mining and Railway Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Berrima Coal Mine to the Great Southern Railway,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with Appendices.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 15th March, 1881.*
15. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1880,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 1st April.

16. **SITE FOR FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the land at the top of King-street, at present occupied by the old Immigration Barracks and the Colonial Architect's Offices, would be a more appropriate site for the proposed Free Public Library than the land resumed in Elizabeth-street for the purpose.
 (2.) That in the plans for the Library ample provision should be made for lecture rooms for the benefit of the employed classes of the community.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

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| Mr. Abigail, | Mr. Holborow, |
| Mr. Badgery, | Mr. Jacob, |
| Mr. Russell Barton, | Mr. Loughnan, |
| Mr. Beyers, | Mr. McCulloch, |
| Mr. Bodel, | Mr. O'Connor, |
| Mr. Brodribb, | Mr. Poole, |
| Mr. John Brown, | Mr. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Stephen Brown, | Mr. Sec, |
| Mr. Brunker, | Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. Cass, | Mr. Sutherland, |
| Mr. William Clarke, | Mr. Terry, |
| Mr. Copeland, | Mr. Tooth, |
| Mr. Farnell, | Mr. Trickett, |
| Mr. Fergusson, | Mr. Wilkinson, |
| Mr. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Withers, |
| Mr. Foster, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Fremlin, | |
| Mr. Garrard, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Garvan, | Mr. H. C. Dangar. |

Noes, 32.

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| Mr. Andrews, | Mr. McElhone, |
| Mr. Baker, | Sir Henry Parkes, |
| Mr. Burdekin, | Mr. Proctor, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. Purves, |
| Mr. Carter, | Mr. Roseby, |
| Mr. Henry Clarke, | Dr. Ross, |
| Mr. T. G. Dangar, | Mr. Sattor, |
| Mr. Davics, | Mr. Teece, |
| Mr. Eckford, | Mr. W. J. Watson, |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. Wisdom, |
| Mr. Forster, | Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Fullford, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Garrett, | |
| Mr. Hay, | Mr. Pigott, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Dr. Benwick. |
| Mr. Kidd, | |
| Mr. Lackey, | |
| Mr. G. A. Lloyd, | |
| Mr. Martin, | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

17. **BANKS'S MEADOW RESERVE**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Resolution agreed to on the 8th February last with reference to "Banks's Meadow Reserve" be now rescinded.
 And the said Resolution having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
 Debate ensued.
 Question put,—
 And Division called for,—
 But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes* no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.
18. **CHAPMAN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL**:—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from Walter Hayes, of Croydon, near Sydney, Trustee and Executor of the last Will and Testament of Thomas Chapman, of Kiama, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Chapman to grant leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the real estate devised by the said Will, and to make roads, streets, and ways over, upon, and adjacent to the said lands, and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned.
 And Mr. Garrett having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
19. **WILLIAM COLLINS**:—Mr. Terry presented a Petition from William Collins, representing that he was arrested, and charged with being of unsound mind, and incarcerated in the Lunatic Asylum at Gladesville, whereby he sustained severe injuries and great losses; and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration.
 Petition received.
20. **BRIDGE TO CONNECT SYDNEY WITH THE NORTH SHORE**:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution relating to a Petition from the Residents of Sydney and Suburbs respecting the construction of a Bridge across the Harbour of Port Jackson, so as to connect Sydney with the North Shore.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
21. **COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS AND DISTRICT COURT AT COWRA**:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Lynch, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence on the subject of the proposed establishment of a Court of Quarter Sessions and a District Court at Cowra.
 Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Officers of the New South Wales Artillery:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) The names of the Officers of the New South Wales Artillery who were sent to Newcastle during the month of August, 1879?
 (2.) The number of days and dates of the month they remained in Newcastle?
 (3.) The name of the hotel in which they took up their quarters during their stay?
 (4.) The amount of expenses they were each allowed for subsistence and travelling?
 (5.) The date the vouchers for expenses (if any) were sent in, and when the money was paid?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Major Spalding, Captain Murray, Lieutenant A. Le Patourel.
 (2.) Left Sydney 18th August, 1879; arrived at Newcastle and Lambton 19th August; returned to Newcastle on the evening of the 19th August; left Newcastle for Sydney 22nd August; arrived in Sydney 23rd August.
 (3.) The Hotel at Lambton, and the "Great Northern Hotel" at Newcastle.
 (4.) 16s. per diem, being in all £4 16s. each.
 (5.) The vouchers were forwarded from the Artillery Brigade Office on the 26th August, 1879, and the money was paid in November, 1879.

- (2.) Amended Mining Bill:—Mr. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce an amended Mining Bill this Session?

Mr. Baker answered,—The state of public business will not permit the introduction of an amended Mining Bill this Session.

- (3.) Liquor Licenses Suspensory Bill:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he intend to make provision in the new Licensing Bill for the examination by qualified Inspectors of all liquors sold in public-houses throughout the Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot at this moment say whether any such provision as this will be introduced into the Licensing Bill. But I may state that at the present time the Police very frequently take samples of liquors from public-houses, and submit them to the Government Analyst; that, in fact, Mr. Watt has just sent in his examinations of several samples of liquors so taken. I may state further that in every instance up to this point, though these samples have been taken from public-houses in obscure neighbourhoods, supposed to be the most likely places for bad liquors to be sold, no ingredient has been found upon which a prosecution could lie.

- (4.) Endowment of Municipalities:—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have any objection to state what provision has been made for the endowment of existing Municipalities (other than the Municipal Council of Sydney) for the twelve months ending 6th February, 1881, and how and when will such provision be carried into effect?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government will submit in Committee of Supply this afternoon a proposal for the temporary endowment of Municipalities.

- (5.) Tramway to Coogee Bay:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend to complete the Tramway from Randwick Asylum to Coogee Bay now, without withdrawing the men and plant now employed on the Randwick extension?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It will not be possible to do this.

(6.)

(6.) Mail Service between Glen Innes and Vegetable Creek :—Mr. Fergusson asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) The amount of present mail contract on horseback between Glen Innes and Vegetable Creek ?

(2.) The amount tendered to carry mail by coach ?

(3.) Did the present contractor in his tender state whether he would carry the mails by horseback or by coach ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) £150 per annum.

(2.) £180, £185, and £250 per annum respectively, the latter being the sum asked by the late contractors for the service.

(3.) No ; but it was presumed from the amount, and subsequently ascertained from contractor, that he intended his tender to be for a horseback service. It having, however, been represented that a service by vehicle is desirable at least once a week, negotiations are now being made with the contractor with a view to this being arranged if possible.

(7.) Eight-hour System of Labour on Railways :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. O'Connor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the duties of Night Officers in charge of Stations on the Western Line ?

(2.) What are the hours of labour for the same ?

(3.) In any intended assimilation of the eight-hour principle, will he endeavour to effect relief for these individuals ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Attending to the passing of trains, the working of signals, and assisting the guards of goods trains while shunting ; also attending to the working of staff and ticket system.

(2.) Average twelve hours on duty, but the duties are light—indeed little more than nominal.

(3.) Inquiry will be made, and if it be found that relief is necessary in any particular case it will be afforded ; but it would not be possible to limit the hours of attendance to eight hours on the Railway. The hours of actual work do not as a rule exceed, even if they amount to, eight hours at the present time.

(8.) Canteen for Volunteers :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. O'Connor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was a Petition numerously signed by the Non-commissioned Officers and men of the Volunteer Encampment at Middle Head last year sent in to the Commandant, praying for a separate Canteen for the use of the Volunteers ?

(2.) Will he be so good as to direct at the next Encampment the establishment of a separate Canteen, or cause arrangements to be made similar to those at the Victoria Barracks last year ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I am informed that no Petition of this character has reached the Commandant.

(2.) I will consult the Commandant on the subject.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Estimate of Expenditure on account of Services proposed to be defrayed out of the Surplus Revenue Account :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimate of Expenditure on account of Services proposed to be defrayed out of the Surplus Revenue Account.

*Government House,
Sydney, 16th March, 1881.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

(2.) Estimate of Expenditure on account of Public Works proposed to be provided for by Loan :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimate of Expenditure on account of Public Works for the year 1881 proposed to be provided for by Loan.

*Government House,
Sydney, 16th March, 1881.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. PAPER :—Mr. Wisdom laid upon the Table,—Rule of the Supreme Court—Divorce and Matrimonial Jurisdiction.

Ordered to be printed.

4. SYDNEY HOSPITAL BILL :—Dr. Renwick, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 11th March, 1881 ; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Dr. Renwick then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 25th March.

Question put and passed.

5. **BATES'S ESTATE BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Edmund Barton moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale, mortgage, and leasing of certain lands and hereditaments devised by the Will of Mary Ann Bates, deceased, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
6. **CHAPMAN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Chapman to grant leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the real estate devised by the said Will, and to make roads, streets, and ways over, upon, and adjacent to the said lands, and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned.
Question put and passed.
7. **JEANNERET'S TRAMWAY BILL** :—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Charles Edward Jeanneret, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway along George-street, Parramatta.
And Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* and the *Cumberland Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.
8. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

ESTIMATE TO BE DEFRAIDED OUT OF THE SURPLUS REVENUE ACCOUNT.

No. XII.—SURPLUS REVENUE ACCOUNT.

(107.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £150,000 for expenditure on account of Services to be defrayed out of the Surplus Revenue Account.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

9. **OSBORNE'S LEASING BILL** :—Mr. Reid having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Henry Hill Osborne of Bowral formerly of the District of Illawarra in the Colony of New South Wales Esquire Patrick Hill Osborne of Currandooley Lake George in the said Colony Esquire Alick Osborne of May Brook Moss Vale in the said Colony Esquire and Ben Marshall Osborne of Berrima in the said Colony Esquire Trustees of the Will of Henry Osborne late of Marshall Mount in the District of Illawarra Esquire deceased or other the Trustees for the time being of the Will of the said Henry Osborne deceased to grant building and mining leases of certain lands devised by the said Will to the said Henry Hill Osborne Patrick Hill Osborne Alick Osborne and Ben Marshall Osborne*,"—read a first time.
10. **PAPER** :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Furnishing of New Public Offices.
Ordered to be printed.
11. **PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON TUESDAY** :—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That on Tuesday next, the 22nd March, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Wagga Wagga Gas Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable William Wark and John Anderson Wark to construct Gas-works within the Borough and Suburbs of Wagga Wagga*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th March, 1881.

JOHN HAY,
President.

WAGGA. WAGGA. GAS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th March, 1881.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1, line 29. *After "shall" insert "unless in case of accident."*
Page 5, clause 8, line 18. *After "jurisdiction" omit remainder of clause.*

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday, 25th March.

(2.)

(2.) No-Liability Mining Companies Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to incorporate No-Liability Mining Companies,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th March, 1881.

JOHN HAY,
President.

NO-LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th March, 1881.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 8, lines 56 and 57. *Omit* "the Government Gazette and twice in a local and metropolitan newspaper not less than fourteen nor more than twenty-eight" *insert* "two issues of a newspaper circulating in the district where the Company's mine is situated and in two issues of a daily newspaper published in Sydney the last of such advertisements being not less than fourteen"
- " 3, clause 8, lines 3 to 5. *Omit* "retained for the benefit of the remaining shareholders and shall become the property of the Company" *insert* "paid to the shareholder on his delivering to the Company the scrip representing the forfeited share"
- " *After* clause 11 *insert* the following new clauses :—
- " 12. Any manager or agent of a No-Liability Company ordering goods plant and other necessaries for the purposes of the Company shall do so on paper bearing the Company's name with the word 'No-Liability' added together with the word 'No-Liability' inscribed in coloured ink across such order. Provided that if goods be ordered otherwise than aforesaid the person ordering the same shall be personally liable."
- " 13. A No-Liability Company shall be deemed duly registered under this Act notwithstanding any error in the name address or occupation of a shareholder."
- Page 4, clause 12, line 5. *Omit* "registered office of the Company shall be" *insert* "Company's mine is"
- " clause 15, line 24. *After* "and" *insert* "if"
- " clause 15, line 24. *Omit* "which"
- " clause 15, line 25. *After* "office" *insert* "the manager thereof"
- " *After* clause 15 *insert* the following new clause :—
- " 18. All Companies registered under this Act shall be subject to the following clauses of the Companies Act thirty-seventh Victoria number nineteen so far as they are applicable thereto numbers eighteen sixty-nine seventy eighty-one to ninety-three both inclusive."
- Page 5, Second Schedule, sub-section (4). *Omit* "property including claims [or leased ground]" *insert* "plant"
- " Second Schedule, sub-section (5). *Omit* sub-section (5) *insert* the following new sub-sections :—
- " (5.) The Company's mine consists of _____ acres held under [here insert nature of Company's title.]"
- " (6.) The amount of money at the Company's credit is _____ and the total liability of the Company is _____"
- " (7.) The nominal capital of the Company is £ _____ in shares of _____ each of which are paid up to _____ each and _____ are contributing shares to the extent of _____ each."
- " Second Schedule, sub-section (6). *After* "of" *insert* "contributing"
- " Second Schedule, sub-section (8). *After* "shares" *insert* "distinguishing the contributing from the non-contributing shares"
- " Second Schedule. *After* sub-section (9) *insert* the following new sub-section :—
- " (12.) The only contracts entered into on behalf of this Company are those of which the particulars are stated hereunder."

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday next.

13. CHAPMAN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL:—Mr. Garrett having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Chapman to grant leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the real estate devised by the said Will and to make roads streets and ways over upon and adjacent to the said lands and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned,*"—read a first time.
14. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The

The Manager or Agent of a No-Liability Company to order goods &c. on paper.

Registration not affected by reason of error in name address or occupation of shareholder.

Companies subject to certain provisions of 37 Vic. No. 19.

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

(6.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1881, the sum of £150,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

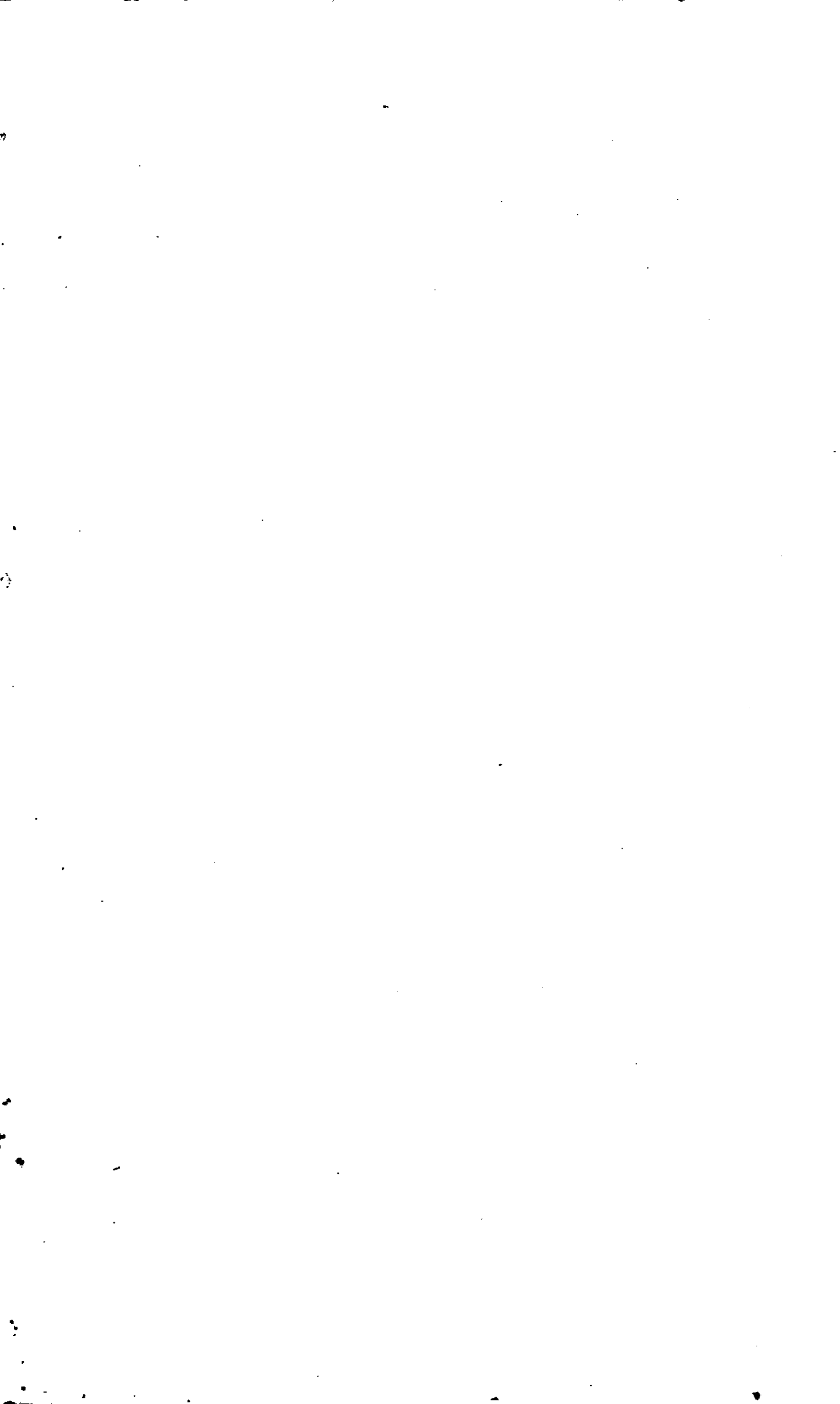
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

15. APPROPRIATION BILL :—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, that a Bill be brought in founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. 4, 5, and 6, 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 1881, and for the year 1880, and previous years.
- (2.) Sir Henry Parkes *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1881 and for the year 1880 and previous years*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Mr. J. G. Hay :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it true that a certain J. G. Hay, while a clerk in the Lands Office, made selections of land along the line of Railway at Lawson?
- (2.) Has he since been dismissed, and will the Minister state the reason for such dismissal?
- (3.) Is it true that some private person has put up a building on the Government Reserve at Lawson, and has the attention of the Minister been called to the matter; if true that such a building is on the Reserve, will he give instructions to have it removed?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Mr. Hay was a clerk temporarily employed in the Department of Lands. His services were not required after the 30th September last.
- (3.) Yes. Notice was given on the 12th January last to remove the building,—six months from that date being allowed for its removal.

- (2.) The Eight-hour System of Labour on Dredges :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Carter, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the men employed on the dredges and tug-boats applied to be allowed to work on the eight-hour system?
- (2.) Is it his intention to comply with their request?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes, such a request has been made by them.
- (2.) It has not been thought expedient in this particular branch of the department to accede to the request. The terms of servitude applying in the case of dredge and tug employés are entirely different from those obtaining in that of ordinary day labourers and artisans, who have to accept along with their eight-hour privilege the vicissitudes usually attaching to day labour. But the dredge and tug-men are paid by the month; their wages go on although the dredges and tugs may not be able to be worked by reason of rough weather (a not unfrequent contingency) or other causes; they have also the advantage of sick allowances, which day men do not usually possess. It is further a fact of universal recognition that the circumstances attending the lot of seamen are essentially different from those of that of landmen, and cannot be governed by the same rules. There will be no objection, however, as opportunities occur, to permit such of the dredge-men as desire it to enter branches where the eight-hour system obtains.

- (3.) Museum and Free Public Library :—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the number of hours the employés are engaged on Sunday at the Museum and Free Library?
- (2.) At what rate are such employés paid?
- (3.) Why is the Museum closed to the Public on Monday?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In reference to this question I would state that the Government have never interfered; they have left it to the Trustees of the Library and to the Trustees of the
Museum

Museum to carry out the Resolution of the House as they thought fit. The information supplied to me is as follows:—

Free Library :—

(1.) The duties of the Principal Librarian and of a portion of the staff commence on Sundays at 8 o'clock a.m., and cease at 6.30 p.m. (with intermission), and occupy about seven hours. The remainder of the staff are employed from 1.30 to 6.30 p.m.—about five hours. Some of the officers work only on alternate Sundays, and the others every Sunday.

(2.) The Principal Librarian, for the extra supervision on Sunday of both Libraries, is paid at the rate of £100 per annum as an addition to his salary. The other officers are paid at rates varying from about £15 to £40 per annum, according to the length of time they are employed and the nature of the duties they perform.

Museum :—

(1.) The employes at the Museum are engaged on Sunday for five hours—two in the morning for dusting cases, sweeping, &c., and from 2 to 5 in the afternoon as attendants. The employes are permitted to arrange their own hours of attendance in the morning, that they may be enabled to go to Church if they desire.

(2.) Such employes are paid at the rate of two shillings per hour.

(3.) The Museum is closed to the Public on Monday for cleansing purposes, rendered necessary by its continuous opening on the previous six days.

- (4.) Tank for Walgett Court-house :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has, or will, any provision be made for an Underground Cemented Tank for the use of Walgett new Court-house, Gaol, and Police Quarters; and if so, will he state particulars?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Provision is made for an Underground Cemented Brick Tank for the Court-house at Walgett; but no application has been made for Tanks at the Gaol or Police Barracks.

- (5.) Alignment of Streets, Parramatta :—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will a Surveyor be sent to align the streets in Parramatta, for which application was made by the Borough Council on the 19th July, 1880?

Mr. Baker answered,—The Surveyor who is intrusted with instruction relative to the alignment of certain Streets in Parramatta is now engaged in the survey of a proposed road from Ryde to Parramatta, *via* Subiaco; when he has finished that survey he will carry out his instruction respecting the Streets in Parramatta.

- (6.) Pier at Manly :—Mr. Stuart asked the Secretary for Mines,—Did the Government receive from the Municipal Council of Manly any letters protesting against the renewal of the lease of the Pier to the Port Jackson Steamboat Company other than those laid upon the Table in reply to the Return moved for by the Member for East Sydney (Mr. Reid), such letters being alluded to in Mr. Mayor Hilder's letter of 7th January, 1881, in the words "I have frequently, by order of the Council of Manly, addressed you letters respectfully protesting against any renewal of the existing lease"; if so, will he cause such letters to be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Baker answered,—Search has been made in the records of the Lands and Mines Departments for any other letters from the Manly Municipal Council on the subject of the lease of the Pier, but no such letters can be traced.

2. AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Reid, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 10th March, 1881; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Question put and passed.

3. JEANNERET'S TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

- (1.) Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway along George-street, Parramatta. Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Farnell having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway along George-street, Parramatta,*"—read a first time.

4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Appropriation Bill; second reading;—*until Wednesday next.*

(2.) Local Government Bill; second reading;—*until Thursday next.*

5. FISHERIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

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

- (1.) Church of England Trust Property Incorporation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the creation of Corporate Bodies of Trustees in which property belonging to the Church of England may be vested and to make further provisions in reference thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th March, 1881.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CHURCH

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY INCORPORATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 17th March, 1881.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 15. *Omit* "sell convey assign assure and dispose of" *insert* "let all or any
" of such hereditaments on lease for any term of years not exceeding ninety-nine or (in
" any case where originally a power of sale shall have been given) may absolutely sell
" and in all cases as to personal property may sell."
" clause 4, line 23. *After* "including" *omit* "the" *insert* "any"
" clause 4, line 24. *After* "Trustees" *insert* "or to or in any Bishop as sole Trustee"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Deputy Chairman.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

(2.) Kurrajong Land and Riley-street Surry Hills Land Sales Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Bishop of Sydney to sell two portions of land situated respectively at Kurrajong County of Cook and Surry Hills near Sydney and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale thereof*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

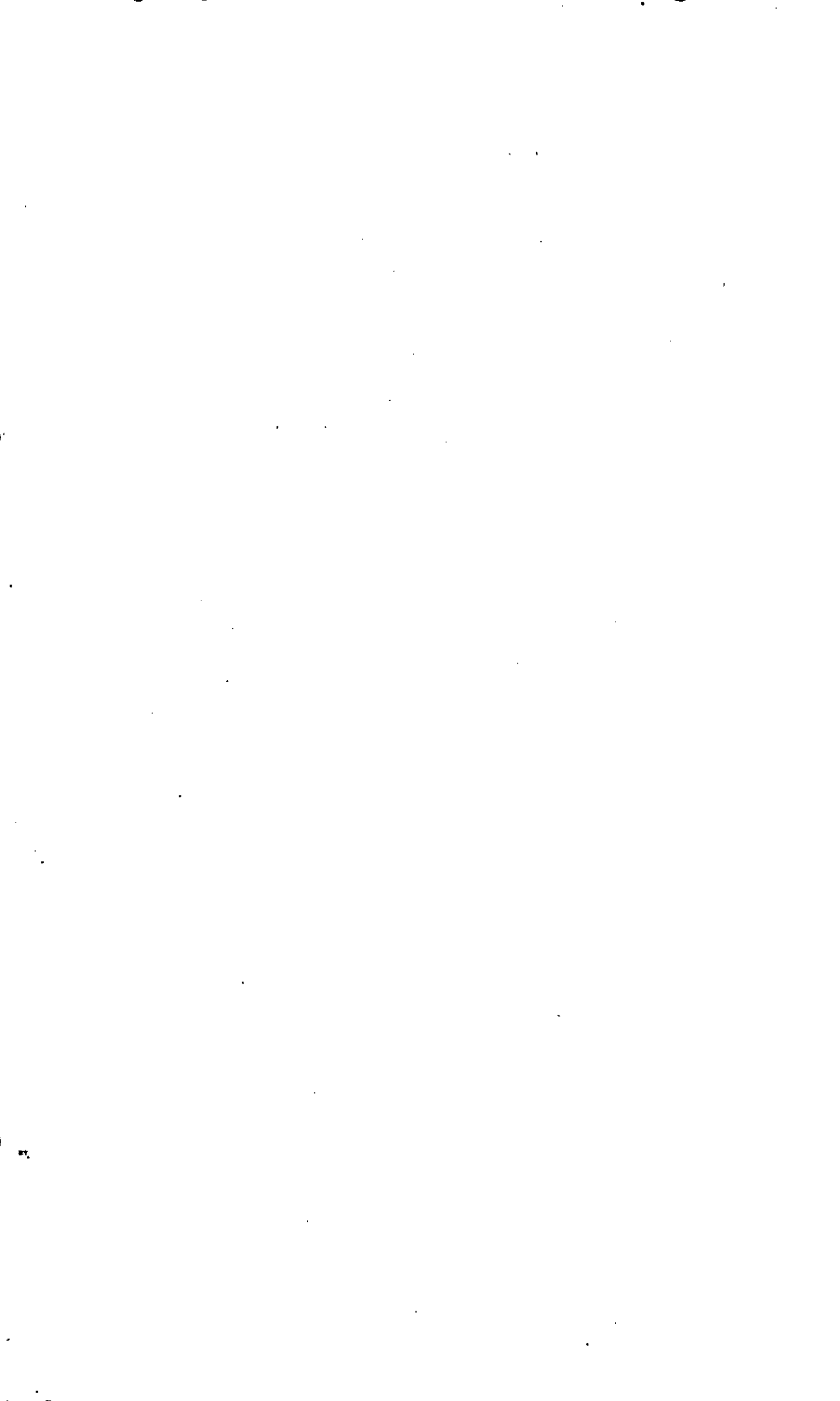
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President.

7. STATE CHILDREN RELIEF BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land taken up in Counties of Ashburnham, Gordon, and Wellington:—*Mr. Jacob*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The area of land that has been taken up during the last five years, ending the 31st December, 1880, under the Improvement Clause of the Lands Act, in the Counties of Ashburnham, Gordon, and Wellington?

(2.) The name of the purchaser and the run, the area in each case, and the nature and value of the improvements?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—I will lay a Return upon the Table of the House giving the required information.

- (2.) Sydney School of Arts.—Working Men's Technical College:—*Mr. Tarrant* asked the Colonial Secretary,—The number of Students in each class of the Sydney School of Arts, and in each class of the Sydney Working Men's Technical College, and the amount of fees paid by each Student for each class he attends?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The information which the Honorable Member seeks is embodied in a statement which I will lay upon the Table this afternoon.

- (3.) Records of Births, Marriages, and Deaths:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Fawcett*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government consider the advisableness of taking some decisive step to secure the Church of England Records of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, now in the custody of *Mr. H. K. James*, with a view of placing them under the charge of the Registrar General, where the public would have greater facilities of obtaining extracts at a much cheaper and a uniform rate?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Nothing can be done in this case without new legislation, but the Government will be prepared next Session to introduce a Bill to deal with the matter.

- (4.) Public School at Tingha:—*Mr. Murray* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the Government intend to erect a Public School at Tingha; and if so, when will tenders be called for?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is intended to erect new buildings, and the architect has been instructed to expedite the preparation of the plans. It appears, however, that there has been some delay connected with the obtaining of the site.

- (5.) Lawson Railway Station:—*Mr. Jacob*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he give instructions to have proper shelter and necessary conveniences erected at the western end of Lawson Station, to which extremity passenger trains now draw up?

(2.) Will he also give instructions to have the western end of the platform fenced in, and so prevent the embankment being destroyed by persons breaking it down?

(3.) Will he give instructions to erect a new ladies waiting-room in place of the present structure, which is out of harmony with the new Station buildings?

(4.) Will he further direct the completion of the cinders-in-tar levelling of the platform, recently worn into dangerous holes through neglect?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) There is sufficient accommodation at Lawson Station at the present time.

(2.) This end of platform will be fenced in.

(3.) A new ladies waiting-room is not considered necessary for the present.

(4.) Any repairs required to the platform will be carried out.

- (6.) Main Western Road at Lawson:—*Mr. Jacob*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to the answer in Votes and Proceedings of the 4th May, 1880, with reference to Main Western Road at Lawson,—Would he say why the promise therein given was not carried out?

(2.) Is he aware that the local residents at Lawson suffer great inconvenience from the disrepair of the Main Western Road for miles on either side?

(3.)

(3.) Will he give imperative instructions for the completion of the repairs to this main road at Lawson, and carry them on to Woodford on the one hand, and to the Wentworth Falls on the other ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The available funds had to be applied to more urgent works.
- (2.) I am not aware that any serious inconvenience has been suffered by the residents of Lawson ; they are few, and live close to the Railway.
- (3.) Instructions have already been given to do what repairs the limited traffic at this place will warrant as far as funds admit.

(7.) Road and Bridge at Lawson :—*Mr. Jacob*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Referring to reply given to question asked on the 30th April last,—When is it intended to make a gradual approach to the Trustees Road at Lawson, and so allow the local residents on the northern side of the Railway a decent means of getting to the Station ?
- (2.) When will the Railway Bridge at Lawson Station, the site for which was approved of in June last by the Commissioner for Railways, be erected ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) A road on the northern side of the Railway is said to be unnecessary.
- (2.) The Bridge will be erected when the amount of traffic renders it necessary.

(8.) Compensation to Jane Flockhart :—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What steps will be taken towards compensating Jane Flockhart for extra road taken through town purchased land by Staff-Surveyor McMaster, road Turawan to Walgett ?
- (2.) Now that site of Wee Waa Lagoon Bridge is fixed at foot of Charles-street, will the land be restored, less original road ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) It is not now proposed to take any land from Mrs. Jane Flockhart for the road, therefore compensation will not be necessary.
- (2.) Yes ; the site of the Bridge being now determined upon, the old boundary road between Mrs. Flockhart's allotments will be resorted to, and the deviation through her land set aside.

(9.) Government Inspector of Machinery and Boilers at the Richmond River :—*Mr. Garrard* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is there a Government Inspector of Machinery and Boilers at the Richmond River ; if not, what provision is there for the inspection of steamships on that river ?
- (2.) The name of the Government Inspector of Machinery and Boilers at the Clarence River ?
- (3.) What remuneration does he receive for his services ?
- (4.) Is it true that he has an engineering shop at Grafton ?
- (5.) Is it true that he makes use of his position as Inspector to obtain work for his shop ?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

- (1.) There is no local Government Inspector. The duty of inspecting the steam-ships plying on the river is performed by the engineer of a sea-going steamer trading there.
- (2.) Mr. Patrick L. Fraser.
- (3.) £2 2s. for each vessel surveyed.
- (4.) Yes
- (5.) No such complaint has ever reached the Marine Board.

(10.) Drainage of Government Institutions, Parramatta :—*Mr. Byrnes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Government yet decided upon a plan to abate the great nuisance at Parramatta caused by the drainage of the Government establishments into the river ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This matter is now under consideration of the officers of the Works Department, but no final decision has been arrived at.

(11.) *Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Fariola* :—*Mr. Forster* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has any representation or application been made to the Government purporting to complain of, or bring under their notice, the alleged practice of certain licensed surveyors and other officials in the same department in Sydney, or elsewhere, to do work in competition with private surveyors, under circumstances at such times, or in such a way, as to interfere with their public duties or occupy public time ?
- (2.) Have the Government inquired into the subject ; and if so, to what effect ?
- (3.) Have any such representations or applications been specially directed to the case of Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Fariola ?
- (4.) What are, or were, the duties and amount of salary of Mr. Fariola from 1st September, 1880, to 1st March, 1881 ?
- (5.) On what occasion (if any) did Mr. Fariola obtain leave of absence during the period above specified, and on what alleged grounds ?
- (6.) Was the private estate known as Wetherill subdivided for sale by the authority of the Government ; and if so, under what circumstances or conditions ?
- (7.) Has the sale or subdivision of this estate been conducted by Mr. Fariola with the sanction of the Government ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; by certain members of a deputation which waited upon the Colonial Secretary on the 19th March, 1880 (papers herewith) ; also by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Parrott against Mr. Draftsman Walters (papers herewith).
- (2.) Yes ; in both cases the results appear on the papers herewith.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) Mr. Fariola is a Licensed-Surveyor in private practice in Sydney ; he is also employed by the Surveyor General on urgent city work under Mr. District-Surveyor Woolrych. He is employed at £25 per month, and paid only for the days he works. During the period specified he was absent nineteen days.

(5.)

- (5.) On the 2nd of February he applied for leave to attend to private matters; leave granted.
 (6.) Nothing is officially known of the survey of the Wetherill Estate.
 (7.) Inquiry is not made as to how Licensed Surveyors employ their time when they are not working for the Government.

(12.) Reserves on Line of Railway from Homebush to Waratah :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have the Government reserved, or do they intend reserving from sale or conditional purchase, all or any of the land along the proposed line of Railway from Homebush to Waratah; if so, to what extent, and how soon?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Several large and important reservations have been made, which include parts of the proposed Railway line from Waratah to Homebush. The question of further reservation is now under consideration.

(13.) Tramway Employés :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many hours do the employés on the Tramways work on Sunday?
 (2.) At what rate are such employés paid for such Sunday work?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The firemen, drivers, and cleaners work about half a day. The contractors work every alternate Sunday—an average of nine and a half hours.

(2.) Ordinary rates of pay. Should the services of the workshop men be required on Sundays they are paid time and a quarter.

(14.) Approaches to Dangar Bridge :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works.—Is it intended to make any provision for the approaches on both sides of the river to Dangar Bridge, over the Barywin River, near Walgett, so as to render the bridge available in flooded seasons?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Government hesitated to incur the large expenditure that would be necessary for this work, pending the decision as to the position of the Railway at Walgett.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting obstruction to Harbour of Port Macquarie.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wisdom laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 15th March, 1881,—“Police Magistrate for Burrowa.”

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return showing the number of Students in each class of the Sydney Working Men's Technical College, and the amount of fees paid by each Student for each class he attends.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return of Purchases in virtue of Improvements in the Counties of Ashburnham, Gordon, and Wellington, from 1st July, 1875, to 31st December, 1880.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 8th February, 1881,—“Mr. John Smith's application to purchase Land at Molong.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Estimates from Trial Surveys of the cost of the several lines of Railway proposed by the Government.

3. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. McLaughlin presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to further amend the District Courts Act of 1858,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 1st April.

4. RAILWAY TO COOMA :—Mr. Tooth presented a Petition from Residents in the District of Cooma, praying the House to take measures for the immediate adoption of the line of Railway proposed by the Government, with a view to the opening a Railway to Cooma from the Great Southern Line. Petition received.

5. TEMORA GOLD FIELDS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, reports, minutes or other documents, having reference to the division of the £1,000 reward for the discovery of the Temora Gold Fields. Question put and passed.

6. GIRDER-BRIDGE ACROSS ULTIMO-STREET (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, reports, and other correspondence, having reference to the construction of a Girder-bridge across Ultimo-street, Sydney. Question put and passed.

7. HAULAGE AND SHIPPING COAL ON GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY LINE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, and other documents that have passed between the Public Works Department and the Newcastle Coal Company with reference to charges for haulage and shipping of coal on the Great Northern Railway Line. Question put and passed.

8. CHAPMAN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL, (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That Chapman's Estate Leasing Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Burdckin, Mr. Brodrigg, Mr. Fromlin, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Withers, Mr. Roseby, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

9. JEANNERET'S TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That Jeanneret's Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Hazlet, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Fergusson, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Withers, Mr. Burns, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

10. STATE CHILDREN RELIEF BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, read a third time, and *passed*.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to establish a System of Boarding-out Children.*"

Question put and *passed*.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish a System of Boarding-out Children,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th March, 1881.

11. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th March, 1881.

12. INTEREST ON BALANCES DUE ON CONDITIONAL PURCHASES :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Slattery,—

"(1.) "That," in the opinion of this House, it is of the utmost importance to encourage the development of agriculture, and to promote the occupation of the soil by settlers; and that in view of the present state of agriculture in the Colony it is most urgent that steps to this end should be taken at once.

"(2.) That no stinted liberality ought to characterise the manner in which Parliament should approach the question of the alienation of the public lands to that class of colonists who settle on the soil, and who by their industry and discernment make it most productive for the whole community.

"(3.) That no class of persons ought ever to be placed in individual and direct subordination to the State in relation different from that occupied by other classes.

"(4.) That, therefore, it is advisable in the best interests of the country to alter the system which makes conditional purchasers interminable Crown tenants and Crown debtors instead of holders of said lands in fee simple.

"(5.) That, therefore, the payment of interest upon the balances due upon conditional purchases should cease on and after the 1st of July next, and grants issue upon the payment of balances by annual payments not to exceed one shilling per acre each.

"(6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

Upon which Mr. Fitzpatrick had moved, by way of amendment,—That all the words after the word "That" in the first Resolution be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words,—"*in the opinion of this House conditional purchasers should be allowed to pay off their balances by annual instalments of one shilling per acre without interest.*"

"(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Bodel,
Mr. John Brown,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Levin,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Myers,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Vaughn,

Tellers,

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,
Mr. Lync.

Noes, 52.

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| Mr. R. P. Abbott, | Mr. Kidd, |
| Mr. Andrews, | Mr. Lackey, |
| Mr. Badgery, | Mr. G. A. Lloyd, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Loughnan, |
| Mr. Edmund Barton, | Mr. Martin, |
| Mr. Russell Barton, | Mr. McCulloch, |
| Mr. Beyers, | Mr. Poole, |
| Mr. Brodribb, | Mr. Proctor, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. Purves, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Carter, | Mr. Rutledge, |
| Mr. William Clarke, | Mr. Ryrie, |
| Mr. Copeland, | Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. Cramsie, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar, | Mr. Suttor, |
| Mr. T. G. Dangar, | Mr. Teece, |
| Mr. Davies, | Mr. Terry, |
| Mr. Dillon, | Mr. Tooth, |
| Mr. Douglas, | Mr. Trickett, |
| Mr. Eckford, | Mr. Wilkinson, |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. Wilson, |
| Mr. Fergusson, | Mr. Wisdom, |
| Mr. Forster, | Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Garrett, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Hay, | |
| Mr. Hezlet, | Mr. See, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | Mr. Burdekin. |

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate on Original Question continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 19 MARCH, 1881, A.M.

Mr. Fergusson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Joseph P. Abbott,
Mr. R. P. Abbott,
Mr. Bodol,
Mr. John Brown,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Fergusson,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Leven,
Mr. Levin,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Myers,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Vaughn,

Tellers,

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. McLaughlin.

Noes 47.

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| Mr. Andrews, | Mr. Lackey, |
| Mr. Badgery, | Mr. G. A. Lloyd, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Loughnan, |
| Mr. Edmund Barton, | Mr. McCulloch, |
| Mr. Russell Barton, | Mr. Murray, |
| Mr. Beyers, | Mr. Poole, |
| Mr. Brodribb, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Stephen Brown, | Mr. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Burdekin, | Mr. Rylie, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. See, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. Carter, | Mr. Suttor, |
| Mr. William Clarke, | Mr. Teece, |
| Mr. Copeland, | Mr. Terry, |
| Mr. Cramsie, | Mr. Tooth, |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar, | Mr. Trickett, |
| Mr. T. G. Dangar, | Mr. Wilkinson, |
| Mr. Davies, | Mr. Wilson, |
| Mr. Douglas, | Mr. Wisdom, |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Garrett, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Hay, | Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. Hezlet, | Mr. Martin. |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Kidd, | |

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate on Original Question continued.

Mr. John Brown moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and negatived.

Question again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate on Original Question continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

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| Mr. R. P. Abbott, | Mr. Hoskins, |
| Mr. Andrews, | Mr. Kidd, |
| Mr. Badgery, | Mr. Lackey, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. G. A. Lloyd, |
| Mr. Edmund Barton, | Mr. Loughnan, |
| Mr. Russell Barton, | Mr. Martin, |
| Mr. Beyers, | Mr. McCulloch, |
| Mr. Brodribb, | Mr. Murray, |
| Mr. Stephen Brown, | Mr. Poole, |
| Mr. Burdekin, | Mr. Reid, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Mr. Rylie, |
| Mr. Carter, | Mr. See, |
| Mr. Cooke, | Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. Copeland, | Mr. Stuart, |
| Mr. Cramsie, | Mr. Suttor, |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar, | Mr. Teece, |
| Mr. T. G. Dangar, | Mr. Terry, |
| Mr. Davies, | Mr. Tooth, |
| Mr. Dillon, | Mr. Trickett, |
| Mr. Douglas, | Mr. Wilkinson, |
| Mr. Eckford, | Mr. Wilson, |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. Wisdom, |
| Mr. Fergusson, | Mr. Young, |
| Mr. Forster, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Garrett, | Mr. William Clarke, |
| Mr. Hay, | Mr. Myers. |
| Mr. Hezlet, | |

Noes, 10.

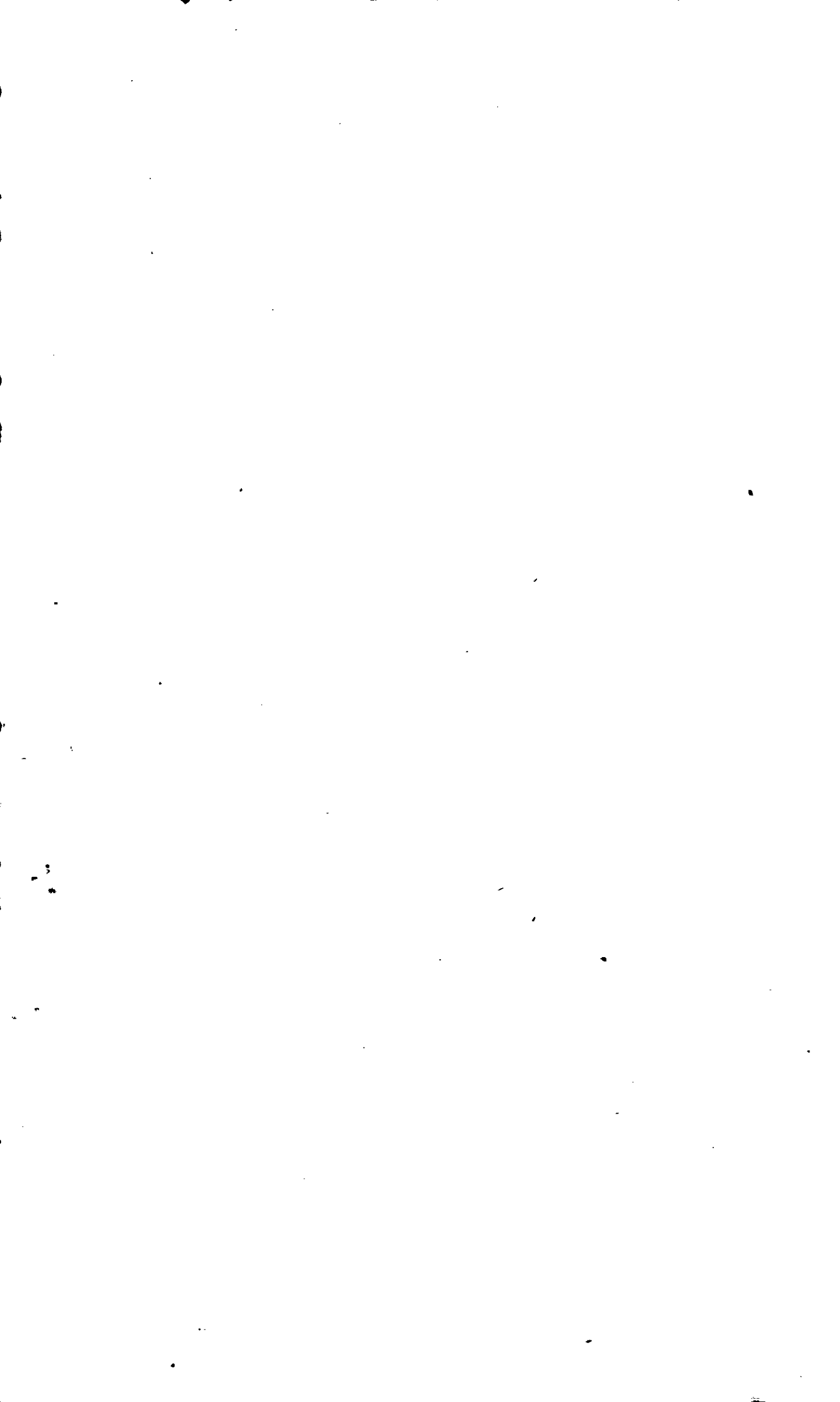
Mr. Bodol,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Leven,
Mr. Levin,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Slattery,
Tellers,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Garvan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and negatived.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Government Appointments held by Unnaturalized Residents of the Colony:—Mr. Abigail asked the Attorney General,—Do unnaturalized residents of the Colony hold Government appointments, such as Trustees of Roads and Reserves, or Officers in the Volunteers?

Mr. Wisdom answered,—Although inquiries have been made to the different departments, I cannot ascertain that any unnaturalized residents of the Colony have been appointed as Trustees of Roads and Reserves, or as Officers in the Volunteers. It is possible such persons may in some cases be so employed, but I am not aware of any.

(2.) Court-house, Redfern:—Mr. Fremlin asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he at once cause the new Court-house in the Borough of Redfern to be opened, as it has been a long time promised, and will be a great boon to the inhabitants?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The question of opening the new Court-house in the Borough of Redfern has been, and is still, under consideration, and must be determined in connection with several applications which have been received from other suburbs for the establishment of local Courts of Petty Sessions under 3 William IV No. 3. No decision has yet been arrived at on the subject. The matter will, however, receive the earliest attention of the Government.

(3.) Pyrmont Bridge Company:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Pyrmont Bridge Company complied with the Act of their incorporation by lodging in the Colonial Secretary's Office a detailed account showing the cost of the Market-street Bridge?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that no detailed account has been lodged in the Colonial Secretary's Office.

(4.) Contract Draftsmen:—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it true that Contract Draftsmen's Accounts for December and January were not made out by Mr. J. J. Richardson until the middle of February?

(2.) How many times has Mr. Richardson altered the dates for making out Contractors Accounts within the last two years?

(3.) Have the Contract Draftsmen lately, or at any time, made complaints on account of the delay in making up their accounts?

(4.) Will he say why the vouchers of Contract Draftsmen were delayed previous to and during the month of December for ten days, more or less, after the appointed time in Mr. Richardson's office?

(5.) How many Contract Draftsmen are there on Mr. Richardson's list, and how many assistants has Mr. Richardson?

(6.) Will the Minister for the future insist upon Contract Draftsmen's vouchers being more punctually made up and paid?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Once, from a month to a fortnight, to accommodate the Contract Draftsmen.

(3.) Yes; verbally.

(4.) On account of annual return of work done by contract—Mr. Richardson's attention being engaged on that return.

(5.) Thirteen Contract Draftsmen, and occasionally two Diagram Draftsmen; five assistants to Mr. Richardson.

(6.) In future any unnecessary delay in the payment of Contract Draftsmen's accounts will be avoided.

(5.)

(5.) Deputations to Ministers:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Colonial Secretary observed that of late a system has been introduced which consists of numbers of deputations waiting upon Ministers to the extent of leaving some of the Ministers nothing else to do but to listen to the grievances of those deputations?
- (2.) Will the Government adopt some rule to put a stop to this system, and so leave Ministers time to attend to their real duty?
- (3.) Is not Parliament the proper place to introduce the business of those deputations, and will the Colonial Secretary in future see that the principles of legitimate representative Government are not infringed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) I have observed that a system of deputations has grown up which interferes with the time of Ministers, but I cannot say that it leaves them no time to attend to other subjects.
- (2.) I am at a loss to see what rule the Government could adopt to prevent persons from making representations to Ministers.
- (3.) I doubt whether we should be better off if the business of these deputations were transferred to the Legislative Assembly. I should myself prefer the deputations.

(6.) Loan for Railway Purposes:—Mr. H. C. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of money authorized to be raised by loan for Railway purposes?
- (2.) How much of this amount had been raised up to the 31st December, 1880?
- (3.) What is the estimated ratable difference in the cost of construction per mile of a single and double line?
- (4.) What is the net rate per cent. of earnings upon all lines up to the 31st December, 1880?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) £18,576,161; with Tramways added, £19,176,161.
- (2.) £11,610,600.
- (3.) A double line of Railway costs about one-third more than a single line.
- (4.) The net earnings for 1880 amount to £513,223, equal to 4.42 per cent. on £11,610,600, the amount of loan raised; they are equal to 3.94 per cent. on £13,042,065, the total capital expenditure on lines opened and in course of construction; to 4.61 per cent. on £11,141,638, raised by loan and invested in lines open for traffic; and to 4.36 per cent. on £11,778,819, raised by loan and contributed by revenue invested in lines open for traffic.

(7.) Messrs. Blomfield and Munford:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Combes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he state whether all the papers in the matter of Messrs. Blomfield & Munford have been laid upon the Table of the House, as promised by the Minister?
- (2.) If not, will the Minister say when he will cause them to be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Copies of all papers now in the department were laid upon the Table on the 13th July last.

(8.) Working Men's Technical College:—Mr. Martin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the Government permit youths attending the Technical College Classes at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts to travel by rail from the suburbs at the same fares as children attending other Public Schools?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This matter will receive consideration; but for the present I do not see how the difficulties in the way of this concession being granted can be removed.

2. MR. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE MEYMOTT:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott presented a Petition from Luke Kingsmill and others, representing that they have learned that Judge Meymott had been dismissed from the roll of Judges, and suggesting that the case was a hard one; and praying the House to take into consideration the length of Mr. Meymott's services and his great age, with a view to relief being afforded to him.
Petition received.
3. RAILWAY FROM ORANGE TO WILCANNIA:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from Residents of Meranburn and surrounding district, in favour of constructing the Railway from Orange to Wilcannia *via* Molong, Meranburn, Parkes, &c.; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
Petition received.
4. RAILWAY TO COOMA:—Mr. Badgery presented a Petition from Residents in the Towns of Bombala, Delegate, Cathcart, and Bibbenluke, in the Electoral District of Monaro, praying the House to take measures for the immediate adoption of the line of Railway proposed by the Government, with a view to opening a Railway to Cooma from the Great Southern Line.
Petition received.
5. BATES'S ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Edmund Barton having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the sale mortgage and leasing of certain lands and hereditaments devised by the Will of Mary Ann Bates deceased and for other purposes*,"—read a first time.
6. PAPER:—Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 11th March, 1881,—"*Conditional Purchases*."
Ordered to be printed.
7. JEANNERET'S TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Householders, Landowners, Ratepayers, and Residents of Parramattá, and its immediate vicinity, in favour of the passing of this Bill.
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.

8. RAILWAY EXTENSION :—Mr. Cooke presented a Petition from Residents of Parkes and surrounding districts, in favour of extending the Railway westerly from the Town of Orange *via* Meranburn, Bumbury, and Parkes, and on to the Darling; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration.
Petition received.
9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Levien moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
10. POLICE *v.* THOMAS CLARK (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the Information and Depositions in the case Police *v.* Thomas Clark, for a breach of the Electoral Act, heard in February last by the Bench of Magistrates at Raymond Terrace—the papers to show the names of the sitting Magistrates.
Question put and passed.
11. LAND CLAIMED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LATE BENJAMIN SINGLETON (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Badgery moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Government and any other person in reference to a portion of land on the Williams River claimed by the representatives of the late Benjamin Singleton.
Question put and passed.
12. MR. MASON, LATE ENGINEER FOR EXISTING RAILWAY LINES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters or minutes from Mr. Mason, late Engineer for Existing Railway Lines, to the Minister for Works or Commissioner of Railways on the subject of Mr. Mason's application for leave of absence for twelve months; also all Executive or Cabinet minutes, as well as any minutes of the previous and present Minister for Works and the Commissioner of Railways, as well as all other correspondence on the same subject.
Question put and passed.
13. OSBORNE'S LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That Osborne's Leasing Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Edmund Barton, Mr. Russell Barton, Mr. Brodribb, Mr. Cass, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Hezlet, Mr. Jacob, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
14. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

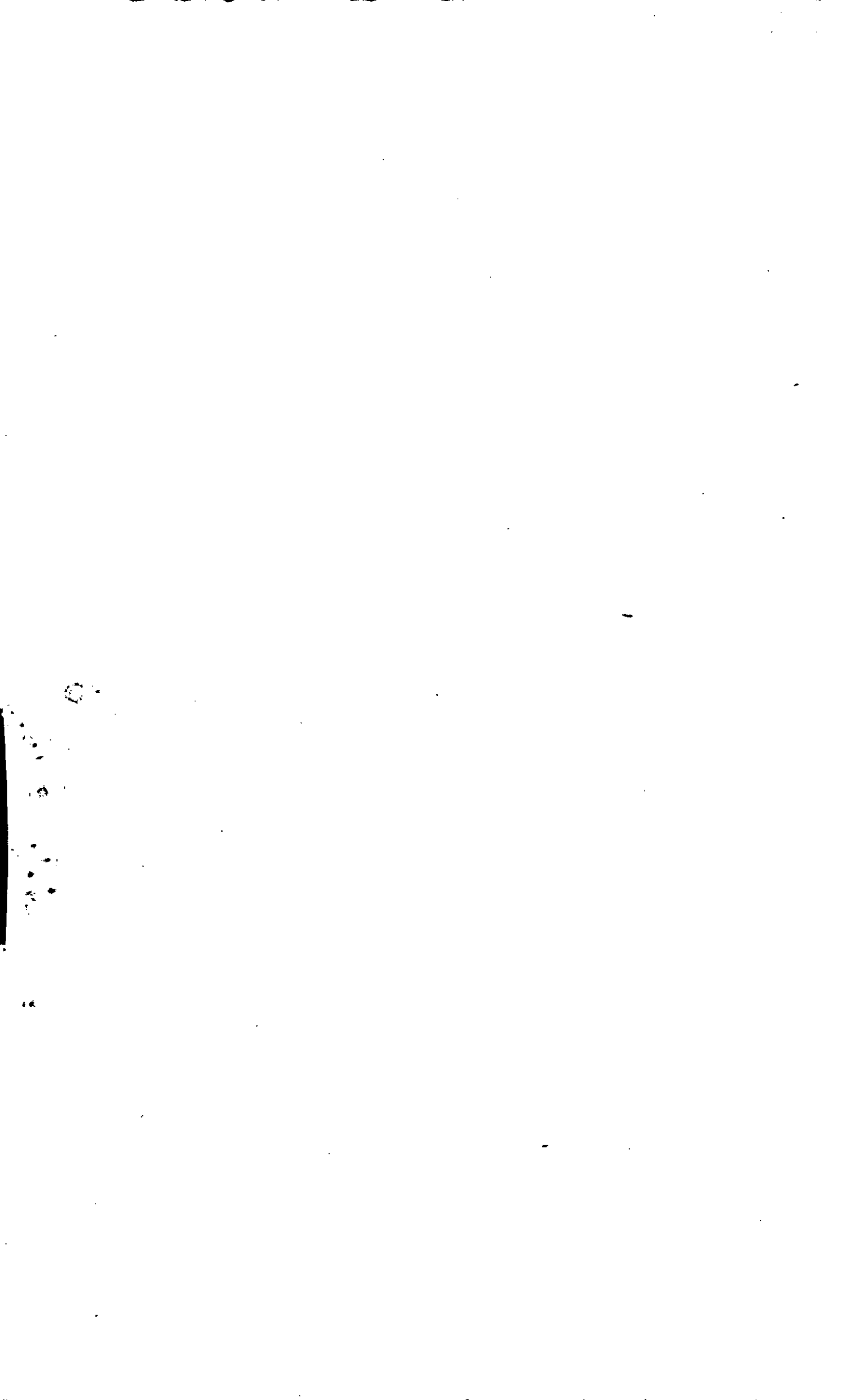
And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH, 1881, A.M.

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

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Two o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH, 1881.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company's Railway Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company Limited to construct two lines of Railway from land near Mount Kembla belonging to the said Company and to connect the same with the sea-coast at Red Point and Wollongong respectively*,"—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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1881.

- (2.) Ad Eundem Degrees Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without examination and to give to Bachelors of Arts the right of voting in certain cases*,"—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 Her 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, 23rd March, 1881.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Provisional School at Gulligal:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has application been made for the establishment of a Provisional School at Gulligal; if so, what steps have been taken in reference to the same?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The information supplied to me by the Department of Public Instruction is as follows:—Yes; the District Inspector was duly instructed to report upon the application. Excuses of press of business caused delay; but he was last week ordered to attend to the matter forthwith.

- (2.) Court of Petty Sessions at Blackville:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Attorney General,—

- (1.) When were Courts of Petty Sessions established at Blackville?
- (2.) What are the names of the Magistrates who usually sit at that Court?
- (3.) How many persons have been committed by those Magistrates to take their trial since the establishment of the Court at Blackville?
- (4.) How many convictions followed such committals?
- (5.) In how many cases of committal by the Bench at Blackville has the Attorney General declined to file a Bill?

Mr.

Mr. Wisdom answered,—

(1.) The Court of Petty Sessions at Blackville was established in April, 1879.

(2.) The names of the Magistrates who usually sit are John Charles Manchee, Francis W. Wilson Darby, and James Wood.

(3 and 4.) Since the Court opened seven persons have been committed for trial, resulting in no convictions.

(5.) The Attorney General has declined to file a bill in two cases of committal by the Blackville Bench, namely, J. S. Bennett, embezzlement, and Bianca J. Sydney, sheep stealing.

- (3.) Electorate of The Gwydir :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Return ordered by the House last Session of revenue and expenditure in the Gwydir Electorate to 31st December last be placed upon the Table?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The Return cannot be wholly compiled from the Records of the Department of Lands. That portion relating to auction sales, conditional purchases, and pre-emptive leases will be supplied, if desired, without reference to the other portions of the Return. The Treasury and the Department of Works have been asked to supply the information in reference to the revenue under other heads, and the expenditure on roads, bridges, &c. ; but I cannot say when it will be furnished.

- (4.) Tramway to Waverley :—Mr. Hezlet asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the workmen have been taken off the Tramway line at Waverley before the line is completed ; if so, will he say why they were taken off, and when will the work be resumed?

(2.) When will the line be open for traffic to Waverley?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) They were temporarily taken off pending settlement of site for terminus. Work was resumed yesterday.

(2.) It is proposed to open the line for traffic on Thursday, the 7th April.

- (5.) Crown Lands on Railway Lines Homebush to Waratah and Sydney to Kiama :—Mr. Purves asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the area of land (the property of the Crown) fit for cultivation and open to selection within 15 miles of the proposed lines of Railway from Homebush to Waratah and from Sydney to Kiama respectively?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The area of Crown Land within 15 miles of the proposed Railway line from Homebush to Waratah available for cultivation is about 380,000 acres ; the area reserved within 15 miles of the same line is 222,000 acres. It should be observed that 15 miles on the eastern side would include part of the South Pacific Ocean. The area of land available for cultivation within 15 miles of the proposed Railway line from Sydney to Kiama is 110,000 acres ; the area reserved within 15 miles of the same line is 235,000 acres. It should be observed that 15 miles on the eastern side of this line also would include part of the South Pacific Ocean.

- (6.) Produce shipped from Newcastle to Sydney, and from Wollongong and Kiama to Sydney :—Mr. Purves asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table a Return showing the quantity of produce shipped from Newcastle to Sydney during the year 1880, and also the amount of freight that would be payable to the Railway Department supposing the whole of such produce were transmitted by rail during such period—this Return not to include coal?

(2.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a similar Return with regard to Wollongong and Kiama?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The Records of this traffic are not kept by Government. The quantities given in the paper containing the Railway proposals have been obtained from produce agents and other sources of information. The Honorable Member will see, on reference to that paper, that the produce has been given as equal to about 60,000 tons, and that it will realize a revenue of £40,000 if carried by the Railway.

(2.) A similar reply must be made to this question. The amount of produce may be estimated at 25,000 tons, and the revenue, if it were sent by Railway, would be about £15,000. This is exclusive of coal, the revenue from which would probably be about £50,000. Passenger and general merchandize traffic is not included in the above figures.

- (7.) Expenditure on Harbours at Newcastle, Wollongong, and Kiama :—Mr. Purves asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount of money has been spent on Wollongong, Kiama, and Newcastle Harbours respectively?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This information can be more conveniently given in the shape of a Return, which I will have prepared and laid upon the Table.

3. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Statement of Moneys expended in 1880 under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wisdom laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Rule of the Supreme Court of New South Wales,—Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Jurisdiction.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 15th March, 1881,—“ Court of Quarter Sessions and District Court at Cowra.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. CHAPMAN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL :—Mr. Garrett, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 18th March, 1881 ; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

Question put and passed.

5. **BATES'S ESTATE BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Garrett*, for *Mr. Edmund Barton*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That Bates's Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Brodribb*, *Mr. Burdekin*, *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Garrett*, *Mr. Purves*, *Mr. Reid*, *Mr. Trickett*, *Mr. Teece*, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
6. **WHARFAGE RATES ON COAL AT NEWCASTLE** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. H. C. Dangar* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, and other correspondence which have passed between the Colonial Treasurer and the Manager of the Scottish Australian Mining Company with reference to the Wharfage Rates on Coal at Newcastle. Question put and passed.
7. **FISHERIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—*Mr. Lackey* moved, "That" the report be now adopted. *Sir Henry Parkes* moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted." Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived. Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed. Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted,—put and passed. On motion of *Sir Henry Parkes*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments. Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
8. **BERRIMA COAL MINE RAILWAY BILL**:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
- MR. SPEAKER,**
- The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a Company called 'The Berrima Coal-mining and Railway Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Berrima Coal Mine to the Great Southern Railway,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,*
Sydney, 23rd March, 1881.
- JOHN HAY,**
President.
9. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. James Watson*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

10. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 of Government Business postponed until to-morrow.
11. **TRANSFER OF LAND AT NORTH SHORE TO JOHN WILLIAM HAYNES**:—*Mr. Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice.—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons, papers, certificates of titles, or other documents, and to inquire into and report upon the granting of a certificate of title, with an endorsement thereon, of a certain allotment of land, situate at the North Shore, being lot No. 5 of Campbell's subdivision; and also relative to any transfer of the said allotment to *John William Haynes*, with endorsement thereon.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Jacob*, *Mr. Terry*, *Mr. Fergusson*, *Mr. Stephen Brown*, *Sir Henry Parkes*, *Mr. Lyne*, *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. Davies*, *Mr. Copeland*, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
12. **AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Reid* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of *Mr. Reid*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill. *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment. On motion of *Mr. Reid*, the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. **PETITION OF MRS. MARY JONES**:—The adjourned Debate in reference to this subject postponed until Friday next.
14. **MUNICIPAL BATHS SITE ACQUISITION BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill postponed (after Debate) until Tuesday next.
15. **NO-LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Terry*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments. On motion of *Mr. Terry*, the report was adopted.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate No-liability Mining Companies.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th March, 1881, A.M.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. A. W. Sladen:—Mr. Joseph P. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was Mr. A. W. Sladen one of the Magistrates who signed the certificate to enable Patrick Dimond to obtain a license?

(2.) Is Mr. Sladen employed as an Inspector in the Department of Education, or has he any employment in that or any other Government department?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Mr. Sladen is now principal School Attendance and Payments Officer in the Department of Public Instruction. At the time of granting the license to P. Dimond he was in no way connected with Government.

- (2.) Road through Arthur Colless's Land:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What decision has been arrived at with reference to Arthur Colless's application for compensation for a new road marked through his purchased land (Come by Chance Run) by Staff-Surveyor McMaster, road Turawan to Walgett?

(2.) Will the old road be given to Colless, and deeds issue in his favour for such, with compensation for difference in area of the two roads at appraised value?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) I have not been able to arrive at any decision in this matter, as papers relating to it are with the District Surveyor, who has to report on some other question respecting the road.

(2.) From data in the office, it appears that under proclamation of the new road under the Act 4 William 4 No. 11 the reserved road which previously existed will revert to the owner of the land, and consequently a deed conveying to Mr. Colless the land covered by the reserved road will not be required. The new road has been proclaimed under the general right reserved to the Crown by the deed to take way or ways through the land, therefore no compensation will be allowed for the difference of area between the two roads.

- (3.) Road from Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek:—Mr. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the road from Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek, *via* Clarevaux, be proclaimed open to the public?

Mr. Baker answered,—It is not possible to state even approximately when the road will be open to the public, as no action has yet been taken to obtain a report from a surveyor in consequence of papers being with the Public Works Department, where it is believed the course the road is to take is under consideration.

- (4.) Mail Service between Glen Innes and Grafton:—Mr. Fergusson asked the Postmaster General,—Is it the intention of the Government to have the mails carried by coach between Glen Innes and Grafton, so as to afford the inhabitants of the table-land facilities to get to Sydney *via* Grafton, the nearest sea-port?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The Honorable Member was informed by letter on the 18th December last that the extra amount asked by the contractor for carrying the mails by coach was so high, namely, £585 per annum, that I could not entertain his offer. It is not considered the duty of the Postal Department to establish coach services for the accommodation of passengers, although preference is given to tenders to convey mails by vehicle where the extra cost is not very great.

- (5.) Gaol at Narrabri:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a tender been accepted for new brick Gaol and wall at Narrabri; if so, name of contractor, and date fixed for completion?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The tender of Mr. Joseph Conlon was accepted on the 14th September last for the erection of a Gaol at Narrabri, to be completed in ten months; but no tender has yet been accepted for the brick wall.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 15th March, 1881,—“ Land taken up by the late N. P. Bayly.”
Ordered to be printed.
3. AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Reid, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “ *An Act to enable the Australasian Steam Navigation Company to trade in Coal.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “ *An Act to enable the Australasian Steam Navigation Company to trade in Coal;*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with Appendix.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th March, 1881.*
4. FISHERIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lackey the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
5. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Lackey moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 25 MARCH, 1881, A.M.

- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 8 of Government Business postponed until to-morrow.
7. CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY INCORPORATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to provide for the creation of Corporate Bodies of Trustees in which property belonging to the Church of England may be vested and to make further provisions in reference thereto.*”
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th March, 1881, A.M.*

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes after Two o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Gulgong Gold Field:—Mr. Beyers asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Portion 93 being within the proclamation of northerly extension of the Gulgong Gold Field, which was never revoked,—Is it the intention of the Minister to resume the land, the same having been granted to the late N. P. Bayly?

(2.) As numerous portions of land have been granted to the said N. P. Bayly in virtue of Volunteer Orders and improvement purchases, the land granted being at the time of application within the northerly extension of Gulgong Gold Field, proclaimed 1st September, 1871,—Is it the intention of the Government to resume such land?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—No. The deeds of grant for the portions of land referred to have been issued, and do not contain any provision for the resumption of the land for mining purposes.

- (2.) Police Barracks, Wollar:—Mr. Beyers asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that the Police Barracks at Wollar are unsuitable, having no accommodation for the officer in charge, there being only one bed-room and no sitting-room—he having to use the Court-room; and will he make inquiries into the matter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I understand that the Police Station at Wollar contains three good rooms and two cells, and the accommodation is considered to be quite sufficient for the Police stationed at the place.

- (3.) William M'Gowan:—Mr. Beyers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that at the present time there is in Parramatta Gaol a young man named M'Gowan serving a life sentence for an assault committed by him on a girl aged 11 years, he being at the time 14 years, and for such assault he has now served eleven years?

(2.) Will he inquire into the petition for release presented on his behalf to the Governor?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I find that there is a prisoner named William M'Gowan in the Parramatta Gaol, who was convicted at the Maitland Circuit Court on 24th April, 1871, of rape on a girl of 12 or 13 years of age, and sentenced to death, which sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life with hard labour on the roads, the first three years in irons. The prisoner's age at the time of conviction was 16 years.

(2.) Yes; inquiry has been and is still being made into the matter of this petition.

- (4.) Wharfage Rates on Coal at Newcastle:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Did he receive a letter, dated 22nd February last, from Mr. Fletcher, M.P., complaining of the wharfage rates on coal at Newcastle, and asking for the abolition of such wharfage charge; and if so, has he arrived at any decision in the matter?

Mr. James Watson answered,—I did receive such a letter as that alluded to. The matter is still under consideration of the Government. No decision has yet been arrived at, but will be in a few days, when I will communicate it to the Honorable Member.

- (5.) Recreation Ground at Baradine:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have any instructions been issued (if so to whom, if not will they be) for surveying, with a view to dedication and appointment of Trustees, the land at Baradine promised for Recreation, Racecourse, and Cricket Ground; also the site for the Public Tank?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) An application was received, dated 7th October, 1875, for the reservation of a site for Racecourse, Cricket, &c., and a reserve for such was gazetted as No. 1,005 on 28th April, 1876. No instructions have yet been issued for the survey of the Recreation Reserve at Baradine; but the matter will now receive attention.

(2.) Inquiry will also be made as to site for Tank.

(6.)

(6.) Joshua Hughes's application for a Grant of Land at Parramatta:—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did a person named Joshua Hughes, of Narrandera, blacksmith, apply to the Court of Claims, under the Act of Council 5th Wm. IV. No. 21, for a grant of a piece of land in the town of Parramatta, being allotment No. 15 section 12, delineated on the Government map of that township?

(2.) Was the claim to the said grant heard by the said Court (consisting of Mr. A. Todd Holroyd, President, and Mr. Wm. Owen, Commissioner, who is out of the Colony) on the 25th and 26th of May last, or thereabouts, and did the Commissioners report in favour of the issue of a grant to the applicant?

(3.) Was that report adopted by the Government, and was a notification to that effect and stating that the grant would be issued in due course sent to the claimant's Solicitor?

(4.) Has the Minister for Lands since sent the papers in the said matter back to the Court of Claims for reconsideration; if so, has he any objection to state why he did so, at whose instance has he taken this step, and under what authority?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The papers in the matter were sent back to the Court of Claims at the request of the Borough Council of Parramatta, and in consequence of an allegation having been made that important evidence had not been before the Court. It will be for the Court to determine whether the matter should be reconsidered.

(7.) Ring-barking Timber on Condobolin Run:—Mr. Cooke asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has permission been granted to the lessee of any run near or west of Condobolin for the ring-barking of timber; if so, what is the name of the run or runs, and name of the owner of run, or applicant to whom such permission has been granted?

(2.) What is the area, and what are the conditions under which such permission has been granted in each case?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) Yes. The names of the runs are Condobolin and Back Condobolin Runs. Mr. G. N. Turner is the lessee and applicant.

(2.) The area is 21,700 acres. The conditions are the reservation of all useful timber on the two runs. As regards Back Condobolin there is also a reservation of all pine over five (5) inches in diameter, and a condition that saplings of that size be left at intervals of eight (8) yards; and as regards Condobolin there is a reservation of all timber on travelling stock reserves.

(8.) Destruction of Timber in the District of Condobolin:—Mr. Cooke asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is the Minister aware that a wholesale destruction of valuable pine forests is going on in the district of Condobolin, and will he take speedy steps to prevent the same?

Mr. Baker answered,—I am not aware that such destruction is going on. Permission has been given in some instances to destroy what is represented to be useless pine scrub. But I will cause an inspection and report to be made, and will take the necessary steps to prevent, if possible, the destruction of useful timber.

(9.) Ring-barking Timber:—Mr. Cooke asked the Secretary for Lands,—Does the ring-barking of timber upon Crown Lands count as an improvement; if so, to what amount per acre in each case as a bar to free selection?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes, if done by authority. The value per acre of ring-barking is specially determined in every case, as it would be impossible to deal with the question in any other way.

(10.) Reserves around Tanks between Narrabri and Moree:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have reserves on suitable camping grounds been made and gazetted around the tanks in course of construction between Narrabri and Moree, so as to afford travelling stock access thereto; if not, will such be done?

(2.) Date of notification, numbers, and areas of such reservations?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) Yes; such reserves have been made.

(2.) The one tank at Galathera is on reserve No. 767, notified 31st December, 1874, area 1,240 acres; and one on reserve No. 766, notified 31st December, 1874, being the driftway 20 chains wide from Narrabri to Moree.

(11.) Mudgee Railway:—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for completing the Mudgee Railway?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A notice inviting tenders for this extension appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* this day.

2. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has reserved the said Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

The proper measures will be forthwith adopted for obtaining the Queen's decision accordingly, and in the meantime the Bill has been transmitted to the Legislative Council to await Her Majesty's pleasure.

Government House,

Sydney, 25th March, 1881.

3. **PRESS BILL** :—The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Garrett, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
4. **SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Poole,—
“ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers; to inquire into and report upon the New Water Supply Scheme for the City of Sydney.
“ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Withers, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Henson, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Dr. Renwick, and the Mover.”—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Garrard,
Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Withers,

Tellers,

Mr. Poole,
Mr. Kidd.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Carter,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Davics,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Douglas,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fawcett,
Mr. Fergusson,
Mr. Fullford,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Levien,

Mr. Levin,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Myers,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. James Watson,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Wisdom,

Tellers,

Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Purves.

And so it passed in the negative.

5. **SYDNEY HOSPITAL BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Renwick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 26 MARCH, 1881, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Dr. Renwick (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

6. **WAGGA WAGGA GAS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Douglas, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Douglas, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable William Wark and John Anderson Wark to construct Gas-works within the Borough and Suburbs of Wagga Wagga.*”

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th March, 1881. A.M.*

7. **CHAPMAN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
8. **PETITION OF MRS. MARY JONES** :—The adjourned Debate in reference to this subject postponed until Tuesday next.
9. **FISHERIES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, *passed*.

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the development and regulation of the Fisheries of the Colony.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the development and regulation of the Fisheries of the Colony,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th March, 1881, A.M.*

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Estate of James Austin Brittain:—Mr. Levin asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that one James Austin Brittain died at Wilcannia in April, 1878, leaving certain property, which was sold by the order of the Curator of Intestate Estates for £318 6s. 8d.?
- (2.) Is it true that the Curator's Agent at Wilcannia informed the Prothonotary that the deceased had left a will in the hands of the Manager of the Australian Joint Stock Bank at Wilcannia, which gave the property absolutely to one John W. Brittain?
- (3.) Did the Agent in forwarding the proceeds of the sale of deceased's property to the Curator send also a copy of the will?
- (4.) Did the Prothonotary, notwithstanding the knowledge of the existence of such will, pay the money to one James Doyle, of Williamstown, Victoria, under powers of attorney, for one George W. Brittain, in England?
- (5.) Was any declaration made to satisfy the Prothonotary of the death of John W. Brittain before he paid the money to James Doyle?
- (6.) Is it a fact that repeated applications have been made by or on behalf of John W. Brittain to the Curator of Intestate Estates for the money without any effect?
- (7.) If the money has been paid by the Curator of Intestate Estates to the wrong party, what steps will the Government take to reimburse the rightful heir of the estate?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that one James Austin Brittain died on the 10th of January, 1878. His estate was realized by the then Curator's Wilcannia Agent, and a net balance of £339 5s. 5d. was duly remitted to such Curator on the 29th of August, 1878.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes; but Mr. Chapman reports that after careful search the copy-will cannot be found.
- (4.) Letters of Administration to the deceased's estate were taken out by James Doyle under a power of Attorney sent to this Colony by George W. Brittain for that purpose. The petition to have such Letters of Administration granted stated that the deceased had died intestate; but the affidavit upon which such petition was grounded omitted to state that fact, but it is entitled "in the intestate estate of" the deceased. Letters of Administration were granted to James Doyle on the 22nd of May, 1879, and on the following day the net balance in the hands of the Curator (after payment of debts, &c.), amounting to £318 6s. 5d., was paid over to the administrator.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) Mr. Chapman states he believes that several applications were made to the late Curator; but none such in writing are to be found with the papers relating to the estate of the deceased.
- (7.) The whole of the papers in this matter are now under consideration.
- (2.) Weigh-bridge at Brewongle Railway Station:—Mr. Combes, for Mr. Webb, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have instructions been issued to the Station-master at Brewongle not to allow consignors to weigh their produce on the Railway weigh-bridge before it is despatched; if so, have the instructions been approved by the Minister?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—I am informed that such orders were given, but not by a competent authority. On the blunder being brought under the Traffic Manager's notice the order was cancelled.
- (3.) Special Train for Cole's Circus and Menagerie Company:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that a special train of about forty carriages and trucks was run to Dubbo to convey a circus menagerie there on Sunday last; if so, by whose authority was this special Sunday train granted?

Mr. —

Mr. Lackey answered,—A special train was hired by Cole's Circus and Menagerie Company for about a week to convey their exhibits to various towns in the interior. They exhibited in Parramatta on Saturday night, and were advertised to exhibit in Wellington on the following Monday. To admit of this being done they had to leave for Wellington at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning. It would be better, of course, from one point of view if there were no Sunday travelling; but there are occasions when the rule must be departed from, and I learn that the case in point was one of those—the object being to secure a greater amount of safety and dispatch in the interests of both the Department and the Company.

- (4.) Free Tramway Pass to Mr. Clibborn:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has Mr. Clibborn, Secretary to the Australian Jockey Club, a free pass to travel by the Tram-cars; if not, is he aware that he travels freely by them, and stops the cars at all parts of the streets other than their proper stopping and starting places?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Mr. Clibborn has been granted a pass. The Tramway to the Randwick Racecourse is necessarily benefited by the race meetings in the same way as the Railway to the Flemington Racecourse is benefited; and following the example of the Victoria Railway Department, which allows a free pass to the Secretary of the Jockey Club there, a free pass for the Tramways was issued to the Secretary of our Jockey Club. It is not the case that Mr. Clibborn stops the cars as stated.

- (5.) Water Supply for Hill End and Tambaroora:—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the Government promise (in answer to a question put to the Secretary for Works on the 6th April, 1880, by Mr. Beyers) that no unnecessary delay would take place in determining the engineering part of the question for supplying Hill End and Tambaroora with water, in accordance with Mr. Gipps's report?

(2.) Has such engineering part of the question been yet determined on; and if so, when will tenders be called for supplying the said towns with water?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Since the answer referred to was given an Act of Parliament has been passed dealing with the whole question of Country Water Supplies. It will be necessary, therefore, now to determine these particular cases in accordance with the provisions of that Act. I may mention, owing to the large number of demands which have been made upon the Government to undertake Water Supplies, that it has been found necessary to reconsider the whole subject in its general bearings, which involve points of great importance; and until a decision has been arrived at thereon I am not in a position to state what action the Government will take in these particular cases.

- (6.) Railway Locomotives.—Tramway Motors:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The names of the firms who tendered for the thirty-eight locomotives for which tenders were invited in October last year?

(2.) The amount of each tender, and the stipulated time for the delivery of the engines?

(3.) The name and amount of the successful tenderer?

(4.) The like information in reference to the Tramway motors for which tenders were invited last year?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Tenders were received in the Colony from Messrs. G. H. Royce & Co. and Mort's Dock and Engineering Company. Six tenders were also received by the Agent General in London, but particulars have only been received in the Colony respecting the lowest offer, viz., that of Messrs. Beyer, Peacock, & Co.

| | Amount of Tender. | Time of Delivery. |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| (2.) Messrs. G. H. Royce & Co. | £138,400 | 10 bogie engines in 21 months. |
| | | 20 goods do. 31 do. |
| | | 8 do. do. 19 do. |
| Mort's Dock and Engineering Company | £127,300 | 10 bogie do. 23½ do. |
| | | 20 goods do. 33½ do. |
| | | 8 do. do. 21½ do. |
| Messrs. Beyer, Peacock, & Co. | £92,240 | 38 do. 15½ do. |

(3.) Messrs. Beyer, Peacock, & Co.; amount, £92,240.

(4.) No tenders were received for the motors, as the advertisement inviting them was withdrawn.

- (7.) Township of Millie:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The final decision arrived at as to the site of the proposed Millie Township between Narrabri and Moree?

(2.) When is it intended to instruct a Surveyor to mark out allotments in this village for sale?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—No final decision has yet been arrived at, it having been deemed necessary to refer the matter for the consideration of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways and the Commissioner for Roads.

- (8.) Road from Narrabri to Walgett:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has any progress been made, and if so to what extent, in the survey and marking out of the road from Narrabri to Walgett (north side of Namoi River) by Licensed-Surveyor Clements?

(2.) If none made, will instructions issue to Mr. Surveyor Clements to commence and expedite the work?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) No progress has been made with the survey.

(2.) It has been determined that an officer of the Public Works Department should go over the ground with the District Surveyor with a view of selecting the route or making further report.

- (9.) Court-house, Warialda :—Mr. Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) When it is likely that tenders will be called for the erection of a new brick Court-house at Warialda, the money for which has been voted ?
 (2.) Has it been determined to erect this building on the Police Barracks site, there being ample room to do so ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Tenders will be invited in the course of a week.
 (2.) Yes, it is proposed to erect the new Court-house on the Police Barracks site.

- (10.) Bridge over Bingera Creek :—Mr. Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) When will tenders be invited for the Bridge over Bingera Creek, money for which has been voted by Parliament ?
 (2.) Has the site for such bridge been fixed, and when ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Drawings are in progress. Tenders will be invited as soon as possible.
 (2.) The site has been fixed.

- (11.) Protection of Forests in New England District :—Mr. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to have the Forests in the New England Districts protected ?

Mr. Baker answered,—It is in contemplation of the Government to obtain a report upon the Forests of the Colony, after receipt of which the protection of the Forests in the New England District will be considered.

2. JEANNERET'S TRAMWAY BILL :—Mr. Farnell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 18th March, 1881; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS :—

- Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 22nd March, 1881,—“ Land claimed by Representatives of the late Benjamin Singleton.”

Ordered to be printed.

- Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Papers and Plans showing the Soundings of the Parramatta River, and Tracings showing Reserves on the banks of the River.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-Laws of the Municipal District of Wickham.
 (2.) Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library for 1880-81.
 (3.) Return to an Order made on 18th February, 1881,—“ Salaries of Officers and Teachers under the Public Instruction Act.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. MUSEUM AND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY :—Mr. Melville presented the following Petitions, representing that Petitioners have learned with satisfaction that a Resolution is now before the House declaring that it is undesirable that the Museum and Free Public Library should be open to the Public on Sundays; and praying the House to sustain the said Resolution :—

- (1.) From the Chairman, and others, at a Public Meeting held in the Protestant Hall, Sydney.
 (2.) From the Congregation of St. Peter's Church, Woolloomooloo.
 (3.) From the Congregation of the Wesleyan Church, York-street.
 (4.) From the Congregation of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Phillip-street.

Similar Petitions were presented by the Members named,—

- (5.) By Dr. Renwick. From the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Palmer-street, Woolloomooloo.
 (6.) By Mr. Rosby. From the Congregation of the Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Castlereagh-street, South.
 (7.) By Mr. Sutherland. From the Congregation of the Congregational Church, Redfern.
 (8.) By Mr. Abigail. From the Congregation of the Baptist Church, Bathurst-street.
 (9.) By Mr. Davies. From the Congregation of the Wesleyan Church, Bourke-street.
 (10.) By Mr. Garrard. From the Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales on Religion and Morals.
 (11.) By Mr. Garrard. From the Congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Balmain.
 (12.) By Mr. Garrard. From the Congregation of the Wesleyan Church, Glebe.
 (13.) By Mr. Garrard. From the Minister, Office-bearers, and Members of the Presbyterian Church, Campbell-street, Balmain.
 (14.) By Mr. Davies. From the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Pymont.
 (15.) By Mr. Davies. From the Congregation of the Crown-street Primitive Methodist Church.
 (16.) By Mr. Henson. From the Rev. George Woolnough, President of the Wesleyan Conference of New South Wales and Queensland, on behalf of the Members of the Committee of Privileges of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of New South Wales.
 (17.) By Mr. Fremlin. From Members of the Congregational Church, Croydon.
 (18.) By Mr. Foster. From the Congregation of St. Barnabas Church, Glebe.
 (19.) By Mr. Foster. From the Congregation of the Congregational Church, Petersham.
 (20.) By Mr. Foster. From the Presbyterian Congregation, Glebe.
 (21.) By Mr. Henson. From the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Liverpool Road, Ashfield.

- (22.) By Mr. Martin. From the Congregation of St. George's Presbyterian Church, Castlereagh-street.
 (23.) By Mr. Melville. From Members of the Wesleyan Church and Congregation, Newtown.
 (24.) By Mr. Melville. From Members of the Wesleyan Congregation at Botany.
 Petitions received.

5. JEANNERET'S TRAMWAY BILL:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Byrnes, presented a Petition from householders, landowners, and ratepayers of property situated in George-street, Parramatta, praying the House to reject this Bill.
 Petition received.
6. RAILWAY EXTENSION:—*Mr. Farnell* presented a Petition from Richard Sadleir, R.N., praying the House to consider the facility afforded of carrying out Railways and other Public Works by English and United States capitalists now ready to embark in such undertakings.
 Petition received.
7. RAILWAY FROM HOMEBUSH TO WARATAH:—*Mr. Garrett* presented a Petition from Citizens interested in the progress and welfare of the City of Sydney, stating that they view with alarm the proposal to extend the Great Northern Railway southward to Homebush, and suggesting the desirableness of continuing the line from the head of the Lane Cove District to the waters of Port Jackson at Berry's Bay or Milson's Point; and praying that the House will, before committing itself to the proposed project of crossing the Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers, cause their statements to receive full and careful consideration.
 Petition received.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. McElhone* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
9. BATES'S ESTATE BILL:—*Mr. Garrett*, for Mr. Edmund Barton, Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 23rd March, 1881; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.
 Question put and passed.
10. RECORDS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Fawcett* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Government, the Bishop of Sydney, Mr. H. Kerrison James, and the Registrar General, upon the transfer to the Registrar General's Office of certain records of Births, Marriages, and Deaths.
 Question put and passed.
11. SYDNEY HOSPITAL BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Dr. Renwick*, read a third time, and passed.
Dr. Renwick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a certified copy of the Deed of Grant issued to the Trustees of the land in Macquarie-street.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1881.
12. CHAPMAN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Garrett*, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Chapman to grant leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the real estate devised by the said Will and to make roads streets and ways over upon and adjacent to the said lands and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Chapman to grant leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the real estate devised by the said Will and to make roads streets and ways over upon and adjacent to the said lands and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a certified copy of the Will of the late Thomas Chapman.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1881.

13. OPENING THE MUSEUM AND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ON SUNDAYS:—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that the Museum and Public Library should be open to the Public on Sundays.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH, 1881, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

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| Mr. R. P. Abbott, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Abigail, | |
| Mr. Andrews, | Mr. Kidd, |
| Mr. Bruncker, | Mr. Melville. |
| Mr. Carter, | |
| Mr. William Clarke, | |
| Mr. Davies, | |
| Mr. Eckford, | |
| Mr. Foster, | |
| Mr. Fremlin, | |
| Mr. Fullford, | |
| Mr. Garrard, | |
| Mr. Henson, | |
| Mr. G. A. Lloyd, | |
| Mr. Martin, | |
| Mr. Murray, | |
| Mr. Poole, | |
| Dr. Renwick, | |
| Mr. Roseby, | |
| Mr. Sea. | |

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| Mr. Badgery, | Sir Patrick Jennings, |
| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Lackey, |
| Mr. Russell Barton, | Mr. Levien, |
| Mr. Beyers, | Mr. Levin, |
| Mr. Bodol, | Mr. Lyne, |
| Mr. Brodribb, | Mr. M'Culloch, |
| Mr. Buchanan, | Mr. McElhone, |
| Mr. Burdekin, | Mr. McLaughlin, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. Myers, |
| Mr. Campbell, | Mr. Proctor, |
| Mr. Cramsie, | Dr. Ross, |
| Mr. H. C. Dangar. | Mr. Slattery, |
| Mr. T. G. Dangar, | Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. Day, | Mr. Suttor, |
| Mr. Douglas, | Mr. Teece, |
| Mr. Farnell, | Mr. Vaughn, |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. Wilson, |
| Mr. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Wisdom, |
| Mr. Forster, | Mr. Young. |
| Mr. Garrett, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Garvan, | Mr. Copeland, |
| Mr. Hay, | Mr. O'Connor. |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |

And so it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned at Two o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Public School at Wollar :—Mr. Beyers asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has application been made for the establishment of a Public School at Wollar ; if so, what steps have been taken in the matter ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that no such application has been received. It is, however, in contemplation to convert the existing Provisional School at Wollar into a Public School.

(2.) Edward Taylor's Conditional Purchase :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Lands,—Did Edward Taylor become a conditional purchaser of any land situated near Tuggerah Beach Lake ; if so, has he made the necessary declaration of residence ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—An application has been received from Edward Taylor, and he has made a declaration of residence.

(3.) Sale of Poisons Act :—Mr. Stuart asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether he has had under his consideration that it is desirable to amend the Sale of Poisons Act, or to introduce an enlargement of it in the character of a Pharmacy Bill ; and if so, can or will he state when it is probable that such measure will be introduced ?

Mr. James Watson answered,—Yes ; and instructions have been given for the preparation of an Amending Bill ; but I think it scarcely probable that it will be introduced during the present Session.

(4.) Sheds and Platform on Wagga and Albury Railway :—Mr. Purves asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the shelter sheds and platform contracted for by John Macdonald, on the Wagga and Albury Railway, been completed and paid for ?

(2.) What is the amount of such payments ?

(3.) Have any penalties been enforced ; if so, the amount of such penalties ?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £2,142 13s. 6d.

(3.) No penalties have been enforced, but the cost of completing the works contracted for by Mr. McDonald was deducted from his account, viz., £267 14s. 6d.

(5.) Publication of Conditional Purchases :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have any instructions been issued by the Lands Department to Land Agents in the interior prohibiting them from furnishing the provincial Press with full particulars relative to the number of conditional purchases made in the various land offices, or are selectors allowed the privilege of objecting to conditional purchases being published through the local Press ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—No.

(6.) Larrikinism :—Mr. Vaughn asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Inspector General of Police has reported that larrikinism is on the increase ?

(2.) Do the Government intend to introduce a Bill this Session dealing with the subject ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Of course I am aware of what is contained in the Report of the Inspector General of Police ; but irrespective of that Report, I am sorry to admit that too much evidence exists of the evil to which the Honorable Member's question adverts. The matter, however, is one of much difficulty, but it is receiving the attention of the Government, and a Bill will be introduced during the present year to deal with it.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wisdom laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 22nd March, 1881,—“Police v. Thomas Clark.”

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Municipal District of Gulgong, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd February, 1881,—“James Leonard’s Application to Select Land at Gunnedah.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. RAILWAY EXTENSION—NARRANDERA TO JERILDERIE :—Mr. Douglas presented a Petition from Merchants, Traders, and others, residents of Wagga Wagga and District, praying the House to defer the consideration of the line Narrandera to Jerilderie until trial surveys of a line from Hanging Rock, or from Wagga Wagga to Urana and Jerilderie be made, and laid upon the Table of the House.
Petition received.

4. FERRY BETWEEN EAST KEMPSEY AND CENTRAL KEMPSEY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the actual traffic of the ferry between East Kempsey and Central Kempsey during the period the ferries were free.
Question put and passed.

5. DRAINING FLOODED LANDS, MACLEAY RIVER (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order laid upon the Table on 24th June, 1880, “Draining Flooded Lands, Macleay River,” be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS AT WINDEYER (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence with the Government and any other persons relative to the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Windeyer.
Question put and passed.

7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO PUBLIC OFFICERS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing, for the last three years, the number of Public Officers who have been allowed leave of absence, and for how long, on full salary.
Question put and passed.

8. SPRINGS FOR RAILWAY ENGINES AND CARRIAGES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence not already printed in continuance of an Order of this House dated 18th February, 1879, having reference to the manufacture of Springs for Railway Engines and Carriages.
Question put and passed.

9. COUNTY COURT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the County Court Bill which Judge Forbes prepared, together with the correspondence from the District Court Judges with reference to increased jurisdiction.
Question put and passed.

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

(1.) State Children Relief Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to establish a System of Boarding-out Children*,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1881.

JOHN HAY,
President.

STATE CHILDREN RELIEF BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th March, 1881.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 6, sub-section (6.) *After* “by” *insert* “whom”
 “ clause 6, sub-section (10.) *Omit* “and compelling”
 “ clause 6, sub-section (10.) *After* “practicable” *omit* remainder of sub-section.
 “ clause 6. *After* sub-section (10) *insert* the following new sub-section :—
 “ (11.) Providing for the punishment of children in accordance with section eight of
 “ this Act”
 “ clause 6, sub-section (13.) *After* “adopted” *omit* remainder of clause.
 “ clause 6. *After* sub-section (14) *insert* the following new sub-section :—
 “ (16.) And generally for carrying out the purposes of this Act in all matters of detail
 “ whatsoever”
 Page 3, clause 6, line 1. *Omit* “approval by the Governor and”
 “ clause 7, lines 8 and 9. *Omit* “on the complaint of some person authorized by the Board”
 “ clause 11, line 47. *After* “Act” *insert* “except in cases where the Board shall be satisfied
 “ that the children are otherwise properly educated without charge to the State”

Page 3, clause 11, line 47. *Omit* "such"

Pages 3 and 4. *After* clause 12 *insert* the following new clause:—

"13. Every offence against this Act may be prosecuted and every penalty or punishment ^{Offences how prosecuted.} in respect thereof be imposed before and by any two Justices in a summary way upon the complainant of any constable or householder or person authorized by the Board."

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Deputy Chairman.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) Anatomy Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the establishment of Schools of Anatomy and to regulate the practice of Anatomy therein*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1881.

JOHN HAY,
President.

ANATOMY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th March, 1881.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 2, lines 7 to 9. *Omit* "'Person' whenever the same occurs shall be deemed to include any society whether established by charter or otherwise" *insert* "'Governor' shall mean the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council"
- " clause 2, line 12. *After* "purpose" *omit* remainder of clause *add* "The word 'Anatomy' shall mean anatomy of the human body only"
- " clause 3, line 18. *Omit* "with the advice of the Executive Council"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 2. *Omit* "in Council"
- " clause 3, line 2. *After* "and" *insert* "may"
- " clause 3, line 3. *Omit* "to"
- " clause 4, line 4. *Omit* "with the advice of the Executive Council"
- " clause 4, line 5. *After* "anatomy" *insert* "in any such School of Anatomy"
- " clause 4, line 12. *Omit* "by a Stipendiary Magistrate or"
- " clause 4, line 12. *After* "certifying" *insert* "that"
- " clause 4, line 13. *Omit* "that"
- " clause 4, lines 13 and 14. *Omit* "about to carry on the practice of anatomy" *insert* "a fit person to be so licensed"
- " clause 5, line 15. *Omit* "with the advice aforesaid"
- " clause 5, line 16. *Omit* "one or more persons to be"
- " clause 5, lines 17 and 18. *Omit* "places where anatomy is carried on and every such inspector shall continue in office until he be removed by the Governor" *insert* "Schools of Anatomy"
- " clause 5, lines 18 and 19. *Omit* "the Governor with the advice aforesaid"
- " clause 5, line 19. *Omit* "places" *insert* "schools"
- " clause 5, lines 19 and 20. *Omit* "where anatomy is carried on"
- " clause 5, line 21. *After* "office" *omit* remainder of clause.
- " clause 6, line 26. *Omit* "to be appointed by virtue of this Act"
- " clause 6, lines 27 and 28. *Omit* "deceased person's"
- " clause 6, line 29. *Omit* "every" *insert* "any"
- " clause 6, lines 29 and 30. *Omit* "or that may have been removed to any other place where anatomy is carried on"
- " clause 6, line 31. *Omit* "at the time"
- " clause 7, lines 34 and 35. *Omit* "place or school at which anatomy is practised under the provisions of this Act" *insert* "School of Anatomy"
- " clause 8, line 46. *After* "examination" *omit* remainder of clause
- " clause 9, lines 51 and 52. *Omit* "at any time during his life"
- " clause 9, line 52. *Omit* "after death"
- Page 3, clause 10, line 5. *Omit* "provided always and be it enacted that"
- " clause 10, line 22. *Omit* "after removal" *insert* "anatomically"
- " clause 11, line 27. *Omit* "in Council as aforesaid"
- " clause 13, lines 49 and 50. *Omit* "to carry on or teach anatomy at any place or at any place"
- " clause 13, line 52. *After* "provided" *insert* "for"
- " clause 13, line 53. *After* "Act" *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 4, clause 15, line 8. *Omit* "so"
- " clause 15, line 8. *Omit* "as aforesaid"
- " clause 15, line 11. *Omit* "as aforesaid"
- " clause 15, line 17. *Omit* "as aforesaid" *add* "or within such other time as the Governor by notice in the Gazette shall appoint"
- " clause 16, lines 18 and 19. *Omit* "in Council as aforesaid"
- " clause 16, line 21. *After* "body" *insert* "if the possession of such body be"
- " clause 18, line 30. *Omit* "this Act and"
- " clause 19, line 33. *Omit* "and be taken to be"

- Page 4, clause 19, lines 33 and 34. *Omit* "being duly convicted"
 " clause 19, line 35. *After* "pounds" *omit* remainder of clause
 " clause 20, line 38. *Omit* "in Council"
 " clause 20, lines 39 to 41. *Omit* "in Council from time to time for the purpose of faci-
 " tating or more effectually carrying into execution any of the objects thereof"
 " clause 20, lines 42 and 43. *Omit* "in Council"
 " clause 20, lines 43 to 45. *Omit* "and such regulations and orders from time to time to
 " revoke and alter as to the Governor in Council shall appear to be required"
 " clause 20, line 46. *Omit* "New South Wales Government"
 " clause 21, lines 50 and 51. *Omit* "in Council"
 " clause 21, line 56. *Omit* "New South Wales"
 " *After* clause 21 *insert* the following new clause:—
 "22. The penalties authorized by the last two preceding sections may be recovered in a
 " summary way before any two Justices of the Peace."

Penalties how
recoverable.

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Deputy Chairman.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(3.) Australasian Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Australasian Steam Navigation Company to trade in Coal*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1881.

JOHN HAY,
President.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th March, 1881.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 3, clause 1, line 6. *Omit* "That"
 " clause 1, lines 6 to 8. *Omit* "anything contained in the said indenture or deed of settle-
 " ment or in the hereinbefore in part recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding"
 " clause 1, lines 9 and 10. *Omit* "or persons or body or bodies politic or corporate"
 " clause 1, line 13. *Omit* "of trading in the purchase and sale of coal"
 " clause 1, line 14. *Omit* "indenture or"
 " clause 1, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "of the said Company and mentioned and referred to in
 " the said hereinbefore in part recited Act"
 " clause 1, line 16. *Omit* "that"
 " clause 1, line 16. *Omit* "laws rules"
 " clause 1, line 17. *Omit* "indenture or"
 " clause 1, lines 18 and 19. *Omit* "under or by virtue or"
 " clause 1, line 24. *Omit* "indenture or"
 " clause 1, line 24. *After* "settlement" *omit* remainder of clause.

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Deputy Chairman.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH, 1881, A.M.

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

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

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

LOAN ESTIMATE, 1881.

RAILWAYS.

(108.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1881, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £7,626,500 for Railways, being £2,000,000, Southern and Northern Junction Railway from Homebush to Waratah (double line); £1,020,000, Sydney to Wollongong and Kiama; £1,430,000, Goulburn to Cooma, *via* Tarago, Bungendore, and Queanbeyan; £80,000, Albury to the river Murray (double line), including moiety of the cost of constructing the Bridge; £705,500, Orange to near Forbes, *via* Molong; £518,000, Narrandera to Jerilderie; £218,000, Cootamundra to Gundagai; £1,260,000, Murrumburrah to Blayney; £95,000, to complete the line from Wagga Wagga to Albury; and £300,000, for alterations and additions to Station Buildings and Siding Accommodation to meet increasing traffic, inclusive of payments made in 1880 in anticipation of this Vote.

HARBOURS

HARBOURS AND RIVERS NAVIGATION.

(109.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1881, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £130,000, being £20,000 towards construction of Southern Breakwater, Newcastle, further sum; £30,000 towards construction of Breakwater, Clarence River; £60,000 towards completing Darling Harbour Wharf, and extension of Railway to deep waters of Port Jackson; and £20,000 towards Harbour Works, Lake Macquarie, further sum.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

(110.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1881, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £51,000, being £27,000 for Bridge over Manilla River, at Manilla; and £24,000 for Bridge over the Gwydir or Big River, at Bingera.

On motion of Mr. Watson, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

12. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

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

(7.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £7,807,500 be raised by the issue and sale of Debentures, or in the form of Funded Stock in the Colony or in London, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works of the Colony.

On motion of Mr. Watson, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

13. **PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. James Watson, that a Bill be brought in founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 7, to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works.

(2.) Mr. Watson then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works*,"—which was read a first time.

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

14. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 3, 4, and 5 of Government Business postponed until to-morrow.

15. **APPROPRIATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James Watson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

The House adjourned at ten minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH, 1881.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) No-liability Mining Companies Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate No-liability Mining Companies,*"—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 Her 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, 31st March, 1881.

- (2.) Church of England Trust Property Incorporation Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the creation of Corporate Bodies of Trustees in which property belonging to the Church of England may be vested and to make further provisions in reference thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st March, 1881.

- (3.) Berrima Coal Mine Railway Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a Company called 'The Berrima Coal-mining and Railway Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Berrima Coal Mine to the Great Southern Railway,*"—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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st March, 1881.

2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Watch-house at Camperdown :—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was a sum of money voted some two or three years ago for the purchase of a site for and the erection of a Watch-house at Camperdown ?

(2.) Have any steps been taken to effect such purposes ; if not, when will tenders be called for the erection of such Watch-house ?

Mr.

- Mr. James Watson* answered,—
- (1.) Yes, £500 in 1879.
 - (2.) Tenders will be invited for this work in the next issue of the *Government Gazette*.
- (2.) Crown-street Tramway :—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. Poole*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
When will the Government be in a position to proceed with the construction of the Crown-street Tramway ?
- Mr. James Watson* answered,—Within a week or ten days from this date.
- (3.) Inspection of Military and Volunteer Forces :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Carter*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the total number of officers and men at the Inspection held in Moore Park on Saturday last ?
 - (2.) The different corps represented ?
 - (3.) The active strength of these different corps as provided for in the Estimates ?
 - (4.) The number actually present of the different corps on the occasion referred to ?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—I think this information will be most conveniently given in the form of a Return, which I will presently lay upon the Table.
- (4.) Ring-barking Timber :—*Dr. Ross*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—The number of cases in which permission to ring-bark has been granted to lessees during the last two years, the name of the applicant and the run, and the area or approximate area in each case respectively that has been ring-barked, and for which application for ring-barking has been granted ?
- Mr. Baker* answered,—I will lay upon the Table of the House a Return containing the information asked for by the Honorable Member.
- (5.) Chinese Immigration :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a vessel is on the way from China with nearly 700 Chinese for New South Wales ?
 - (2.) When will Parliament be invited to consider the question of restricting Chinese Immigration ?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—
- (1.) I have ascertained that a vessel (the "Menmuir") is expected shortly to arrive at Sydney with a large number of Chinese passengers for the Australian Colonies and New Zealand ; but how many are for New South Wales cannot be determined at present.
 - (2.) A Bill will be introduced for regulating Chinese Immigration ; but the Government is desirous of acting concurrently with the Government of Victoria in this matter.
- (6.) Punishing Children in Pyrmont Public School :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that the Pupil Teachers of the Pyrmont Public School are allowed not only to cane scholars severely but to box their ears in a manner likely to cause deafness ?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—The Minister for Public Instruction desires me to furnish the following information :—It is understood that some Pupil Teachers have, without authority, punished pupils, and their attention has been called to the irregularity.
- (7.) Immigrants per "Devon" :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The number of immigrants which arrived per "Devon" ?
 - (2.) Their nationality ?
 - (3.) Their religious classification ?
 - (4.) How many were nominated by friends in New South Wales ?
 - (5.) Under what regulations were they brought out ?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—
- (1.) 392.
 - (2.) English, 133 ; Irish, 208 ; Scotch, 36 ; other Countries, 15 ; total, 392.
 - (3.) Protestants, 201 ; Roman Catholics, 179 ; other persuasions, 12 ; total, 392.
 - (4.) Nominated by friends in the Colony, 391 ; paid full passage, £15, 1 ; total, 392.
 - (5.) Under Regulations of September, 1876.
- (8.) Provisions for Gaols :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. O'Connor*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Who are the successful tenderers for the supply of provisions to the various Gaols of the Colony ?
 - (2.) What are the prices to be paid ?
- Mr. James Watson* answered,—The Honorable Member will find all the information which he requires in the Supplement to the *Government Gazette* of the 29th instant, which I now lay upon the Table.
- (9.) Forage for Police Department :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. O'Connor*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Who are the successful tenderers for the supply of Forage for the Police Department, and the prices paid ?
- Mr. James Watson* answered,—I desire to give the same answer to this as to the last question.
3. *Mrs. Mary Kell* :—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Sutherland*, presented a Petition from *Mary Kell*, widow, residing in George-street, Parramatta, representing that she applied to the Bench of Magistrates at Parramatta for a Publican's License, which was granted, but that the operation of the Liquor Licenses Suspensory Act prevented the Colonial Treasurer from issuing the License ; and praying the House to take her case into consideration when the Liquor Licenses Suspensory Act Continuation Bill is passing through the House.
Petition received.
4. VALE OF CLWYDD AND LITHGOW VALLEY COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL :—*Mr. Foster* presented a Petition from *Thomas Saywell* and others, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Vale of Clwydd and Lithgow Valley Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company, Limited.
And *Mr. Foster* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Lithgow Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return showing the number of Officers and Men of the Military and Volunteer Forces at the Inspection held in Moore Park on Saturday, 26th March, 1881.
Ordered to be printed.

6. PRINTING AND PUBLISHING OFFICIAL REPORTS:—Mr. James Watson (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the undermentioned Official Reports should be printed and published as early as possible in each year, whether Parliament be in Session or not:—
Annual Report of the Department of Public Instruction.
Annual Report of the Commissioner for Railways.
Annual Report of the Postmaster General.
Report upon the Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville.
Report upon the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.
Report from the Inspector of Public Charities.
Annual Report from the Registrar General on Vital Statistics.
Report of the Auditor General (under the Audit Act 33 Vic. No. 16).
Report on the Nautical School Ship "Vernon."
Report of the Comptroller General of Prisons.
Report of the Inspector General of Police.
Sydney University Report.
Sydney Grammar School Report.
Vaccination Report.
Report of the Trustees of Australian Museum.
Report of the Agent for Immigration.
Report from the Municipal Council on Sydney Sewerage and Water Supply.
Municipal Council of Sydney—Receipts and Expenditure.
Report from Chief Inspector of Live Stock.
Report upon the various branches under the Department of Lands.
Report upon the working of the various branches under the Department of Mines.
Report upon Mines and Mineral Statistics.
Letters of Registration of Inventions.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. POSTAL SERVICES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return of the number of letters conveyed each way respectively during the year 1880 from Sydney to London or elsewhere, or from London or elsewhere to Sydney, by way of San Francisco, pursuant to contract between the Government of New South Wales and the Pacific Mail Company, specifying the amount of postages or revenue derived therefrom each way respectively as well by the Government of New South Wales as by the Imperial Government.

(2.) A similar Return, so far as practicable, with reference to letters conveyed by way of Brindisi or Southampton by the P. and O. Company.

(3.) A similar Return, so far as practicable, with reference to letters conveyed by steamers of the Orient Line, or otherwise.

(4.) Copies of any correspondence on the subject subsequent or supplementary to that already produced between the Government and any person or persons.

Question put and passed.

8. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Monday be a sitting day of this House, and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. APPROPRIATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

On motion of Mr. James Watson, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Watson, *passed*.

Mr. Watson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Services of the year 1881 and for the year 1880 and previous years.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Services of the year 1881 and for the year 1880 and previous years.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 31st March, 1881.

10. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James Watson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 APRIL, 1881, A.M.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Watson, *passed*.

Mr. Watson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1881, A.M.*

11. STATE CHILDREN RELIEF BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish a System of Boarding-out Children.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1881, A.M.*

12. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Local Government Bill postponed until Monday next.

13. LIQUOR LICENSES SUSPENSORY ACT CONTINUATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Government Business postponed until Monday next.

15. SYDNEY INFIRMARY:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return containing the following particulars respecting the Sydney Infirmary from the 1st January until the 31st December, 1880, viz.:—

(1.) The total number of persons who received medical treatment during the above-mentioned period, distinguishing the number of males and females of in-door and out-door patients, commencing with those cases showing the highest rates of mortality, with their scientific and popular names, and descending by gradation to those exhibiting the lowest number of deaths.

(2.) The number of patients received into the Infirmary who have died within forty-eight hours after their admission.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

16. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PATRICK DIMOND'S LICENSING CASE:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to validate a License purported to be granted under the Sale of Liquor Licensing Act of 1862 to Patrick Dimond on the 11th day of June, 1880, and all sales made by him by virtue thereof.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

17. ADMINISTRATION OF THE DOG ACT IN SCONE:—Mr. McLaughlin moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The names of all persons who registered dogs at the Court of Petty Sessions, Scone, between the 1st day of October, 1880, and the 1st day of December following, with the dates of such registration respectively.

(2.) The names of all persons in the Scone District summoned for keeping unregistered dogs during such period, with the dates of the issuing of such summonses.

(3.) The names of all persons who have paid fines for keeping unregistered dogs without being summoned, together with the dates of such payments.

(4.)

(4.) The names of all persons convicted of the last-named offence who had not been summoned, together with the names of the adjudicating Magistrates in each case.

(5.) Also copies of all convictions for the last-mentioned offence during such period in the said district, and of the depositions in each case; also copies of all correspondence upon the subject of the administration of the Dog Act in Scone between J. McLaughlin and the Colonial Treasurer and Minister for Justice, and between the Minister for Justice and the Bench of Magistrates and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Scone.

Question put and passed.

18. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of Jeanneret's Tramway Bill postponed until to-morrow.

19. **ANATOMY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Dr. Renwick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Dr. Renwick, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the establishment of Schools of Anatomy and to regulate the practice of Anatomy therein.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st April, 1881, A.M.

20. **AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Australasian Steam Navigation Company to trade in Coal.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st April, 1881, A.M.

21. **MUNICIPAL BATHS SITE ACQUISITION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

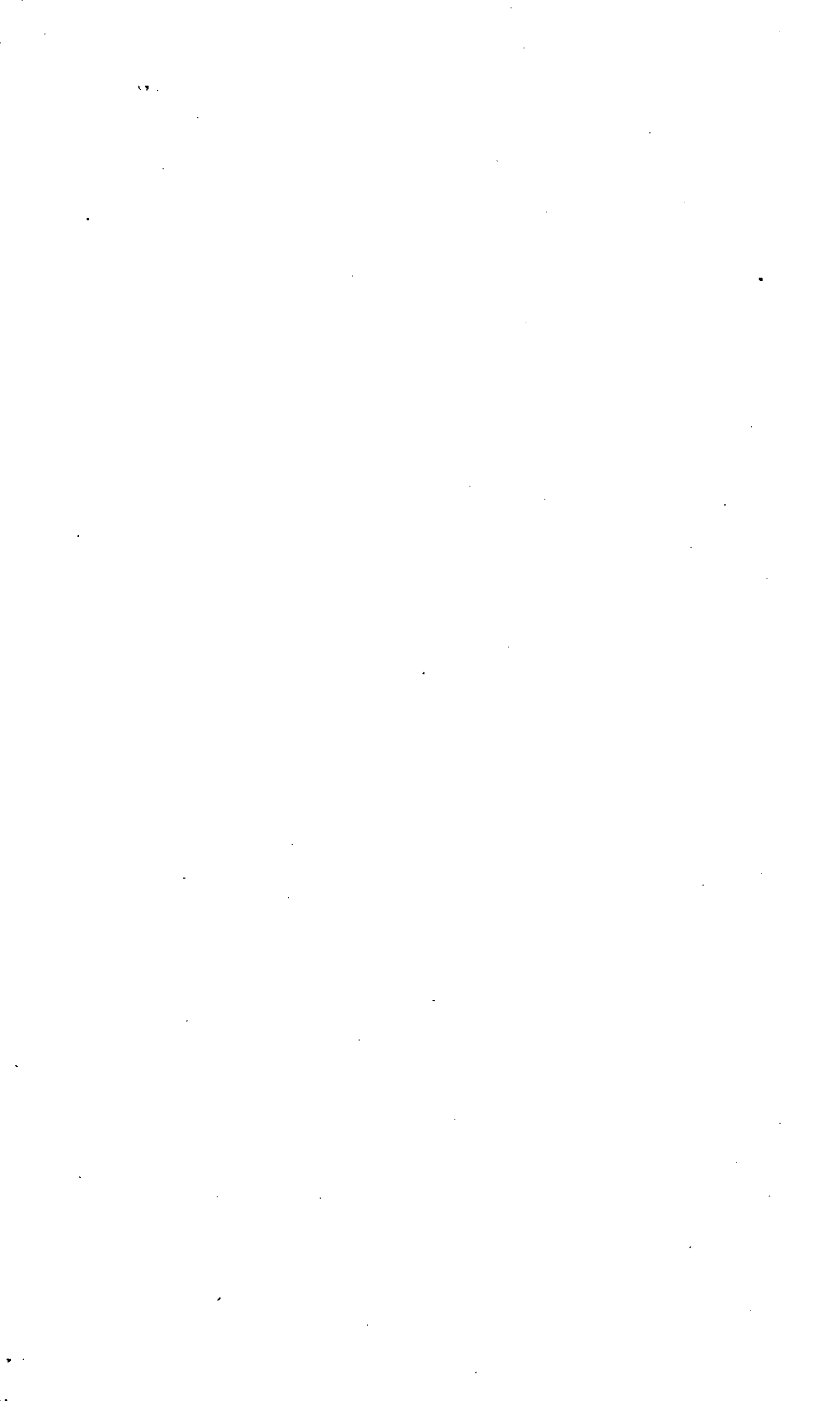
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow

The House adjourned at half-past One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 APRIL, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Law Proceedings at Bourke, Cobar, Wilcannia, and Brewarrina:—Mr. Russell Barton asked the Attorney General,—

(1.) How many writs of summons of the Supreme Court were issued at the suit of persons residing in Bourke, Cobar, Wilcannia, and Brewarrina respectively during the year 1880?

(2.) How many committals for capital offences were made during the year aforesaid at the places aforesaid respectively?

Mr. Wisdom answered,—

(1.) The number of writs of summons of the Supreme Court issued at the suit of persons residing in Bourke, Cobar, Wilcannia, and Brewarrina, during the year 1880, appears to have been as follows, viz. :—Bourke, 26; Cobar, 7; Wilcannia, 8; Brewarrina, 3.

(2.) The number of committals for capital offences during the same year at those places appears to have been as follows, viz. :—Bourke, nil; Cobar, nil; Wilcannia, 1; Brewarrina, 3.

- (2.) Conditional Purchases Validating Bill:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When is it intended to introduce a Validating Bill declaring certain conditional purchases valid in accordance with the Schedule of the Bill introduced last Session, or how is it intended to deal with such cases?

(2.) Will a Bill for the resumption of certain lands be also introduced?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Both the Bills referred to will be introduced next Session.

- (3.) Stock and Agricultural Returns:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it intended for the future to instruct the Stock Inspectors of the Districts to collect the Stock and Agricultural Returns in the various Police and Stock Districts in lieu of the Police?

Mr. Baker answered,—The matter is under consideration, and a decision will be arrived at as soon as certain information asked for shall have been received.

- (4.) Bridges at Goondiwindi and Mungindi:—Mr. Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Bridges at Goondiwindi and Mungindi been completed and opened to public use; if so, the dates?

(2.) Have suitable approaches, reserves, or camping grounds been reserved on the New South Wales side of these bridges, and can any information be afforded as to whether the same has been done on the Queensland side?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

(1.) Goondiwindi Bridge: A statement of accounts was received from the Colonial Secretary of Queensland in December last, about which time it is presumed the Bridge was completed and opened for traffic. Mungindi Bridge: Was completed and opened for traffic on 27th August, 1880.

(2.) A reserve of 300 acres on the New South Wales side has been proclaimed at Mungindi Bridge. The New South Wales approach to Goondiwindi Bridge is through private property, for which compensation has been paid.

- (5.) Cumberland-street Watch-house:—Mr. Poole, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Cumberland-street Watch-house is in a very deplorable state, having only accommodation for six or eight persons, and sometimes having over twenty people locked up in it?

(2.) Is it proposed to erect a new Watch-house for this locality; if so, will he state when it is likely to be commenced?

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Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The building is in fair repair, but very unsuitable for a Watch-house. It will accommodate about twelve prisoners, and not more than this number are confined in the cells at one time. When more than this are brought to the Watch-house they are sent to the Water Police Lock-up.

(2.) A site has been purchased for a new Lock-up in George-street; and plans having been prepared for the building, tenders are about to be invited.

- (6.) Railway Station-house at Cootamundra :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the attention of the Government been called to alleged inadequate accommodation for the Public and for the Railway Officials afforded by the Railway Station-house at Cootamundra; if so, what steps do the Government intend taking to remedy whatever grievance may exist?

Mr. James Watson answered,—Instructions were given last week to improve the Station accommodation at Cootamundra. The work had been postponed for the purpose of ascertaining whether the largely increased traffic, owing to the discovery of the Temora Gold Fields, was likely to prove of a permanent character.

- (7.) Water Supply for Cootamundra :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the attention of the Government been called to the alleged advisability of sending an Officer to report upon the want of adequate water supply for public purposes at Cootamundra, or has the subject been brought under notice of the Government in any way; if so, what steps do the Government propose taking accordingly?

Mr. James Watson answered,—Yes; an Officer of the Works Department has been instructed to report on the matter, and is expected to be at Cootamundra in a few days.

- (8.) Railway Communication with Marsdens :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the attention of the Government been called to the alleged necessity for Railway communication with Marsdens, and in particular to the advisability of the Branch or Cross Railway Line to Forbes being carried through that neighbourhood; if so, what course do the Government propose taking in the matter?

Mr. James Watson answered,—The Government have decided, and the Assembly has approved of a Line of Railway from Young to Blayney. The Western Extension from Orange towards Wilcannia, which will pass near the town of Forbes, will also, it is thought, give facilities for communication to the residents of the Bland District, of which Marsdens forms a part.

- (9.) Post and Telegraph Offices and Police Barracks at Gadooga :—Mr. Russell Barton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the new Post and Telegraph Offices and Police Barracks at Gadooga been completed; if not, name of contractor for each, and date fixed for completion?

(2.) Have these buildings been erected upon the new village of Bokira?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

(1.) No contract has yet been taken for the Post and Telegraph Office; but plans have been prepared and will be completed as soon as possible, when tenders can be invited for the work. The Police Buildings have been erected by the Police Department at Bokira.

(2.) It is intended to erect the Post and Telegraph Office in the township of Bokira.

- (10.) Beacon at Port Macquarie :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he say why the sum of £600 voted during last Parliament for the construction of a Beacon at Port Macquarie has not been expended?

(2.) Will the Government forthwith take steps to carry out this urgent and necessary work?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Because of the great difficulty in obtaining the necessary soundings, such work being only practicable in exceptionally fine weather.

(2.) The work will be taken in hand as soon as possible.

- (11.) Obstruction to Foot-path in Macquarie-street :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands,—When do the Government intend to remove the obstructions to the footpath in front of their properties in Macquarie-street adjoining the Parliament Houses?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Instructions will be given to have the matter inquired into.

2. MUNICIPAL BATHS SITE ACQUISITION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Davies, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Davies then moved, That the title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to purchase or otherwise become possessed of lands and other premises situate beyond the boundaries of the City which could be appropriated for the purpose of Public Baths or other public uses.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to purchase or otherwise become possessed of lands and other premises situate beyond the boundaries of the City which could be appropriated for the purpose of Public Baths or other public uses,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1881.*

3. VALE OF CLWYDD AND LITHGOW VALLEY COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Foster* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Vale of Clwydd and Lithgow Valley Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company, Limited.

Question put and passed.

4. BRIDGES AT ABERDEEN AND BOWMAN'S CROSSING (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McLaughlin*, for *Mr. McElhone*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all correspondence between *Mr. McElhone* and the Secretary for Public Works and any officer of the Works Department in reference to the Bridges erected over the Hunter River at Aberdeen and Bowman's Crossing by *Mr. Bowman*, and which were washed away.
 - (2.) Copies of all letters, minutes, and correspondence by the Secretary for Public Works, *Mr. Bennett*, Engineer for Roads, or other person, in regard to the same; and copies of all reports, minutes, and correspondence, in regard to the same by any officers sent to report on the same.
 - (3.) Copies of any correspondence by *Mr. Burnett*, *H. H. Brown & Co.*, and any other person with the Secretary for Public Works, or officer of his department, in regard to the said bridges.
- Question put and passed.
5. VALE OF CLWYDD AND LITHGOW VALLEY COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—*Mr. Foster* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Vale of Clwydd and Lithgow Valley Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company Limited*,"—read a first time.
6. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of *Mr. R. B. Smith*, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
7. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. McLaughlin* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of *Mr. McLaughlin*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of *Mr. McLaughlin* (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted (after debate.)
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
8. BATES'S ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Garrett* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of *Mr. Garrett*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of *Mr. Garrett*, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
9. JEANNERET'S TRAMWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Farnell* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

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| <i>Mr. Baker</i> , | <i>Mr. McCulloch</i> , |
| <i>Mr. Beyers</i> , | <i>Mr. McLaughlin</i> , |
| <i>Mr. John Brown</i> , | <i>Mr. Melville</i> , |
| <i>Mr. Burdekin</i> , | <i>Mr. Murray</i> , |
| <i>Mr. Cass</i> , | <i>Mr. O'Connor</i> , |
| <i>Mr. William Clarke</i> , | <i>Sir Henry Parkes</i> , |
| <i>Mr. Copeland</i> , | <i>Mr. Pigott</i> , |
| <i>Mr. Farnell</i> , | <i>Mr. Suttor</i> , |
| <i>Mr. Garrard</i> , | <i>Mr. Terry</i> , |
| <i>Mr. Hoskins</i> , | <i>Mr. Vaughn</i> , |
| <i>Mr. Jacob</i> , | <i>Mr. James Watson</i> , |
| <i>Mr. Kidd</i> , | <i>Mr. Wisdom</i> . |
| <i>Mr. Leven</i> , | <i>Tellers</i> , |
| <i>Mr. Levin</i> , | <i>Mr. Fergusson</i> , |
| <i>Mr. G. A. Lloyd</i> , | <i>Mr. Purves</i> . |
| <i>Mr. Loughnan</i> , | |

Noes, 16.

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| <i>Mr. Abigail</i> , | <i>Tellers</i> , |
| <i>Mr. Russell Barton</i> , | <i>Mr. Henson</i> , |
| <i>Mr. Brodribb</i> , | <i>Mr. Roseby</i> . |
| <i>Mr. Davies</i> , | |
| <i>Mr. Day</i> , | |
| <i>Mr. Eckford</i> , | |
| <i>Mr. Fitzpatrick</i> , | |
| <i>Mr. Fletcher</i> , | |
| <i>Mr. Foster</i> , | |
| <i>Mr. Proctor</i> , | |
| <i>Dr. Renwick</i> , | |
| <i>Mr. R. B. Smith</i> , | |
| <i>Mr. Tecce</i> , | |
| <i>Mr. Young</i> . | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

10. PETITION OF MRS. MARY JONES:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Farnell*,—"That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of "*Mrs. Mary Jones*, laid upon the Table of this House on the 8th July, 1880, be now adopted,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of *Mr. Speaker*, namely,—*Mr. Baker*, *Mr. Beyers*, *Mr. William Clarke*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Fitzpatrick*, *Mr. Foster*, *Mr. Henson*, *Mr. Hezlet*, *Mr. Hoskins*, *Mr. Murray*, *Sir Henry Parkes*, *Mr. Pigott*, *Mr. Poole*, *Mr. Roseby*, *Mr. Suttor*, *Mr. Vaughn*, *Mr. James Watson*, and *Mr. Wisdom*,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-four minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 4 APRIL, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Railway Charges on Agricultural Produce :—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Myers*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Government instituted an inquiry into the Railway Charges upon Agricultural Produce, as promised by the Premier on the 22nd ultimo?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make any reductions upon such produce?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is proposed to consider this question as soon as possible after the closing of the present Session.

- (2.) University of Sydney :—*Mr. H. C. Dangar* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the time which will probably elapse before the bequest of the late *Mr. Challis* will become available to the Senate of the University of Sydney, will the Government during the ensuing recess consider the urgent need of enlarging the existing curriculum, so as to permit of Lectures being given in Law, Modern History, Physiology, Medicine, and other branches of knowledge, for which the present endowment is utterly insufficient?

(2.) In the event of further endowment being considered necessary, will the Government be prepared to introduce a measure during the ensuing Session to give effect to such decisions as may be arrived at?

(3.) Will the Government consider the desirability of annexing to any fresh endowment which may be granted such conditions as will permit of Evening Lectures being given to non-matriculated Students in Lecture Rooms more accessible to the public than the present University Lecture Rooms?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The state of the University in reference to all the matters embodied in the Honorable Member's questions has been under the consideration of the Government on several occasions; and I may say it has not been disposed of, but will be fully considered during the recess.

- (3.) Telegraph Wire :—*Mr. Pigott* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the date of acceptance of the last tender for Telegraph Wire as advertised in *Government Gazette*?

(2.) Has any Telegraph Wire been purchased by the Telegraph or Works Department from other than the successful tenderer since that date; if so, will the Minister state the quantity, price, from whom purchased, and by whose authority?

(3.) Did the successful tenderer have an opportunity afforded to him to supply the extra quantity required?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) 19th August, 1880.

(2.) No.

(3.) No extra quantity was required beyond that which was supplied under tender.

- (4.) Forfeited Pre-leases :—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the practice to allow persons who may conditionally purchase a portion of a forfeited pre-lease which has been bought at auction to take by way of pre-lease the remainder of such forfeited pre-lease?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—No; it has not been the practice, as such a case has not yet arisen. Forfeited pre-leases when offered at auction become subject to all the conditions attached to ordinary auction leases.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table,—List of Shareholders of the Milburn Creek Copper Mining Company.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 22nd February, 1881,—“Contracts of William Burnett for Bridges at Aberdeen and Bowman’s Creek.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Baker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the number of cases in which permission to Ring-bark Timber has been granted to Lessees during the last two years, the name of the Applicant, and the Run, &c.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 1st March, 1881,—“The Temora Run.”
Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law of the Borough of Mudgee.

(2.) Report on Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute for 1880.
Ordered to be printed.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Kurrajong Land and Riley-street Surry Hills Land Sales Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Bishop of Sydney to sell two portions of land situated respectively at Kurrajong County of Cook and Surry Hills near Sydney and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale thereof*,”—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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 4th April, 1881.*

(2.) Wagga Wagga Gas Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable William Wark and John Anderson Wark to construct Gas-works within the Borough and Suburbs of Wagga Wagga*,”—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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 4th April, 1881.*

4. RAILWAY FROM HANGING ROCK TO JERILDERIE:—Mr. Loughnan presented a Petition from Residents of Urana, Jerilderie, and District, praying the House to take steps for causing the Line to Jerilderie to be constructed from the Hanging Rock *viâ* Urana, in lieu of the proposed route *viâ* Narrandera.
Petition received.

5. MR. EDWARD TOWNSEND FOLEY:—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from Edward Townsend Foley, of the Domain, Sydney, representing that he is the lessee of the Public Baths for Gentlemen, and that he has suffered inconvenience and loss through the action of the Government in closing the Macquarie-street entrance to the Domain during a part of the year 1879 and a part of the year 1880; and praying the House to cause inquiry to be made into the matter, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

6. GOAT ISLAND POWDER MAGAZINE (*Formal motion*):—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, reports, and other papers relating to investigations into the working of Goat Island Powder Magazine by Mr. Blanchard, Captain Hixson, or other persons; and copies of all letters, minutes, and other papers relating to ex-Warders Whitfield, Bailey and Small.
Question put and passed.

7. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. McLaughlin, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. McLaughlin then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to further amend the ‘District Courts Act of 1858.’*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to further amend the ‘District Courts Act of 1858.’*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th April, 1881.*

8. BATES'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Garrett, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the Sale Mortgage and Leasing of certain Lands and Hereditaments devised by the Will of Mary Ann Bates deceased and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Sale Mortgage and Leasing of certain Lands and Hereditaments devised by the Will of Mary Ann Bates deceased and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with certified copies of the Documents produced before the Committee.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th April, 1881.*

9. LIQUOR LICENSES SUSPENSORY ACT CONTINUATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as Mr. Speaker's ruling had been given thereon.

The Chairman then stated the *Point of Order* as follows:—

An amendment having been proposed to add at the end of the 1st clause of the Bill the words "and shall be and continue in force within the boundaries of each and every municipality throughout the Colony for a like period,"—he (the Chairman) gave his opinion that the proposed amendment was inadmissible, as being beyond the scope of the Bill, and being also a further restriction upon trade than that contemplated by the Bill.

Mr. Speaker sustained the view of the Chairman in regard to the proposed amendment.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and with amendments in the Title.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

10. CHAPMAN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Chapman to grant leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the real estate devised by the said Will and to make roads streets and ways over upon and adjacent to the said lands and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th April, 1881.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Dr. Renwick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Monday next.

12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 of Government Business postponed until to-morrow.

13. RESERVES ON RAILWAY LINES:—Mr. Brodribb moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, Crown Lands three miles on each side of the proposed Railways should be reserved from sale under any conditions until these Railways are completed and open for traffic.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Beyers,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Fletcher,
Sir Patrick Jennings,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Sutherland.

Tellers,

Mr. Brodribb,
Mr. Young.

Noes, 22.

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| Mr. Baker, | Mr. Murray, |
| Mr. Burns, | Mr. Myers, |
| Mr. Cameron, | Sir Henry Parkes, |
| Mr. Carter, | Mr. R. B. Smith, |
| Mr. Campbell, | Mr. Teede, |
| Mr. Copeland, | Mr. Vaughn, |
| Mr. Fawcett, | Mr. James Watson, |
| Mr. Foster, | Mr. Wisdom. |
| Mr. Garrett, | Tellers, |
| Mr. Hoskins, | |
| Mr. Lackey, | Mr. Byrie, |
| Mr. Melville, | Mr. Day. |

And so it passed in the negative.

14. VALE OF CLWYDD AND LITHGOW VALLEY COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Vale of Clwydd and Lithgow Valley Company's Incorporation Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Burns, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Martin, Mr. Cass, Mr. Terry, Mr. Withers, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
15. JEANNERET'S TRAMWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Garrett moved, That the report be now adopted.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
16. LIQUOR LICENSES SUSPENSORY ACT CONTINUATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, *passed*.
 Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to continue for a further term the 'Liquor Licenses Suspensory Act 1880,' and to amend the 'Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862.'*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue for a further term the 'Liquor Licenses Suspensory Act 1880,' and to amend the 'Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 4th April, 1881.*

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 APRIL, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Business of the Office of the Curator of Intestate Estates:—*Mr. Jacob*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of cases that are in arrear, or awaiting settlement, in the office of the Curator of Intestate Estates, the name of each case, the date when received, and when they are likely to be disposed of, and what is the cause of delay in dealing with these cases?

(2.) Also the number of cases that have been disposed of during the last twelve months?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The answer to this question is rather lengthy; and I think the best way will be to lay it upon the Table in the shape of a Return, which I will do shortly.(2.) *Mr. Clibborn*:—*Mr. O'Connor*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was a free pass granted to *Mr. Clibborn*, the Secretary to the Australian Jockey Club, to travel by rail from Sydney to Albury and back in the months of February or March; if so, upon what grounds was such free pass granted?*Mr. Lackey* answered,—A free pass was granted to *Mr. Clibborn*, as Secretary to the Australian Jockey Club, to visit Melbourne for the Annual Races. The concession is reciprocal between the two Railway Departments—the Secretary of the Victorian Jockey Club and the Secretary of our Jockey Club receiving free passes on the occasion of their respective visits to the Race Meetings.(3.) Special Train for *Cole's Circus and Menagerie Company*:—*Mr. Foster* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) Is it a fact that the Commissioner for Railways made a special agreement with *Cole's Circus and Menagerie Company* to run a special train on Sunday, the 20th March, from Parramatta to Wellington; if so, how many public employes in the Railway Department were, by this private contract with a private Company, compelled to work upon the Sunday?

(2.) But for this special contract, would not the whole Railway Line from Penrith to Wellington have been free from traffic upon the Sunday?

(3.) Will the Minister for Works ask the Attorney General whether such contract with a private Company, made and carried out by the Commissioner, is less a breach of the first section of the Act for the better observation of the Lord's Day (commonly called Sunday) than it would have been if made and carried out by a private individual in like manner?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The agreement made did not stipulate that the train should run on Sunday. The train was hired for about a week to run as required to various Stations along the line. As a matter of fact it was run on Sunday, the 20th ultimo, for the reasons given in the answer to a previous question on the subject, viz., to secure a greater amount of safety and despatch in the interests of both the Department and the Company. The whole number of Railway employes engaged in running the train averaged five; a larger number was employed, but their services were required for an hour or two only.

(2.) No; the line would not have been free from traffic.

(3.) Yes, inquiry will be made; but I think it will be found that while there is no distinction in the respect pointed out between the Commissioner for Railways and a private individual, the running of vehicles on Sundays, whether on the Railway, the common road, or on the water, is not a breach of the Act referred to.

(4.) Public Park, Burwood:—*Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Pigott*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Public Park at Burwood be handed over to the Trustees thereof?*Mr. Hoskins* answered,—The greater portion of the proposed Park, having been dedicated for Police purposes, will require to be resumed by Act of Parliament before it can be appropriated as a Park and vested in Trustees. The remaining area has been vested in Trustees. 5.

- (5.) Obstructions to Foot-path in Macquarie-street:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have instructions been given to remove the obstructions to the foot-path in front of the Government properties in Macquarie-street adjoining the Parliament Houses?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Arrangements are being made for the removal of the obstructions referred to.

- (6.) Locomotive Engines:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What number of Locomotive Engines has been supplied during the past four years to the Railway Department?

(2.) By whom have they been supplied?

(3.) What have been the prices at which each lot has been supplied?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table of the House.

- (7.) Wharfage Rates at Newcastle:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has any decision been arrived at by the Government as to the Wharfage Rates at Newcastle, as promised some days ago?

Mr. James Watson answered,—I desire to point out to the Honorable Member that considerable difficulties exist with reference to this matter. Deputations have waited upon the Government complaining of these wharfage rates; but I merely administer the law as I find it. The law imposes the tax, and I am willing to admit that it is a great hardship, and the Government are disposed to diminish it, or if they can see their way clear to do so, to abolish it altogether.

- (8.) Concerts at the Garden Palace:—Dr. Renwick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Upon what conditions has the use of the Garden Palace been granted to the Austrian Band for concerts and balls?

(2.) Have any arrangements been made whereby the Sydney Charities are to receive a proportion of the money received for admission to the performances; and if so, what proportion?

(3.) If such arrangements have been made, is there any provision for checking the amounts received for admission to these performances and for the due payment of the proportions to which the City Charities are entitled?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Austrian Band were permitted to occupy the Garden Palace on certain conditions, one of which was that 10 per cent. of the gross takings should be set apart to be distributed among Public Charities. Another was that a certain number of Police should be in attendance, sufficient to preserve order, and that the expense of their attendance should also be paid by the persons who had the use of the building. I understand that three gentlemen (I think Sir Alfred Stephen, Sir John Hay, and the Speaker of this House) have undertaken to distribute the portion of the takings set aside for Public Charities. I believe the arrangements made to secure the due proportion of the receipts are quite satisfactory.

- (9.) Civil Service Bill:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government during the next Session of Parliament to bring in a Civil Service Bill?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter has been under the notice of the Government some considerable time, and we hope to be able to introduce a Bill during the next Session.

- (10.) Dimond's Licensing Case:—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government dealt with the Magistrates in Dimond's Licensing Case; if so, in what way?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—An investigation has been made into the conduct of the Magistrates who acted in this case, but it would be almost impossible for me to state in a short answer the result without more or less misleading the public. The investigation has been lengthy and very troublesome, and has involved several points of a rather difficult nature. I may say, however, that the blame due to the Magistrates has appeared to the Government to be very varied in degree, as some of those who were present seemed to be much less blamable than others, and that those who were most to blame strove to cast the chief share upon those who were innocent. Upon the whole, I may say that the case cannot be judged without the production of the papers; and if it is desired, I have no objection to produce them.

- (11.) Maps showing Sites of Public Schools:—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Minister for Public Instruction furnish the District School Boards with a map showing the boundaries and sites of the Schools in the district?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Minister for Public Instruction informs me that, should any of the Public School Boards apply for such maps, he will confer with the Secretary for Lands on the subject.

- (12.) Wharfage Rates at Wollongong:—Mr. Jacob, for Mr. Tarrant, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it true that some small steam colliers are being charged 20s. per day for loading at the wharf in Wollongong?

(2.) Is it true that the coals which these colliers carry are also paying wharfage to the Government at the rate of 3d. per ton?

(3.) Is it the practice at private wharfs to allow a vessel to lie free of charge so long as the cargo which she receives or delivers is paying wharfage?

(4.) Will the Government abandon this charge of 20s. per day on small vessels while they are receiving cargo?

Mr. James Watson answered,—

(1.) No; wharfage rates are not charged on vessels under 240 tons during their lay-days, which vary from two to six days. When the lay-days have expired vessels under 240 tons are charged 10s. per diem for loading only.

(2.) Yes; there is an inward and an outward rate.

(3.) The practice at private wharfs differs, I believe.

(4.) This would require the repeal or the amendment of the Act 44 Victoria No. 8 as far as regards the 10s. per diem. I may mention that whatever decision is arrived at with regard to the wharfage at Newcastle it will govern the decision of the question as to wharfage at Wollongong. (13.)

- (13.) Road from Walgett to Coonamble :—Mr. Cass asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Referring to Votes and Proceedings No. 23, 22nd February last, and the replies to Questions,—Has any decision been arrived at with reference to the road Walgett to Coonamble, *via* Nugil Swamp?
 - (2.) Has the District Surveyor's or any other Officer's report been received, and the nature thereof?
 - (3.) What is the name of the Surveyor who was directed to report upon this matter?
- Mr. Baker answered,—
- (1.) No decision has been arrived at, pending receipt of the District Surveyor's report.
 - (2.) A report has not yet been received.
 - (3.) Mr. District-Surveyor Dalglish.
- (14.) Bridges over Castlereagh River and Bundy Creek :—Mr. Cass asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will funds be provided for the erection of Bridges over the Castlereagh River at Cum-bogoland, and over the Moulma or Bundy Creek, near Youie?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at on these matters.
- (15.) Encroachment on Reserve on Millie Ridge :—Mr. Cass asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a person named Martin has erected an hotel on a reserve on Millie Ridge, on the north side of M. A. Smeltzer's conditional purchase of 50 acres, county of Pottinger, parish of Millie?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Minister to allow Martin to occupy this reserve?
 - (3.) Has the Minister received any communication from Phillip Smeltzer *re* this reserve?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No final steps have been taken yet. The matter is under consideration.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (16.) Fencing the Square at Walgett :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to make any provision for fencing in the Square at Walgett containing the new Public Buildings, Court-house, Gaol, Post and Telegraph Office, &c.?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—As the buildings named will have to be fenced it is considered an improvement to enclose the whole of the reserve, which is intended.
- (17.) Dynamite and Nitro-Glycerine :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What quantity of dynamite or nitro-glycerine is stored at Goat Island or Spectacle Island, or other Government Magazine, at an equal distance from Sydney?
 - (2.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the possible danger of such storage; if so, what steps do the Government intend taking to obviate such danger?
- Mr. James Watson answered,—
- (1.) *Dynamite*:—21 tons stored at Goat Island; 3 tons stored in floating magazine "Behring;" total, 24 tons. *Lithofracteur*—a nitro-glycerine compound:—1½ tons stored at Goat Island; 4¼ tons stored in floating magazine "Behring;" total, 5½ tons. *Nitro-glycerine*:—None.
 - (2.) Yes; and instructions were given some time back to secure a suitable site for the erection of a new magazine.
- (18.) Water Reserve at Twenty-four-mile Hollow :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it true that one John Solomon, in 1841, applied for two portions of land in the county of Cook, at the Twenty-four-mile Hollow, as purchase, and that one portion was cancelled by direction of the Surveyor General, on the recommendation of Mr. Assistant-Surveyor Davidson, to be reserved for water and resting-place for cattle?
 - (2.) Is it true that subsequently one Henry Wilson was allowed to select without competition the remaining portion, and that travelling stock and teamsters used the other portion without let or hindrance until the Western Railway Line was constructed?
 - (3.) Is it true that after the site for the present Lawson Station was fixed the said Henry Wilson had cut down and burnt the marked trees of his boundaries and shifted his fence down to the Station, so as to take in nearly the whole pasturage frontage of the so-called camping reserve?
 - (4.) Is it true that the said Henry Wilson built a shanty, subsequently licensed as the "Blue Mountain Inn," and that a considerable sized building is now going up on the land in question?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—The matters referred to in these questions are at present under inquiry by the District Surveyor.
- (19.) Sydney Water Supply :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received an application from the Mayor of Sydney, on behalf of the Corporation of Sydney and the Suburban Aldermen, asking that an Hydraulic Engineer, to be appointed and paid for by them, should have permission to inspect the plans, sections, &c., of the new Sydney Water Scheme; if so, what reply was sent, and when?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—There is no record in the Works Department of any such letter from the Mayor of Sydney. A letter was received from the Honorary Secretary of the Kenny Hill Scheme asking for plans of the service and storage reservoir at Kenny Hill, and other information connected therewith; but as the matter was then before Parliament, it was not considered advisable to comply with the request.
- (20.) Glebe and Forest Lodge Tramway :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Glebe and Forest Lodge Tramway be commenced?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—I have already received application from the Member for The Glebe (Sir Wigram Allen) on this subject, and find that a commencement cannot be made till the rails are received. They have been shipped, and it is expected will be in the Colony during next month, when a commencement will be made with the lines referred to in the Honorable Member's question.

- (21.) Tramway Motors:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many Tramway Motors have been ordered from America or other Countries?
 - (2.) The name of the firm or firms supplying the same?
 - (3.) The price paid for each Motor?
 - (4.) The stipulated time for delivery of same?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) In all, thirty-three Motors have been ordered from America, and three from England. Fourteen of those ordered from America have been landed in the Colony.
- (2.) The Motors of the American type are to be supplied by the Baldwin Locomotive Company of Philadelphia; of those of English pattern, two are to be supplied by Messrs. Kitson & Co., and one by the Beaumont Compressed Air Company.
- (3.) Four, supplied by the Baldwin Company, cost £943 each; six, supplied by the same Company, cost £1,200 each. The remaining twenty-three ordered from America are to be delivered in the Colony at the following prices, viz.:—Nine 12-ton Motors, at £1,060 each; seven 10-ton Motors, at £960 each; seven 8-ton Motors, at £880. With a view to ascertain the best type of Motor, prior to tenders being invited for their construction in the Colony, the Agent General is to order two of Kitson's Motors on the most advantageous terms obtainable. The Beaumont Compressed Air Company are to send out one of their engines for trial on our lines, but it is not to be taken over and paid for by the Government until in practice it carries out certain stipulated conditions to the satisfaction of the Tramway Engineer.
- (4.) Of the twenty-three Motors ordered from America in June last fifteen were to be shipped to the Colony in six months from date of order, and the remainder within two or three months afterwards. No stipulated time has been named for the delivery of the Kitson Motors and for Beaumont's compressed air Motor, other than they are to be delivered in the Colony as early as possible.

- (22.) Operation on a Woman at the Benevolent Asylum:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that certain Surgeons operated on some woman at the Benevolent Asylum for a tumour, and the case was one of pregnancy; if so, what are the names of the Surgeons who performed the operation?
- (2.) If the case referred to did not take place at the Benevolent Asylum, at which Institution, Infirmary, or other place did it take place?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that no such case has occurred either at the Benevolent Asylum or at the Sydney Infirmary. Probably, however, the Honorable Member refers to an operation recently performed at the Benevolent Asylum in a case which was not supposed to be one of tumour, but one of abnormal pregnancy demanding immediate operation. The patient had been examined by Dr. Sydney Jones and Dr. Schuette, and was admitted for operation on the latter gentleman's recommendation. Dr. Warren operated, and was assisted by Dr. Schuette and Dr. Milford. Mr. Wright administered the anæsthetic, and Drs. Cox, M'Laurin, and Marshall, and Messrs. Clune and Hogg were also present.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Answers to certain Questions respecting the business of the Office of the Curator of Intestate Estates.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Locomotive Engines.
 - (2.) Report on Dredges.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Baker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 18th February, 1881,—“Road through Mr. Polson's Land, known as ‘Pigeon Grove.’”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.
 - (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) State Children Relief Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to establish a System of Boarding-out Children,”—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 Her 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, 5th April, 1881.

(2.)

(2.) Anatomy Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the establishment of Schools of Anatomy and to regulate the practice of Anatomy therein*,"—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 Her 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, 5th April, 1881.

(3.) Australasian Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Australasian Steam Navigation Company to trade in Coal*,"—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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 5th April, 1881.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dillon moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. POLICE QUARTERS AT WOODBURN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fawcett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all petitions, correspondence, and reports, relative to the erection of Police Quarters in the Government township of Woodburn, for which the sum of £2,000 was voted by Parliament in 1879.
Question put and passed.
6. JEANNERET'S TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway along George-street Parramatta*."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway along George-street Parramatta*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with Appendix; also the Plans and Specifications of the proposed Tramway.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th April, 1881.
7. ASSISTED IMMIGRATION:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up a Second Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 18th January, 1881; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
8. TRANSFER OF LAND AT NORTH SHORE TO JOHN WILLIAM HAYNES:—Mr. Farnell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 23rd March, 1881; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
9. FISHERIES BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the development and regulation of the Fisheries of the Colony*,"—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 April, 1881.

JOHN HAY,
President.

FISHERIES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th April, 1881.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 1, line 10. Omit "26" insert "25"
 " clause 1, line 11. Omit "27-48" insert "26-47"
 " clause 1, line 12. Omit "49-58" insert "48-57"
 " clause 1, line 13. Omit "59-70" insert "58-69"

- Page 5, clause 9. *After* sub-section (13) *insert* the following new sub-sections :—
 “(14.) Prescribing the conditions under which gaolers and persons in charge of any gaol watch-house lock-up or police station may take recognizances from persons lodged in custody under the sixty-second section hereof.”
 “(15.) Providing for the hauling and landing of gar-fish and prawn nets in such a manner as to prevent the destruction of underweight fish.”
- Page 6, clause 11. At end of clause *add* “but such gar-fish net shall have on each side of the bunt thereof a wing hung on the same cork and lead lines not less in length than the bunt of such net and of which the mesh shall not be less than two inches. Provided that any net which under the Acts hereby repealed would have been a lawful net during the winter months as therein provided shall be deemed to be a lawful gar-fish net under this Act when used *bona fide* for the purpose of catching gar-fish only at any time until the thirty-first day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two but no longer. Provided also that the provisions of this section as regards size of mesh and length of net shall not apply to the use of drift-nets or purse-seines in the open sea”
 clause 14, line 44. *After* “inspector” *omit* “or”
 clause 14, line 52. *After* “fishery” *insert* “in respect of fish taken therefrom”
 clause 14, line 52. *After* “or” *insert* “to any”
 clause 14, lines 54 and 55. *Omit* “(the proof whereof in every case shall be upon the defendant or person charged)”
 clause 14. At end of clause *add* “But in every such case of exemption the proof thereof shall be upon the defendant or person charged”
- Page 7, clause 17, line 18. *After* “of any” *insert* “tidal”
 clause 18, line 34. *After* “of the” *insert* “tidal”
 clause 18, lines 45 and 46. *Omit* “and any person found in company with any such offender”
- Page 8, clause 22. *Omit* clause 22
- Page 9, clause 26, line 6. *Omit* “longer than” *insert* “of a length not”
 clause 28, line 20. *Omit* “purporting” *insert* “promised”
 clause 28, lines 21 and 22. *Omit* “upon the passing of this Act determine and be absolutely void” *insert* “be deemed valid”
 clause 28, line 23. *Omit* “whenever” *insert* “although”
 clause 28. At end of clause *add* “Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Governor to make regulations for the management of such natural oyster-beds during such leases and by such regulations to provide for the avoidance of such leases if such regulations or any of them be not complied with”
- Page 10, clause 29. At end of clause *add* “Every lease granted under the provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions of the ninth section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.”
- Page 11, clause 32, line 41. *Omit* “nine” *insert* “eight”
 clause 33, lines 44 to 46. *Omit* “not exempt from lease under the next following section nor included in any public oyster reserve made under this Act nor being part of a natural oyster bed”
 clause 33, line 48. *After* “tides” *insert* “Provided that no land exempt from lease under the next following section and no land included in a public oyster reserve made under this Act or being part of a natural oyster-bed shall be so leased”
- Page 12, clause 33, line 4. *Omit* “ninth” *insert* “eighth”
 clause 35, line 18. *Omit* “third” *insert* “second”
 clause 35, line 25. *Omit* “one”
 clause 36, line 29. *Omit* “or license”
 clause 36, line 34. *Omit* “and other”
 clause 36, lines 34 and 35. *Omit* “or license”
- Page 15, clause 49, line 4. *After* “consent” *insert* “in writing”
 clause 49, line 6. *Omit* “Governor” *insert* “Minister charged with the administration of this Act”
 clause 50, line 19. *Omit* “Governor” *insert* “said Minister”
 clause 51, line 22. *Omit* “Governor” *insert* “said Minister”
- Page 16, clause 55, line 11. *After* “any” *insert* “public”
 clause 55, line 12. *After* “any” *insert* “public”
 clause 58, line 40. *Omit* “of oysters”
 clause 59, line 48. *After* “way” *insert* “by and in the name of any Inspector or by and in the name of any person authorized by the Commissioners”
- Page 17, clause 61, line 14. *omit* “Session” *insert* “Sessions”
 clause 63. *Omit* clause 63 *insert* the following new clause :—
 “63. Any inspector assistant inspector of Fisheries or any officer of police or constable may with or without warrant seize any net dredge or other implement of fishing which any person found offending against any of the provisions of this Act may then be using and may also with or without warrant apprehend and lodge with the gaoler or person in charge of any gaol watch-house lock-up or police station any person found offending against any of the provisions of this Act who on demand made shall refuse to give his true name and address. But any Justice or subject to the conditions prescribed by the Regulations any such gaoler or person in charge may liberate any person so lodged in custody on such person entering into a recognizance (with or without sureties) in the sum of twenty pounds conditioned for his appearance before two or more Justices at a day and place to be therein mentioned.”
- Page 18, clause 65, line 4. *Omit* “police constables and others” *insert* “Members of the Police Force and all persons employed in the Department of the Marine Board the Customs or Harbours and Rivers”
 clause 68, line 27. *Omit* “destroyed and disposed of” *insert* “and dealt with according to law”

- Page 18, clause 69, line 32. *After "nine" insert "and"*
 " clause 69, line 32. *Omit "seven" insert "six"*
 " clause 69, line 32. *Omit "and twenty-eight"*
 Page 19, First Schedule, line 8. *After "sea" insert "[including the variety commonly known as "hardgut Mullet]"*
 " Second Schedule, line 28. *After "sea" insert "[including the variety commonly known "as hardgut Mullet]"*

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

Whereupon, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's amendments.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the development and regulation of the Fisheries of the Colony.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 5th April, 1881.*

10. APPROPRIATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to 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 1881 and for the year 1880 and previous years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 5th April, 1881.*

JOHN HAY,
 President.

11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until to-morrow at half-past Eleven o'clock.
 Question put and passed.

12. PAPERS:—Mr. James Watson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 23rd March, 1881,—"*Wharfage Rates on Coal at Newcastle.*"
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 25th February, 1881,—"*Pymont Bridge.*"
- (3.) Despatch respecting Exemption from Re-measurement in Great Britain of the Ships of the Russian Empire, and of the Grand Duchy of Finland, the measurement whereof, after the 20th December, 1879, and the 1st June, 1877, respectively, has been ascertained and denoted in the Registers and other National Papers of such Ships.
- (4.) Correspondence between the Treasurer and the several Banking Institutions in reference to the Public Banking Accounts of the Colony, together with a copy of the Agreement entered into with the Bank of New South Wales.
- (5.) Agreement with the Bank of New South Wales for the conduct of the Government Banking Business.

Ordered to be printed.

13. PROTECTION TO LIFE AND PROPERTY OF BRITISH SUBJECTS IN THE ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN:—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the following humble Address be presented to Her Majesty:—

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India, &c., &c., &c.

May it please Your Majesty,—

We, Your Majesty's loyal and faithful servants, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, humbly desire to respectfully bring under Your Majesty's gracious consideration the insecurity of the lives, liberties, and property of British Subjects in the Islands of the Pacific Ocean; and to humbly pray Your Majesty to cause an Inquiry to be made into the working of the High Commissioner's Court for the Western Pacific, with a view of instituting trial by Jury, and the extending to Your Majesty's Subjects in that part of the world those rights which are commonly enjoyed under the British Constitution.

We feel assured that the extension of these rights will strengthen the sentiments of affection, loyalty, and devotion entertained for Your Majesty by all classes of Your Majesty's faithful Subjects in the Australasian Colonies.

- (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased, at the earliest opportunity, to transmit the foregoing Address to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies for presentation to Her Majesty.

Debate ensued.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL, 1881, A.M.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

14. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th April, 1881.

JOHN HAY,
President.

15. NAVIGATION OF HARBOURS AND RIVERS:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to improve, as far as practicable, the navigation of the harbours and rivers on our coast.

(2.) That surveys should be made of all those harbours and rivers not already surveyed, and reports furnished, showing what improvements are practicable in every case.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Two o'clock A.M., until *half-past Eleven o'clock* A.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL, 1881.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Public School at Tacking Point :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the cause of delay in opening the new Public School at Tacking Point, Macleay River?

(2.) When is it likely the School will be opened?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The building is not yet taken over from the contractor.

(2.) When the Architect reports that the work is satisfactorily completed, and that possession of the building can be taken, which will be as speedily as possible.

(2.) Public School at Tacking Point :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has not the contractor for the construction of the Public School at Tacking Point completed his contract upwards of three months since?

(2.) Will he say what is the cause of delay in the payment to the contractor of the balance due to him on his contract?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) No. When the Inspecting Officer last inspected the work, on 31st January, it was not complete, and he gave the contractor a list of twenty-eight items still required to be done.

(2.) Absence of a report of the completion of the work from the Architect that the work is complete.

(3.) Public School at Pelican Island :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government taken any (if so what) steps for the erection of a Public School at Pelican Island, Macleay River, as applied for by the inhabitants from time to time, and promised by the Minister for Public Instruction?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes. A site has been secured, and the Architect was, on the 1st February last, instructed to prepare a sketch plan for approval. This is not completed, but it will be ready shortly.

(4.) Public School at Yarrahappinni :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did not the residents of Yarrahappinni, Macleay River, forward to the Minister for Public Instruction upwards of six months since the necessary forms and papers for the establishment of a Public School at Yarrahappinni?

(2.) Will he say why has the School not been established?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Minister for Public Instruction to establish the School; if so, when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) No; but an application was received from the District Inspector by the Minister on the 23rd ultimo.

(2.) So soon as reports after inquiry will justify such action.

(3.) There will be no unnecessary delay; but until the inquiries alluded to in answer to question 2 are received it cannot be determined.

(5.) Applications for Mining Leases at Hill End :—Mr. Beyers asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many leases have been applied for under the Mining Amendment Act 43 Victoria No. 28 at Hill End?

(2.) When will the areas applied for be surveyed?

Mr. Baker answered,—I find that the time which the Honorable Member has given me to answer his question is insufficient to enable me to procure the information asked for.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for 1880.
- (2.) Report of the Minister of Public Instruction.
- (3.) Report on the working of the Department of the Master-in-Lunacy since its establishment.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Baker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 1st March, 1881,—“ Appraisement of Runs.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. CHAPMAN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 26.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled “ *Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Chapman to grant leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the real estate devised by the said Will and to make roads streets and ways over upon and adjacent to the said lands and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 5th April, 1881.

4. NAVIGATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. James Watson, discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

5. FIRE BRIGADES BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

6. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply read,—and, on motion of Mr. James Watson, discharged.

7. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means read,—and, on motion of Mr. James Watson, discharged.

8. PAPER :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the conduct of certain Magistrates in the case of Patrick Dimond's License.

Ordered to be printed,—and the Clerk authorized to return the Documents to the custody of the Colonial Secretary.

9. TRANSFER OF HUGH MARTIN'S LAND AT DUNGAREE :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of transfer of the late Hugh Martin's land at Dungaree to Vincent Dowling; also copies of all correspondence relating thereto between the Lands Department and the Land Agent at Rylstone and Vincent Dowling, or any other person or persons on his behalf.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Liquor Licenses Suspensory Act Continuation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to continue for a further term the ‘Liquor Licenses Suspensory Act 1880’ and to amend the ‘Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862,’*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 6th April, 1881.

JOHN HAY,

President.

(2.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to further amend the District Courts Act of 1858,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 6th April, 1881.

JOHN HAY,

President.

11. APPROPRIATION AND PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILLS :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That Mr. Speaker be authorized to present the Appropriation and Public Works Loan Bills to the Governor, at Government House, for the Royal Assent.

Question put and passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at ten minutes before Three o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

Speaker.

PARLIAMENT was prorogued by Proclamation this day, 6th April, 1881.



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable Lord
 to wit. } AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Knight
 (L.S.) Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a
 AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council,
 Governor. Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New
 South Wales and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled "*An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*" and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said Reign, intituled "*An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*" it was amongst other things enacted, that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now therefore I, Lord AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly, until Tuesday, the seventeenth day of May next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and in the forty-fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

HENRY PARKES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

1880-81.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL, 1881.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Local Government Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,
"That this Bill be now read a second time."

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. TEECE to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the payment of fees for Elementary Education in the Public and Denominational Schools of the Colony should be discontinued forthwith.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into how the late N. P. Bayly became possessed of a large area of the Gulgong Gold Field, which is now discovered to be a rich gold field, and from which the people are excluded.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Burns, Mr. Terry, Mr. Beyers, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Joseph P. Abbott, Mr. Davies, Mr. Carter, Mr. Slattery, and the Mover.
3. MR. MURRAY to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should construct a line of Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. E. B. SMITH to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. E. W. Rudder, brought up on the 9th July, 1880, be adopted.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1880-81.

| | Divisions in the House. | Divisions in Committee. | Count-out. | Total. |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|--------|
| Abbott, Joseph Palmer, Esq. | 19 | 30 | ..... | 49 |
| Abbott, Robert Palmer, Esq. | 11 | 11 | ..... | 22 |
| Abigail, Francis, Esq. | 23 | 15 | ..... | 38 |
| Allen, The Hon. Sir George Wigram, Knt. (<i>Speaker</i>) ... .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Andrews, Joseph, Esq. | 20 | 20 | ..... | 40 |
| Badgery, Henry Septimus, Esq. | 7 | 12 | ..... | 19 |
| Baker, The Hon. Ezekiel Alexander, Esq. | 29 | 40 | 1 | 70 |
| Barton, Edmund, Esq. | 11 | 14 | ..... | 25 |
| Barton, Russell, Esq. | 16 | 20 | ..... | 36 |
| Beyers, Hugo Louis, Esq. | 24 | 34 | 1 | 59 |
| Bodel, John, Esq. | 19 | 29 | ..... | 48 |
| Bowman, Alexander, Esq. | 7 | 8 | ..... | 15 |
| Brodribb, William Adams, Esq. | 13 | 20 | ..... | 33 |
| Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq. | 6 | 13 | ..... | 19 |
| Brown, John, Esq. | 10 | 18 | ..... | 28 |
| Brown, Stephen Campbell, Esq. | 11 | 19 | ..... | 30 |
| Brunker, James Nixon, Esq. | 14 | 24 | ..... | 38 |
| Buchanan, David, Esq. | 13 | 3 | ..... | 16 |
| Burdekin, Sydney, Esq. | 29 | 39 | ..... | 68 |
| Burns, John Fitzgerald, Esq. | 27 | 35 | ..... | 62 |
| Byrnes, Charles Joseph, Esq. | 9 | 4 | ..... | 13 |
| Cameron, Angus, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) | 26 | ..... | ..... | 26 |
| Campbell, William Robert, Esq. | 10 | 15 | ..... | 25 |
| Carter, George Lord, Esq. | 23 | 32 | ..... | 55 |
| Cass, George Edwin, Esq. | 10 | 12 | ..... | 22 |
| Clarke, Henry, Esq. | 9 | 24 | ..... | 33 |
| Clarke, William, Esq. | 20 | 23 | 1 | 44 |
| Combes, Edward, Esq., C.M.G. | 14 | 22 | ..... | 36 |
| Cooke, Henry Harry, Esq. | 15 | 17 | ..... | 32 |
| Copeland, Henry, Esq. | 18 | 24 | ..... | 42 |
| Cramsie, John, Esq. | 8 | 21 | ..... | 29 |
| Dangar, Henry Carey, Esq. | 22 | 22 | ..... | 44 |
| Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons, Esq. | 13 | 23 | ..... | 36 |
| Davies, John, Esq., C.M.G. | 26 | 39 | ..... | 65 |
| Day, George, Esq. | 12 | 18 | 1 | 31 |
| Dillon, John, Esq. | 6 | 6 | ..... | 12 |
| Douglas, James Henry, Esq. | 14 | 28 | ..... | 42 |
| Eckford, Joseph, Esq. | 17 | 27 | ..... | 44 |
| Farnell, James Squire, Esq. | 17 | 29 | 1 | 47 |
| Fawcett, Charles Hugh, Esq. | 29 | 43 | ..... | 72 |
| Fergusson, William John, Esq. | 19 | 33 | ..... | 52 |
| Fitzpatrick, Michael, Esq. | 14 | 11 | 1 | 26 |
| Fletcher, James, Esq. | 19 | 33 | ..... | 52 |
| Forster, William, Esq. | 5 | 5 | ..... | 10 |
| Foster, William John, Esq. | 17 | 26 | 1 | 44 |
| Fremlin, Alfred Reginald, Esq. | 11 | 20 | ..... | 31 |
| Fullford, James, Esq. | 12 | 18 | ..... | 30 |
| Garrard, Jacob, Esq. | 21 | 25 | ..... | 46 |
| Garrett, Thomas, Esq. | 28 | 38 | ..... | 66 |
| Garvan, James Patrick, Esq. | 23 | 27 | ..... | 50 |
| Hay, William, Esq. | 15 | 17 | ..... | 32 |
| Henson, William, Esq. | 17 | 20 | 1 | 38 |
| Hezlet, William, Esq. | 13 | 17 | 1 | 31 |
| Holborow, William Hillier, Esq. | 11 | 21 | ..... | 32 |
| Hoskins, The Hon. James, Esq. | 28 | 41 | 1 | 70 |
| Jacob, Archibald Hamilton, Esq. | 17 | 22 | ..... | 39 |
| Jennings, Sir Patrick Alfred, K.C.M.G. | 8 | 3 | ..... | 11 |
| Kerr, Andrew Taylor, Esq. | 9 | 16 | ..... | 25 |
| Kidd, John, Esq. | 24 | 26 | ..... | 50 |
| Lackey, The Hon. John, Esq. | 27 | 38 | | 65 |
| Levien, Robert Henry, Esq. | 9 | 13 | | 22 |
| Levin, Leyser, Esq. | 19 | 26 | | 45 |

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| Lloyd, George Alfred, Esq. | 18 | 31 | | 49 |
| Loughnan, George Cumberlege, Esq. | 11 | 12 | | 23 |
| Lynch, Andrew, Esq. | 10 | 17 | | 27 |
| Lyne, William John, Esq. | 10 | 16 | ..... | 26 |
| Martin, William Fraser, Esq. | 16 | 29 | ..... | 45 |
| M'Culloch, Andrew Hardie, junr., Esq. | 19 | 27 | ..... | 46 |
| McElhone, John, Esq. | 12 | 18 | ..... | 30 |
| McLaughlin, John, Esq. | 19 | 18 | ..... | 37 |
| Melville, Ninian, junr., Esq. | 15 | 24 | ..... | 39 |
| Murray, Richard Lennon, Esq. | 20 | 30 | 1 | 51 |
| Myers, Phillip George, Esq. | 20 | 30 | ..... | 50 |
| O'Connor, Daniel, Esq. | 17 | 18 | ..... | 35 |
| Parkes, The Hon. Sir Henry, K.C.M.G. | 20 | 37 | 1 | 58 |
| Pigott, William Hilson, Esq. | 18 | 14 | 1 | 33 |
| Pilcher, Charles Edward, Esq. | 5 | 6 | ..... | 11 |
| Poole, William Thomas, Esq. | 23 | 27 | 1 | 51 |
| Proctor, William Consett, Esq. | 22 | 30 | ..... | 52 |
| Purves, John Mitchell, Esq. | 15 | 25 | ..... | 40 |
| Reid, George Houstoun, Esq. | 14 | 21 | ..... | 35 |
| Renwick, Arthur, Esq., M.D. | 21 | 21 | ..... | 42 |
| Roseby, John, Esq. | 23 | 27 | 1 | 51 |
| Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D. | 12 | 17 | ..... | 29 |
| Rutledge, Thomas, Esq. (<i>from 8 February, 1881</i>) | 12 | 16 | ..... | 28 |
| Ryrie, Alexander, Esq. | 11 | 24 | ..... | 35 |
| See, John, Esq. | 13 | 29 | ..... | 42 |
| Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq. | 22 | 27 | ..... | 49 |
| Smith, Robert Burdett, Esq. | 20 | 21 | ..... | 41 |
| Smith, Thomas Richard, Esq. | 8 | 2 | ..... | 10 |
| Stuart, Alexander, Esq. | 13 | 22 | ..... | 35 |
| Sutherland, John, Esq. | 6 | 12 | ..... | 18 |
| Suttor, The Hon. Francis Bathurst, Esq. | 26 | 40 | 1 | 67 |
| Tarrant, Harman John, Esq. | 8 | 15 | ..... | 23 |
| Teece, William, junr., Esq. | 16 | 15 | ..... | 31 |
| Terry, Samuel Henry, Esq. | 19 | 17 | ..... | 36 |
| Thompson, James Banford, Esq. (<i>to 11 January, 1881—resigned</i>) | 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| Tooth, Robert Lucas, Esq. | 14 | 14 | ..... | 28 |
| Trickett, William Joseph, Esq. | 16 | 11 | ..... | 27 |
| Turner, William, Esq. | 9 | 21 | ..... | 30 |
| Vaughn, Robert Matteson, Esq. | 11 | 22 | 1 | 34 |
| Watson, The Hon. James, Esq. | 23 | 41 | 1 | 65 |
| Watson, William John, Esq. | 9 | 13 | ..... | 22 |
| Webb, Edmund, Esq. | 2 | 19 | ..... | 21 |
| Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq. | 18 | 21 | ..... | 39 |
| Wilson, Alexander, Esq. | 9 | 24 | ..... | 33 |
| Wisdom, The Hon. Robert, Esq. | 25 | 34 | 1 | 60 |
| Withers, George, Esq. | 17 | 20 | ..... | 37 |
| Young, James Henry, Esq. | 24 | 20 | ..... | 44 |

1880-81.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1880-81.

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| 1. New Writs issued | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
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| Originated in the Assembly— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reserved for Royal Assent | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | | | | | | |
| Received the Royal Assent | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | | | | | | |
| Passed but Assent not reported... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 | | | | | | |
| Dropped or otherwise disposed of | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | — | 23 | | | | | |
| Brought from the Council— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Received the Royal Assent | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 | | | | | | |
| Dropped or otherwise disposed of | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | — | 0 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| 5. Private Bills :— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Originated in the Assembly— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Received the Royal Assent | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | | | | | | |
| Dropped or otherwise disposed of | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | — | 14 | | | | | |
| Brought from the Council— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Received the Royal Assent | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 | | | | | | |
| Dropped or otherwise disposed of | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | — | 0 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| 6. Petitions received :— | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Hours of Sitting | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 334 h. 38 m. |
| Hours of Sitting after Midnight | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28 h. 12 m. |
| Daily average | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 h. 58 m. |
| Adjourned for want of a Quorum— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Before commencement of Business | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 | | | | | | |
| After commencement of Business | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | | | | | | |
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Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 6 April, 1881.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

