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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1887.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION:—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the ninth day of August, 1887.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

The Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read a copy of the said Proclamation, as follows:—

"NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT,
"to wit. } BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable
"(L.S.) } Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order
"CARRINGTON, } of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-
"Governor. } Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

"WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the twenty-third day of August, instant: Now I, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the twentieth day of September now next ensuing: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid twentieth day of September next, at Twelve o'clock at Noon, in the buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the 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 ninth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and in the fifty-first year of Her Majesty's Reign.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"HENRY PARKES.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

2. ELECTORATE OF WENTWORTH:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess he had received a letter from William Peter Macgregor, Esquire, resigning his Seat in the Legislative Assembly as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Wentworth; and that thereupon, in accordance with the direction of the 17th section of the Electoral Act of 1880, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Macgregor.
3. 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,—

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn until "Four" o'clock This Day.

Mr. See moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "Four," with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "half-past Seven."

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question then,—That this House do now adjourn until half-past Seven o'clock This Day,—put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Twelve o'clock, until half-past Seven o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

4. CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN ON THE COMPLETION OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HER REIGN:—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that during the recess he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, the following copy of a telegram from the Agent-General for the Colony, conveying the special thanks of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen for the Address of Congratulation on the completion of the Jubilee Year of Her Reign, agreed to by this House on the 4th May last:—

“The Queen, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, desires Her very special thanks to be conveyed to the President and Speaker, and both Houses of Parliament, for the Addresses of Congratulation which, as well as the patriotic speeches delivered on this and other public occasions, have given abundant evidence of the loyalty and affection of the Colonists of New South Wales.”

5. SAINT JAMES' PARSONAGE LAND LEASING BILL:—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that during the recess he had received the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 1.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Trustees for the time being of a certain parcel of land situate in King and Macquarie Streets in the City of Sydney granted upon trust for the erection thereon of a Clergyman's dwelling-house in connection with the Church of Saint James in the City of Sydney aforesaid to lease the whole or any portion of the said lands and to apply the rents and profits arising from such lease or leases for the maintenance and improvement of and in additions to the dwelling-house aforesaid and in payment of the rent or purchase money of a more suitable dwelling-house for the Clergyman for the time being licensed to officiate in the said Church of Saint James and also if necessary in and towards the enlargement maintenance and repair and improvement of the said Church of Saint James,*”—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, 14th July, 1887.

6. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue, and other Moneys, for the year 1886 together with the Auditor General's Report thereon,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.

7. ORDINANCE LANDS TRANSFER 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*.

8. 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 an unusually short recess I have called you together again in view of the many matters of urgency which require legislation, and with the hope of bringing the financial affairs of the Colony within the limits of regularity and order imposed by the Constitution.

2. You will be invited to consider and pass into law a comprehensive measure to give effect to the principle of decentralization in respect to works of public improvement in country districts (which will be defined for that purpose), and to confer upon the residents of such districts the power of managing their own local affairs. It is hoped by this legislation, as matured by your wisdom and experience, to greatly diminish the expenditure of the Central Government, to relieve Parliament from burdensome obligations hardly compatible in some instances with its higher duties, to promote both economy and efficiency in carrying out in a more discriminating manner such works as are needed for the general advancement, and to afford satisfaction to those valuable classes whose enterprising and productive industry has now taken hold of all parts of the interior.

3. A Bill will be introduced without delay to effect several beneficial changes in the law relating to the public lands. By the provisions of this measure, greater facilities will be afforded for the acquisition of freehold homes by the humbler classes, the agricultural settlers will be relieved from obligations which are felt to be vexatious and oppressive, and the lessons of past experience and the widely-differing conditions of the country will be carefully considered in endeavouring to deal justly between the claims of the pastoral tenants and the indisputable rights of the people in the administration of the public estate.

4. In maturing the two large measures to which I invited your special attention, I confidently believe that effectual means will be adopted by your practical knowledge and zealous efforts to exterminate the rabbit pest and to clear and cleanse the soil from pine scrub and other noxious overgrowths.

5. Experience has shown that the public railways, the business of which is now grown to vast proportions, would be worked more beneficially in the public interest under a system regulated mainly by commercial considerations, and a measure will be submitted for your sanction to carry out a change which appears to be so desirable in the management of these great State properties.

6. A Bill will be submitted for establishing, by Parliamentary investigation and otherwise, more effectual securities against improvident expenditure in public works.

7. A measure will be brought in at an early date to give further effect to the fiscal policy which has already received your approval, and to apportion the burdens of taxation more equitably between different classes of the population.

8. A Bill will be introduced to remedy defects and carry out needed reforms in the present system of Parliamentary representation.

9. You will be invited to give your consideration to Bills for the further improvement of the Administration of Justice, and especially to the present state of the laws relating to insolvency, with the view of enacting a measure of comprehensive and thorough reform.

10. Other measures will be laid before you, including a Bill to establish model farms and agricultural colleges, and a Bill to make better provision for the development of mining enterprise.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the ensuing year will be laid before you, and the usual annual exposition of the financial position of the country will be made, at a date sufficiently early to enable the necessary public services to be legally provided for, without resort being had to the objectionable practice of monthly Supply Bills.

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

12. You will be asked to give your approval to proposals for extinguishing the deficit which unfortunately accrued during the year 1886 and previous years.

13. I am gratified to be able to announce that the public revenue continues to be well sustained, notwithstanding the depressing nature of some circumstances intimately affecting it. The prospects of the Colony, under the blessings of a rich and plenteous season, are full of hope and encouragement. Confidence in a large measure is restored, capital is putting forth a visible renewal of activity, and industrial operations are everywhere expanding.

14. As you are aware, a Conference has been held in London, on the invitation of the Imperial Government, at which the principal Colonies of the Empire were represented. Papers relating to its proceedings will be laid before you, and you will be invited to give your sanction, in concert with the neighbouring Colonies, to the improved means of Naval Defence, agreed upon by the Conference, for the security of Australian interests.

15. Material changes in the military organizations of the Colony will be submitted for your approval, by which it is believed that our local forces will be rendered more effective for all purposes of defence. In connection with this subject it is contemplated that two or more of the Colonies, acting jointly, should establish a Military College in order to afford, within our own shores and under the best system of instruction, a thorough education for the profession of arms; and it is considered that the time has arrived when Australia ought not to depend upon extraneous agencies for its supply of gunpowder and other munitions of war. I am glad to be enabled to state that my advisers in these grave national proposals are in accord with the advisers of the Crown in other of the Colonies.

16. Your sanction will be sought for the extension of railway communication to parts of the Colony where the natural productiveness and the growing tendency of settlement appear to justify the calculation that the public expenditure in such works will be followed by steady and increasing returns of railway revenue.

17. Other matters of much public interest and importance, such as the more systematic cultivation of forest trees and the conservation of water in the interior, will be submitted for your consideration.

18. During the recess steps have been taken to effect a thorough reorganization of the institutions for the care of the destitute; and in a short time arrangements will be completed to ensure a better classification of the inmates, more regular and discriminating attention to their necessities, and a more vigilant system of management generally. Some changes in the official staff will necessarily have to be made, and the utmost solicitude will be exercised in obtaining the services of persons properly trained or specially qualified for the difficult work of efficiently conducting these charitable institutions.

19. A short time will now bring the Colony to the completion of the first hundred years of its existence, and you will be asked to approve of proposals for commemorating in a befitting manner this great epoch in its history. It is not considered necessary or even desirable to incur large expenditure or engage in any ceremony of mere display. The event is one with a hundred appeals to national hope and patriotic sentiment, and will awaken in all classes the desire to give to it an Australian celebration.

20. I now leave you to your arduous labours, with the prayer that the guiding hand of the Almighty may conduct all your proceedings to the great ends of the public welfare and the honour of the country.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, and Mr. Lees 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. Garland, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Ives, Mr. Jeanneret, Mr. Lees, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Frank Smith, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our devoted attachment to the Throne and Person of Her Most Gracious Majesty.

2. We beg to assure you that the important measures about to be submitted to us shall receive our full and careful consideration.

3. The Bills for establishing a comprehensive system of Local Government, and for the amendment of Land Laws, will be dealt with by us with an earnest desire to improve the condition of the country and advance the public welfare.

4. The important Bills for the better management of the Railways, and for carrying out much-needed reforms in the Administration of Justice, will receive from us every attention in maturing their provisions.

5. We shall anxiously consider the several other subjects to which our attention is invited.

6. We join with your Excellency in the earnest hope that our labours may be directed by the Almighty to the benefit and honour of the country.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, and Mr. Lees 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. Toohey moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.

And Mr. Garvan in addressing the House having referred to certain private transactions between the Minister of Justice and a Mr. Cliff,—

Mr. Speaker said that it would not be in order on this motion to speak of any private transactions between the Minister of Justice and any person outside this House,—that the matter was not relevant to the question before the Chair,—and that any charges, if made at all, should be made on a specific motion, so that they might be properly dealt with.

Whereupon Mr. Garvan moved, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1887 A.M.

Question,—That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker,—put and negatived.

The Debate on the motion for the adjournment of the Debate was then resumed.

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Gormly.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hassall.

Noes 31.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Sebey,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Bowman,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Hawken,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Thompson,	
Mr. Street,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again stated,—That the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Debate continued.

Question 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 Four o'clock to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at twenty minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until half-past Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1887.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—On motion of Mr. Burns, 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 thereto the following answer:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I receive with much gratification your Address, and the renewed assurance of your attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

I fully rely on your patriotism and wisdom in the consideration of the important measures to be submitted to you, and I earnestly hope that your labours may be directed to the benefit and honour of the country.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st September, 1887.

CARRINGTON.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1887.
 - (2.) Despatch respecting the Jubilee Coinage.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (4.) Abstract of Alteration of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (6.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 14th June, 1887—"Cobar Railway."
- (2.) Notification of Resumption of certain Land in the Parish of Lismore, County of Ross required in connection with the construction of Water Supply Works for the town of Lismore.

(3.)

- (3.) Notification, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, authorizing the construction of Water Supply Works for the Town of Balranald.
- (4.) Return respecting Service of Combination Trucks in use from 1st January to 30th June, 1886.
- (5.) Report on the Railways and Tramways of New South Wales for 1886.
- (6.) Return respecting the expenditure of the Additional Road Vote of £100,000.
- (7.) Return to an Order made on 27th April, 1887—"Tenders called for by the Department of Public Works."

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Silverton.
- (2.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Wentworth.
- (3.) Amended and Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Parkes.
- (4.) By-laws of the Borough of Gosford.
- (5.) By-laws of the Borough of Alexandria.
- (6.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Newcastle.
- (7.) By-laws of the Municipal District of St. Peter's, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
- (8.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Woollahra, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
- (9.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Dubbo, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
- (10.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Balranald, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
- (11.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Glen Innes, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
- (12.) By-laws of the Borough of Wagga Wagga, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
- (13.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Bathurst, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
- (14.) Regulations of the Tamworth Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.
- (15.) Rules of the 5th Regiment Scottish Rifles under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
- (16.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877—"Immigration"—Steamship 'Oroya.'
- (17.) Return to an Order made on 7th July, 1887—"Patients received into Hospitals from Public Works."
- (18.) Return to an Order made on 24th June, 1887—"Officers of Permanent and Volunteer Corps."
- (19.) Report (*first part*) of the Intoxicating Drink Inquiry Commission, with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.
- (20.) Correspondence respecting the Sanitary Condition of Cockatoo Island.
- (21.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 16th March, 1887—"Appointments to the Civil Service."

Ordered to be printed.

- (22.) Proceedings of the Colonial Conference in London, 1887—Vol. I.
- (23.) Ditto ditto Vol. II (Appendix). Papers laid before the Conference.
- (24.) Proceedings of the Colonial Conference in London, 1887—Papers laid before the Conference.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) New Regulation under the Public Instruction Act of 1880, prohibiting Teachers from using outside influence to obtain promotion, removal, &c.
 - (2.) Amended Regulations under the Public Instruction Act of 1880, as to employment of Pupil Teachers and Rent Allowances.
 - (3.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Return to an Order made on 7th July, 1887—"Mr. J. A. Smith, Public School Teacher at Coola Creek."

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under the Common Acts of 1873 and 1886.
 - (2.) Regulation of the 17th June, 1887, under the Imported Stock Act of 1871 and Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884.
 - (3.) Regulation of the 13th August, 1887, under the Imported Stock Act of 1871 and Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884.
 - (4.) Proclamation under the Public Parks Act of 1884, extinguishing as a public highway part of the St. Leonards Recreation Reserve.
 - (5.) Notification, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of the resumption of land for a Public Park at Albury.
 - (6.) Annual Report of the Stock Branch, Department of Mines, for 1886.
 - (7.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 2nd June, 1887—"Applications for Mineral Conditional Purchases, parish of Metz."
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table.

Thirty-second Annual Report of the Postmaster-General, being for 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

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

- (1.) How many tenders have been received from colonial manufacturers for the locomotives now required by the Government?
- (2.) Has any tender been accepted; if not, what is the reason of the non-acceptance?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to manufacture the locomotives in the Government workshops?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Nine.
- (2.) The difficulty in deciding upon the acceptance of a colonial tender is, that the lowest is so much in excess of the tenders received from English manufacturers.
- (3.) The whole matter is under consideration.

(2.) Abattoirs at Glebe Island :—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that on many occasions the residents of Balmain, Leichhardt, Glebe, Petersham, Ashfield, Burwood, and Ryde, have, by deputation and petition, directed the attention of the Government to the nuisance arising from the position of the Abattoirs at Glebe Island, and the numerous accidents caused by cattle being driven through these populous suburbs to the Abattoirs?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the promise made by their predecessors, namely, to remove the Abattoirs from the centre of population, and to utilise the specially designed building erected at Darling Harbour for its legitimate purpose—a dead meat market?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) I am aware, as stated by the Honorable Member, that the attention of the Government has been directed by the residents of Balmain, Leichhardt, and other Municipalities named, to the position of the Abattoirs at Glebe Island.
- (2.) I am not aware of any promise made as to the removal of the Abattoirs within any limited time, and utilization of the building now being erected at Darling Harbour for the purposes of a dead meat market; but it must be obvious that, as the city derives its chief supply of meat from the Abattoirs, the removal of that establishment could not take place until new slaughter-houses are erected in some other locality, and provision of this kind has not yet been made.

(3.) Mr. Mackenzie, Examiner of Coal-fields.—Report on Bulli Colliery Disaster :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Mackenzie been called upon for an explanation of his statement *re* Bulli explosion, that it was caused by dynamite?
- (2.) Have any further steps been taken *re* Report of Commission on Bulli explosion; if so, what?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) A copy of the Report of the Royal Commission has been forwarded to the Examiner of Coal-fields (who is at present absent on leave) for any remarks he may have to make with reference thereto.
- (2.) The Crown Law Officers have been asked to advise whether any action should be taken against any person or persons on finding of Commission on Bulli Colliery Accident.

(4.) Frieze for Telephonic System :—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster-General,—As, by answer given on 13th April, 1887, it was stated that the cable for use on the frieze work in George-street was purchased in England, without tenders being called, at £394 and £400 per mile, will he cause samples of this cable to be forwarded to the Agent-General, with a request that he will ascertain from experts its real value, it having been asserted by competent authorities that equally good cable can be purchased at less than £150 per mile?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Yes; there can be no objection to this being done, as the cable referred to was purchased by the Agent-General, upon the recommendation of Mr. Preece, Chief Electrician, Postal Telegraphs, England.

(5.) Government Asylums :—Mr. Street asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have any reports been received from the matrons or superintendents of those Institutions reported upon by the Government Asylum Inquiry Board?
- (2.) If so, will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all such reports, with copies of all letters he may have received, either from the ladies visiting those Institutions or others, in reference to the reports or the matrons or superintendents?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Reports have been received from the matron-superintendents of these institutions, and other letters and correspondence bearing on the subject. There will be no objection whatever to lay them before Parliament. I will produce them in a day or two.

(6.) Mining Bill :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he any intention of introducing a new Mining Bill; if so, when?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Yes; this Session, if public business will permit.

(7.) Distribution of Vote for Roads :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table a Return showing how the Additional Vote of £100,000 for roads has been distributed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The information asked for will be supplied in the shape of a Return, which I will presently lay upon the Table of the House.

(8.) Inverell Mails :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was a complaint recently made by the Postal Department to his Department of the Inverell mails having, on several occasions, been carried by rail on to Tenterfield; if so, has any action been taken to prevent a recurrence of such gross carelessness?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes; and such measures have been taken as it is felt sure will prevent a repetition.

(9.) Public Expenditure in Sydney and Country Districts :—Mr. Crouch asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, at as early a date as convenient, the Return from which he quoted in his speech at Glen Innes on the 24th August last, showing the relative expenditure of public moneys in the country districts and the metropolis of Sydney respectively?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Some little time ago I gave instructions for this Return to be prepared for Parliament. I do not think it is quite ready, but it will be laid before Parliament in the course of two or three days.

(10.) Mr. J. J. Clifford, J.P. :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who recommended Mr. J. J. Clifford, late of Michelago, for appointment as a Justice of the Peace?

(2.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that the Mr. J. J. Clifford referred to is a travelling store-keeper on the railway line, and has no stake or interest in the Michelago District?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The name of Mr. J. J. Clifford was submitted by Francis Tait, Esq., late M.P. for Argyle, and the name being brought to my recollection, I can myself say that Mr. Clifford is a highly respectable man.

(11.) Mr. W. Price, J.P. :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Who recommended Mr. W. Price, storekeeper, of Queanbeyan, as a Justice of the Peace?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not know Mr. Price personally. The name of Mr. W. Price was submitted by the Honorable James Inglis, M.P.

(12.) Regulations for Admission to the Bar :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Attorney General,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the Regulations recently issued by the Board of Examiners for admission to the Bar?

(2.) Is it his intention to bring in a measure to make the Regulations for admission to the Bar harmonize with the free trade policy of the country?

Mr. Wise answered,—So far as I am aware, no Regulations have been issued recently by the Board of Examiners for admission to the Bar; but I presume that the Honorable Member refers to certain Regulations which have been issued by the Barrister's Admission Board—an entirely distinct body. In answer to his question, I am altogether unable to say whether those Regulations are of a protective or free-trade character, because I entirely fail to see what Regulations for the admission of barristers have to do with the question whether Customs duties should be of a protective or revenue character; but I may inform the Honorable Member that it is not the intention of the Government to bring in any measure dealing with the Board which have passed those Regulations, or altering the Regulations as they at present stand. In saying this, I do not mean to say that the Government accept any responsibility for those Regulations, or that I personally, as Attorney General, accept any responsibility for them. The Regulations were made by a body empowered by statute to make Regulations, and whether they are the best that might be made or not is a question that I do not feel concerned to enter upon. I was in no way responsible for them, except in officially promulgating them. These Regulations have been very much misunderstood. They are designed simply to secure that gentlemen who are to have the privileges of barristers shall possess at all events some of the rudimental and essential qualifications of that profession. It is my intention, not as a member of the Government, but as an *ex officio* member of the Board, at the next meeting of the Board, to move that the resolution be altered in such a way as to give more plain effect to what is no doubt its simple intention, namely, to provide that during his studentship, a student at law shall, before his admission to the Bar, be required to attend at least a certain number of times in Court, or else show that he has read in a barrister's chambers—the object of the resolution being simply to provide that a barrister, besides passing an examination, shall have some knowledge of the practice of the Courts.

(13.) Regina v. Pruen :—Mr. O'Mara asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table, (and, if so, when), all depositions, letters, and documents in connection with the case of Regina v. Pruen, tried at the last Court of Quarter Sessions at Bathurst?

Mr. Wise answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for the papers in the usual way, there will be no objection to copies being laid upon the Table.

(14.) Land purchased by the Government in Parramatta :—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the present Government purchased, or agreed to purchase, any land in Parramatta; if so, state particulars, including area, price, from whom purchased, and for what purposes required?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government have purchased landed property in Parramatta. I will lay the papers, giving all particulars of the purchase, before the House within the next two or three days.

(15.) The A.S.N. Company's Wharf :—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government purchased, or agreed to purchase, the A.S.N. Company's wharf, Circular Quay; if so, state price?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary state by what authority the purchase has been decided upon without the sanction or knowledge of Parliament?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government have purchased the A.S.N. Company's wharf, Circular Quay. Within a day or two, I will lay before Parliament the papers giving all particulars relating to the purchase.

(16.) Russell's Wharf.—A.S.N. Company's Works, Pyrmont :—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government purchased, or contemplated purchasing, or entered into negotiations for the purchase of the property known as Russell's Wharf, Darling Harbour?

(2.) If so, state price?

(3.) The like for the site of the property known as the A.S.N. Company's Works at Pyrmont?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Government have not purchased, nor contemplated purchasing, nor entered into negotiations for the purchase of the property known as Russell's Wharf, Darling Harbour.
 (2.) The Government have not purchased, nor contemplated purchasing, nor entered into negotiations for the purchase of the property known as the A.S.N. Co.'s works at Pyrmont.

(17.) Visit of the Colonial Secretary to Northumberland:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—Did pressure of time and business prevent him visiting Northumberland during the recess, in accordance with a promise made at the General Elections?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Honorable Member's question suggests my answer—that pressure of time and business has prevented me from visiting Northumberland.

4. **BOROUGH OF BALMAIN WHARVES BILL**:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Balmain, representing that the Borough of Balmain Wharves Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—

Petition received.

Mr. Garrard then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Borough of Balmain to lease and acquire lands and to erect thereon Wharves and to levy rates on all Wharves in its possession*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 30th September.

5. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Mr. R. Burdett Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That Angus Cameron, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Cameron made his acknowledgments to the House.

6. **BUSINESS DAYS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at "Four" o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, "and Friday," in each week.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Barbour moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "Four," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "Three."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Wilson,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Dawson,
 Mr. Frank Smith,
 Mr. Hawken,
 Mr. Henry Clarke,
 Mr. See,
 Mr. Hawthorne.
Tellers,
 Mr. Street,
 Mr. R. B. Wilkinson.

Noes, 63.

Mr. Fletcher,
 Mr. Walker,
 Mr. Ewing,
 Mr. Dibbs,
 Mr. Creer,
 Mr. Roberts,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Burns,
 Mr. R. Burdett Smith,
 Mr. Inglis,
 Sir Henry Parkes,
 Mr. Merriman,
 Mr. Garvan,
 Mr. Abigail,
 Dr. Ross,
 Mr. Hurley,
 Mr. Dalton,
 Mr. Hassall,
 Mr. Gale,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. William Clarke,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. Thompson,
 Mr. Dowel,
 Mr. Garland,
 Mr. Foster,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Rylie,
 Mr. Trickett,
 Mr. Fitzgerald,
 Mr. Gornly,
 Mr. Hutchison,
 Mr. Penzer,
 Mr. Gould,
 Mr. Allen,
 Mr. Wull,
 Mr. Cooke,
 Mr. Goodwin,
 Mr. Haynes,
 Mr. Garrett,
 Mr. Burdekin,
 Mr. Kelly,
 Mr. O'Mara,
 Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. Woodward,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Waddell,
 Mr. Crouch,
 Mr. Stevenson,
 Mr. Teece,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Lees,
 Mr. Wise,
 Mr. Reid,
 Mr. Black,
 Mr. Schey,
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. Abbott,
 Mr. Sydney Smith,
 Mr. O'Connor,
 Mr. Cameron.
Tellers,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Frank Farnell.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Barbour then moved, That the Question be further amended by the omission of the words "and Friday."

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Street,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. See,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Frank Smith.

Tellers,

Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Dawson.

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Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Foster,
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Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Tonkin,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Wisc,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Tecece,
Mr. Peuzer,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Black,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Frank Farnell.	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Burns,	Tellers,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Rylie,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. O'Connor,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then,—That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at Three o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week,—put and passed.

7. MEETING OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That it be a Sessional Order of this House that the Bell be rung at twenty-eight minutes after Three o'clock.
Question put and passed.

8. 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.

9. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—

(1.) Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That, on Tuesday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that after Seven o'clock Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "and Orders of the Day which may have been partly debated and postponed shall take precedence of all Orders of the Day which shall not have been so debated."

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question, by leave, withdrawn.

(2.) Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That, on Tuesday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business, and that on every alternate Tuesday General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions, and Orders of the Day which may have been partly debated and postponed shall take precedence of all Orders of the Day which shall not have been so debated.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. 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.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House,—

(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.)

(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.

12. **BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House, That Mr. Speaker, after calling over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills for disposal as "Formal Business," shall again go through the Business Paper for the day to permit Members, without debate, to withdraw or postpone Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day on the Business Paper for that Day; and any Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day not so withdrawn or postponed shall retain their relative positions on such Business Paper.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

13. **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.

14. **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.

15. **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.

16. **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,—

(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.

17. **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.

18. **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. Cameron, Mr. J. S. Farnell, Mr. Foster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Street, Mr. Want, 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.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

19. **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. Burns, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Garvan, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Reid, Mr. R. Burdett Smith, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Wise, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of 6th August, 1862.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

20. **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. Bowman, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Day, Mr. J. S. Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Holborow, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. R. Burdett 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.

21. **PRINTING PETITIONS** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House 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.
22. **EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House, That when the Speaker or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, has been notified by any Honorable Member that Strangers are present, then, unless four other Honorable Members rise in their places, in token of their support to the objection, no order shall be made for Strangers to withdraw: Provided that the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of Strangers from any part of the House.
Question put and passed.
23. **CLAIM OF MRS. BUTTERLEY**:—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to examine into and report upon the claim (if any) of Mrs. Butterley.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Melville, Mr. Stephen, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Dawson, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Return to Order on this subject laid upon the Table on the 8th June, 1887, be referred to the Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
24. **VOLUNTEER LAND ORDERS**:—Mr. Crouch moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of Volunteer Land Orders issued in this Colony to date.
(2.) The number of such Orders that have been used in securing land, together with a Return showing the number made use of in each land district in the Colony.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
25. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—
(1.) Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. O'Connor presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. O'Connor then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 4th October.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
26. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Reserve, Rushcutters Bay:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What are the names of the Trustees for the reserve facing Rushcutters Bay?

(2.) Are they authorized, or have they any authority, to make a charge to school-boys and others for playing foot-ball or cricket on the reserve?

Mr. Abigail answered,

(1.) Sir J. G. L. Innes, Robert Butcher, Richard Holdsworth, Edward Bennett, Thomas Rowe, John Gilchrist, The Hon. George A. Lloyd, M.P., John H. Want, M.P., Thomas S. Clibborn, John Williams, John M. Purves.

(2.) The Trustees have not received any authority of the kind from this Department.

(2.) Department of Public Works:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it not the fact that several, if not all, the officers in charge of the various branches of the Department of Public Works sent reports to the late or present Minister for Works, suggesting that reductions in the staff of officers under them might be judiciously made without impairing the efficiency of the service, and pointing out how such retrenchment in the public expenditure could be brought about; and is it not also the fact that up to the present time such suggestions have not been given effect to?

(2.) How many men has he appointed on the permanent-way since he took office?

Mr. Burns answered,—Information, in answer to this question, will be laid upon the Table of the House.

(3.) Department of Lands:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands.—

(1.) Is it necessary for the administration of the Department of Lands in Sydney that there should be an Under Secretary, an Assistant Under Secretary, and a Chief Clerk, seeing that under the provisions of the Land Act of 1884 so much of the administration of the Land Laws, unlike the Act of 1861, is carried out through the medium of Land Boards and District Land and Survey Offices?

(2.) What are the salaries and emoluments appertaining to the offices of Under Secretary, Assistant Under Secretary, and Chief Clerk respectively; and what is the nature of the duties required to be performed by each of these officers?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Experience satisfies me that the enormous quantity of work requiring personal attention from the permanent head of the Department is more than one officer can possibly dispose of, unless in a perfunctory manner, and even then only by an expenditure of time out of all proportion to the ordinary hours of working. For example, the Under Secretary during the past fortnight has not taken an active part in what may be termed the general business of the Department, yet he has been fully occupied from 9 a.m. (and before that hour) until 10 and 11, and sometimes even 12 o'clock at night, whilst the Assistant Under Secretary has also been fully engaged on the general business of the office. Under the old *regime*, and before the Land Act of 1884 came into operation, the Under Secretary, the Chief Commissioner of Conditional Sales, and the Deputy Surveyor-General each submitted cases direct to the Minister, and thus divided the work and the responsibility. Now, the Under Secretary deals with the whole business of the Department, including an extensive correspondence of quite a new character, namely, from the fourteen sub-departments in the country districts. From its nature, a great deal of this correspondence requires the personal attention of the head of the Department, and thus some relief is absolutely necessary. This can only be obtained from a qualified officer, who can be vested with powers and authority somewhat on a par with an Under Secretary's, hence the Assistant Under Secretary's appointment. As regards a

Chief

Chief Clerk, the Board of Inquiry as to reorganization and necessary retrenchment, strongly recommended the appointment; and it must be apparent that any Department, in which over 120 clerks are employed, requires a Chief Clerk. This officer, however, is also Registrar of the Appeal Court, and, in connection with that position, has varied and important duties to perform.

(2.) The Under Secretary receives £960 per annum; the Assistant Under Secretary receives £700 per annum; the Chief Clerk and Registrar receives £625 per annum. If desired, and moved for in the shape of a Return, a detailed statement of each officer's duties will be laid upon the Table of this House.

- (4.) Mineral Leases:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to appoint special inspectors to report as to whether the conditions of mineral leases are being carried out by the lessees?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Steps are being taken to enforce the conditions, but if these are not found sufficiently effective it may be necessary to appoint inspectors.

- (5.) Overpayment of Rent by Pastoral Tenants:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have any claims been recovered by any pastoral tenants in respect of over-payment of rent arising out of decrease by sale or selection of the area included in the pastoral leases?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for the repayment to all pastoral tenants who have made over-payments under similar circumstances?

(3.) What amount will be necessary for the purpose?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes; it is customary to refund rent overpaid by reason of the decrease in the area of a lease.

(2.) No provision is necessary, as the overpayments are adjusted by refund from the amounts paid.

(3.) The refunds vary in accordance with the sales, and are made as stated in the answer to the previous question.

- (6.) Resumption of Land near Bradley's Head:—*Mr. Creer*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have the three Crown grants close to Bradley's Head, parish of Willoughby, in the Municipality of St. Leonards, originally granted to Chas. H. Jenkins, containing 85 acres in all, been resumed by the Crown for military purposes; if so, when, at what price, and who is it vested in?

(2.) Has it been paid for?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes, on 11th April, 1872; purchase money £1,000; vested in Her Majesty the Queen.

(2.) Yes.

- (7.) Abattoirs, Glebe Island:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to take steps for the immediate removal of the Abattoirs from Glebe Island?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to take any present steps for the immediate removal of the Abattoirs.

- (8.) Gunpowder Manufactory:—*Mr. Creer*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any arrangement, or promised arrangement, been made with the Victorian Government concerning the establishment of a gunpowder manufactory in Victoria?

(2.) Is it intended to join with the Victorian Government in establishing such gunpowder manufactory?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause the establishment of a gunpowder manufactory in New South Wales?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No agreement will be come to in reference to this matter without the knowledge and approval of Parliament.

- (9.) Mr. Mackenzie, Examiner of Coal-fields:—*Mr. Creer*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has any petition or protest against Mr. Mackenzie being retained as Examiner of Coal-fields been lodged with him, and from whom?

(2.) If so, has any action been taken on the allegation contained in such petition?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Yes; from miners of Newcastle and Hunter River District.

(2.) The gentlemen lodging the petition were informed that if they would furnish proofs, sustaining such allegations, action would be taken at once. No such proof has been furnished.

- (10.) Coal-mines Regulation Act:—*Mr. Creer*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true that he had prepared a Bill to amend the Coal-mines Regulation Act during last Session?

(2.) If so, why was such Bill not laid before Parliament?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Answered by question 1.

- (11.) The Rabbit Pest:—*Mr. Creer*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true that he has offered a sum of £25,000 as premium for improved means of destroying rabbits?

(2.) Out of what fund is the money to be paid?

(3.) Has the aforesaid sum been so offered without the consent of Parliament?

(4.) Is it his intention to ask Parliament to vote the said sum?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Parliament will be asked to provide funds.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

- (12.) Railway and Tramway Employés, Newcastle:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secaetary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it true that a number of men employed on the Railway and Tramway at Newcastle are to be discharged?
 - (2.) If so, are men to be sent from Sydney to fill their places?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) It is true that some men temporarily taken on are to be replaced by men who have long service, but whose services would otherwise have to be dispensed with.
 - (2.) The men who will fill their places are now employed on the Sydney tramways.
- (13.) Railway and Tramway Time-tables:—*Mr. Creer*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the printing of time-tables been let to some private firm for £1,500 per annum?
 - (2.) If so, what is the firm?
 - (3.) What are the conditions of the contract?
 - (4.) Were tenders called for it?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) No; all official matter is printed at the Government Printing Office, but the loose sheets are purchased for the sum named.
 - (2.) Alden and Gibbs are the contractors.
 - (3.) The contractors must accept not less than 10,000 copies monthly, and pay £125 on delivery. The printing of the advertisements and the binding of the books, which are to be distributed free of charge to the public, is to be done by the contractors at their own expense. The number of leaves used for advertising is limited to fourteen, distributed throughout the book, which contains seventy-nine pages of official matter.
 - (4.) No; this method of effecting a saving in the working expenses of the Railway was suggested by Alden & Gibbs, who offered to take a contract on the terms stated; and it was considered reasonable and equitable that, as they had originated the proposal, they should have a prior claim to the first contract.
- (14.) Land Revenue, &c., District of Inverell:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Return relating to Land Revenue, &c., Inverell District, ordered by this House on 17th May, 1887, be laid upon the Table?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—This Return is in course of preparation by the Treasury Department; but as it represents transactions covering a period of twenty-six years, and four other Parliamentary Returns are in hand, it is not possible to say when the information will be ready.
- (15.) Draftsmen dismissed from Department of Engineer-in-Chief:—Mr. Street asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the draftsmen who were dismissed from the Engineer-in-Chief's Department in June last receive their retiring allowances?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—The matter is now under submission to the Executive Council for approval. A settlement of the matter was delayed, as it was thought probable some of these officers would be found employment on new works.
- (16.) Railway Over-bridge, Bathurst:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The number of tenders received for the over-bridge at Bathurst, near railway station, and the amount of each tender?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—Twelve tenders were received for the over-bridge at Bathurst, as follows, viz:—J. G. Gatty & Co., £6,749 4s. 2d.; Walker Willis Durack, £6,976 4s.; J. D. Carson, £7,453 3s. 6d.; Ring & Spouncer, £7,484 5s. 6d.; McSweeney & Kirwan, £7,520 4s.; Ostermeyer, Dewez, & Co., £7,607 12s. 9d.; Henry Taylor & Co., £7,679 19s.; Hudson Bros. (Limited), £8,473 6s. 6d.; C. E. Mayes, £8,872 16s. 6d.; R. F. Ritchie, £8,956 7s. 3d.; J. Scrymgeour, £8,957 0s. 9d.; Loveridge & Hudson, £10,073 11s. It was decided to accept Messrs. Gatty & Co.'s tender for the construction of approaches and abutments and erection and painting of super-structure only for £3,421 4s. 8½d., fresh tenders being invited for the manufacture in the Colony of the wrought and cast iron work, for which four tenders were received, and that of D. & W. Robertson for £3,264 10s. accepted.
- (17.) Break of Gauge on Queensland Border:—Mr. Lee asked the Colonial Secretary,—What arrangements have been made with the Queensland Government respecting the break of gauge on the Queensland Border?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Queensland Government have adhered to the original proposal that the break of gauge shall take place at Wallangarra. The arrangements for station accommodation at that place have not been finally completed.
- (18.) Railway from Tenterfield to Queensland Border:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the railway line from Tenterfield to Queensland Border be completed?
 - (2.) When will it be opened for traffic?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to have a demonstration to celebrate the connection of our railway system with that of Queensland, similar to that held at Albury on the occasion of the meeting of our railways with those of Victoria?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) The main line to the Queensland Border is practically completed; but no decision has yet been arrived at with reference to the station arrangements at the junction.
 - (2.) No date has yet been fixed.
 - (3.) This matter will have consideration.

(19.) Permanent Free Railway Passes:—Mr. Withers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many permanent free passes on our railways have been granted?
- (2.) To whom have they been issued?
- (3.) For what reason, in each case, were they authorized?
- (4.) When was the principle first initiated, and under what administration?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Eleven.

(2 and 3.) Sir Alfred Stephen, Lieutenant-Governor; Sir James Martin, Chief Justice; Sir John Hay, President Legislative Council; Honorable E. Barton, Speaker Legislative Assembly; Sir Henry Parkes, Premier for more than three years; Sir John Robertson, Premier for more than three years; Honorable John Sutherland, Secretary for Public Works for more than three years; Honorable John Lackey, Secretary for Public Works for more than three years; John Rae, on his retirement from the position of Commissioner for Railways; Miss Cowper, distinguished services of the late Sir Chas. Cowper; Sir Frederick Darley, distinguished services.

(4.) In the year 1881, under the administration of Sir Henry Parkes.

(20.) The Chinese:—Mr. Withers asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many Chinese have applied to the Government for employment on the relief works, and how many have been refused?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No Chinese have applied for employment on the relief works.

(21.) Railway from St. Leonard's to Pearce's Corner:—*Mr. Lee*, for Mr. Trickett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has all the land required for the railway from St. Leonards to Pearce's Corner been given to the Government free of cost?
- (2.) Have any claims been made for compensation in respect of improvements on such lands; and if so, by whom, and for what amounts?
- (3.) Is the Government Valuator employed at the present time, or has he been employed, in making valuations along the said railway line; and, if so, with what object?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Not the whole of it.

(2.) Yes; but the names of the parties claiming compensation and the amount claimed cannot, for prudential reasons, be given at present.

(3.) Yes; for the purpose of reporting upon claims that may be made.

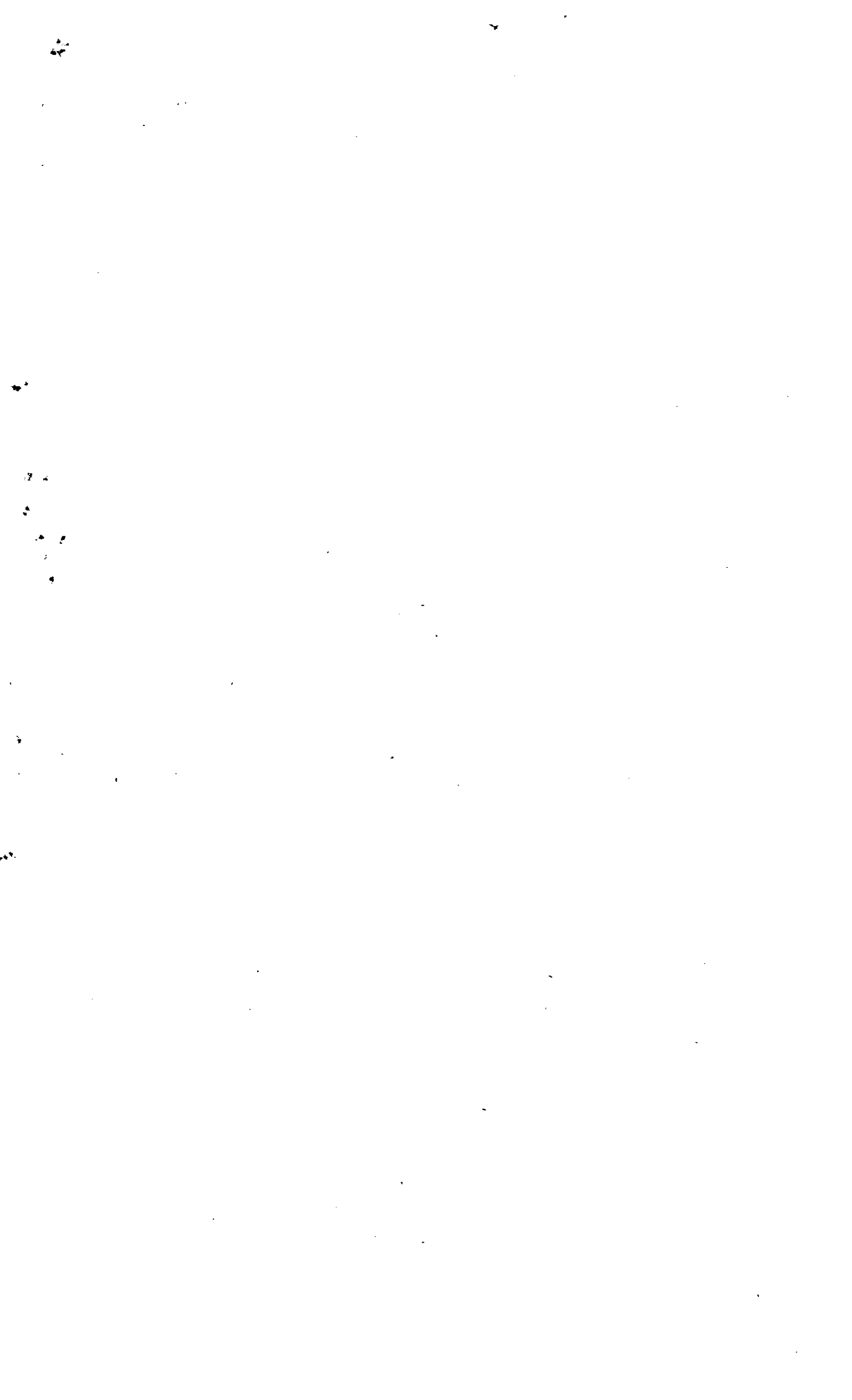
(22.) Sewerage of Eastern Suburbs:—*Mr. Lee*, for Mr. Trickett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are any, and what, steps being taken towards having a system of sewerage carried out, to connect by pipes the drainage of the eastern suburbs with the Bondi Sewer?

Mr. Burns answered,—Plans have been prepared and levels taken for the purpose of maturing a scheme, which is now being dealt with, and in the course of a month or so will be submitted.

2. NORTH SHORE BOROUGH'S WHARFS BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from Property Owners and Residents of the Electorate of St. Leonards, stating that they are favourable to the immediate passing into law of this Bill, without respect to the Petition of the North Shore Rowing Club; and praying the House to weigh well the reasons assigned by them for the passing of the Bill.
Petition received.
3. ABATTOIRS, GLEBE ISLAND:—Mr. Hawthorne presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal District of Leichhardt, praying the House to take immediate steps for the abolition of the public Abattoirs now existing on Glebe Island.
Petition received.
4. PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Sydney Smith presented a Petition from William Larmer, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable William Larmer, William Pratt, William Henry McCarthy, Bozon Frederick Bozon, James Mayne, Alfred Joseph Watt, and William Parker, to form a Company, known as the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales, into a body corporate by the style and title aforesaid, with perpetual succession, and a common seal, with power to sue and be sued, and to acquire and hold real and personal estate, and to examine and decide upon the admission or rejection of members thereof, and to grant diplomas to qualified members, and to define the liability of members of the said proposed body corporate.
And Mr. Smith having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to divide the Colony into Local Government Districts, and to establish a system of District Government, and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
6. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
7. BANKRUPTCY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, 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 insolvency and bankruptcy, and to provide for the due collection, administration, and distribution of insolvent and bankrupt estates, and for the prevention of frauds affecting the same.
Question put and passed.

8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be granted to David A. Ferguson, Esq., Member for Wellington, for a period of four weeks, owing to urgent private business, which necessitates his attention in an adjoining Colony.
Question put and passed.
9. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act.
Question put and passed.
10. ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—Mr. Day presented a Petition from the Borough Council of the Municipality of Albury, representing that the Albury Cattle Sale-yards Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.
And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.
Mr. Day then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Albury within the Borough of Albury,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL :—
(1.) Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to legalize certain conditional and other purchases of Crown Lands.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to legalize certain Conditional and other Purchases of Crown Land,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements 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—
“ Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, | “ William John Foster, Esquire,
“ George Day, Esquire, | “ Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire,
“ John See, Esquire, | “ Daniel O’Connor, Esquire,
“ Jacob Garrard, 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 22nd day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
“ hundred and eighty-seven.
“ JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
“ Speaker.”
13. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned at seven minutes after Four o’clock, until Tuesday next at Three o’clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1887.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 22nd September, 1887, 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 CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, 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, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, 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-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and in the fifty-first year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ CARRINGTON.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*
“ HENRY PARKES.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Resumption by the Government of property in Macquarie-street and the Domain:—Mr. R. Burdett Smith asked the Secretary for Lands,—The amount paid by the Government for the resumption of the land and buildings in Macquarie-street and the Domain respectively, the site proposed for the erection of new Houses of Parliament?

Mr. Garrett answered,—£70,691 2s. 10d.

(2.) Watering Places for Travelling Stock:—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of the House a Return showing the total expenditure during the past two years upon public watering places for travelling stock?

(2.) The cost of maintaining these watering places during the period named, and the net earnings of each and its locality?

(3.) Under whose supervision these watering places were constructed, with names and salaries of all persons employed upon them?

(4.) Was the money expended upon the construction of these watering places drawn from Consolidated Revenue, or was it borrowed?

(5.) Is he aware that these watering places are perishable?

(6.) Did he, during his recent tour through the far West, see any sheep or other stock watering at these places?

Mr.

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) The total expenditure during the past two years on tanks, wells, dams, fencing, &c., was £70,289 5s. 9d.
- (2.) A return will be prepared and laid upon the table in a few days.
- (3.) A. W. Stilwell, E. G. Cronin, W. J. Hanna, J. H. Crummer, A. Adam, R. A. Fraser, J. Coleman. No extra salaries paid.
- (4.) Funds were drawn from Consolidated Revenue.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) The rainfall of the year has been so abundant that travelling stock have not been obliged to fall back on the tanks.

(3.) Mr. Mackenzie, Examiner of Coal-fields:—*Mr. Fitzgerald*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that, in spite of the provisions of the Coal-mines Regulation Act, Mr. Mackenzie, the Examiner of Coal-fields, was, according to his own sworn testimony, for years concerned as a partner in various coal-mines, and transactions in coal-mining?
- (2.) If this is so, what is the reason that Mr. Mackenzie is permitted to remain in office?
- (3.) Has he been called on to explain the above fact, and has he explained it; and, if so, in what way?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) The Examiner of Coal-fields was called upon by Mr. Abbott, when Minister for Mines, for an explanation, and upon receipt of his reply was invited to part with his mining interests or resign his appointment. The Examiner having further explained that he was unable to deal with such interests till final settlement of case *Mackenzie v. Mackenzie* in the Supreme Court the matter was allowed to await such settlement. As soon as such takes place the case will be finally dealt with.

(4.) Free Railway Passes to the Unemployed:—*Mr. Fitzgerald*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is there any objection to authorize Police Magistrates to give permits to obtain free railway passes to persons desiring to obtain work in various parts of the Colony; and further, to authorize the local station-masters to issue such passes?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—There is every desire on the part of the Government to assist by free passages on the railway the *bona fide* seekers of work who are in destitute circumstances, but it is necessary to exercise discrimination in determining cases in which this privilege should be allowed. Prior to the appointment of the Board, whose duty it is to inquire into the merits of each case, it was asserted that free passes had been unconsciously issued to persons who were well able to pay for their passages, and it is feared that if Police Magistrates generally were authorized to give permits to persons calling themselves “unemployed” the limits within which this privilege should be confined would be exceeded. The power to issue cannot be delegated to Police Magistrates or station-masters.

(5.) Sale of Diseased Cattle:—*Mr. Fitzgerald*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he be able, during this Session, to bring in a Bill dealing with the question of the sale of diseased cattle at sale-yards and elsewhere?
- (2.) Has any report been made by the Medical Officer to the Government relative to this subject; if so, will he lay a copy of it upon the Table?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is my intention, if I can find time, to introduce a Bill for this purpose. A report has been received from the Medical Officer, and I think there is no objection to laying a copy of that report on the Table, but I will see to-morrow.

(6.) The Chinese:—*Mr. Fitzgerald*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government taken into consideration the necessity of introducing a Bill to restrict the influx of Chinese into this Colony?
- (2.) Will he state to the House the result of any conferences he may have had with Ministers of other Colonies during the recess on this subject?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government has had under consideration the expediency of introducing a measure in respect to Chinese immigration. Some consultation has also taken place with members of the Governments of other Colonies, and the probability is that in case of new legislation the Colonies will act conjointly. What I mean by that is that they will adopt the same measure in their respective Legislatures.

(7.) The Germans in Samoa:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—If he has had any correspondence or communications with the Home Government, or the Governments of the neighbouring Colonies, *re* the recent action of the Germans in Samoa; if so, will he lay the same upon the Table, or state the nature of it to this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have no communication on the subject.

(8.) Payment of Wages in Railway Department:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether it is his intention to alter the present system of payment of wages in the Railway Department; if so, will he state on whose recommendation he has been induced to alter the system, and whether he consulted the officers directly concerned as to the practicability of altering the system?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The question of altering the system of payment is under consideration. The alteration has been proposed by a Board of Officers appointed to inquire into the system of payment with a view to economy and expedition in paying the men. The Chief Paymaster and other officers directly concerned were duly consulted.

(9.) *The Navigation Act*:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Garrard*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to introduce this Session a Bill to amend the Navigation Act, so as to more effectually protect the lives of passengers and crews?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce this Session a Bill for the amendment of the Navigation Act if the state of public business should appear to admit of its passing into law.

(10.) *Department of Mines*:—*Mr. Melville* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he brought about a settlement of the disagreements which existed among certain officers in his Department?

(2.) If not, when will the matter be dealt with?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Yes.

(11.) *Michael Nagle*:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the reason for the summary dismissal of *Michael Nagle* from the position of warder in the lunatic asylum at Parramatta?

(2.) Why was he not called upon for an explanation?

(3.) Has the Medical Superintendent of this lunatic asylum the power of summarily dismissing officials without reference to higher authority?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Attendant *Michael Nagle* was dismissed from the service of the Institution for gross cruelty towards a patient.

(2.) The reason why he was not called upon for an explanation was that the assault upon and ill-treatment of the patient was witnessed by the Medical Superintendent and the Chief Attendant during their official visit to the ward.

(3.) Yes; the Medical Superintendent has power to summarily dismiss any attendant for striking, ill-using, or neglecting any of the patients. I desire to add that in my opinion it is a very proper power for him to possess.

(12.) *Roads and Bridges in the Electorate of the Richmond*:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Crouch*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Order of the House, passed on the 18th May last, in reference to expenditure on roads and bridges, and revenue from all sources in the Electorate of the Richmond, be complied with?

Mr. Burns answered,—That portion of the Order of the House which refers to the expenditure on roads and bridges in the Electorate of the Richmond is ready, and will be laid upon the Table to-morrow. The portion which refers to the revenue collections of the Electorate is not yet prepared; and, owing to the fact that the officers of the Treasury are engaged in the preparation of four other heavy Parliamentary Returns, I cannot at present state the exact time when the present return will be completed. No time will be lost in the matter.

(13.) *Iron Cove Bridge*:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the condition of Iron Cove Bridge, and to the large openings in the lattice-work, framings at the sides of the bridge?

(2.) Will he take immediate steps to cover the sides with wire netting sufficiently high to remove all danger to the lives of those children who pass to and fro on this bridge?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Representations have been made to the effect that additional safeguards are required at each side.

(2.) No; it is considered that the bridge is perfectly safe at present. There is really no danger, as any person falling through the first row of lattices must fall into the trough of the girder; and, unless they purposely threw themselves through the second lattice, an accident could not occur. No such precautions are taken in other countries, and if adopted here, they must be used on many miles of bridges in the interior at a considerable cost for primary outlay and maintenance. In a short time these works will be in charge of local bodies, when it will be seen if they are disposed to tax themselves to meet an imaginary danger.

(14.) *Nominations to the Magistracy*:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the names of country residents nominated for the position of Justice of the Peace were submitted to the Police Magistrates of their districts for inquiry as to fitness?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have no doubt that information has been sought from the Police Magistrates in respect to gentlemen recommended for appointment as Justices of the Peace; and as, in the greater number of cases, the Government have no personal knowledge of the persons so recommended, it is obviously their duty—and I believe has been the uniform practice—to obtain such information as they can from the best sources; and, in most cases, the Police Magistrate seems the proper person to refer to.

(15.) *The Licensing Act*:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure early this Session in amendment of the Licensing Act?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I hope to be able to introduce a Bill to amend the Licensing Act during the present Session.

3. HAY AND DENILQUIN TRAMWAY BILL:—

(1.) *Mr. R. B. Wilkinson* presented a Petition from *Thomas Robertson*, *Alexander Pendleton Stewart*, *John Witcombe*, and *Henry Thomas Haynes*, representing that the Hay and Denilquin Tramway Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session, and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

And

And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.

- (2.) Mr. Wilkinson then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of a Tramway from Hay to South Deniliquin*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th October.
4. EMPLOYMENT OF BARMAIDS IN PUBLIC HOUSES:—Mr. Foster presented a Petition from the "Women's Christian Temperance Union," and other Residents of New South Wales, praying the House to so amend the existing Licensing Law that the employment of females at the bars of Public-houses may be absolutely prohibited.
Petition received.
5. PAPERS:—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of the resumption of certain land in the parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, required for a Military Road to connect the Fortifications at South Head with Ben Buckler and Forts near Bondi.
(2.) Notification, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of the resumption of certain land in the parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, required for a Road along the line of the Main Sewer at Bondi, to connect the old South Head Road with the proposed Forts at Bondi.
(3.) Return of Rebates allowed by the Railway Department during the years 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886.
Ordered to be printed.
6. MUNICIPAL ROADS AND STREETS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the 117th section of the Municipalities Act of 1867 in certain respects.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 117th section of the Municipalities Act of 1867 in certain respects*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount expended in the construction of tramways, giving the cost of each line separately, also the amount expended on rolling stock and machinery.
Question put and passed.
8. CIVIL SERVICE ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Statement showing,—
(1.) The total number of retirements under the Civil Service Act of 1884, and under the provisions of clauses 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47 of Part 5 of the said Act.
(2.) The amounts paid as gratuities to officers whose services have been dispensed with under clauses 48, 49, and 50.
(3.) The total amount which is chargeable to the Superannuation Account, giving each officer's allowance or gratuity.
(4.) The number of officers whose services have been dispensed with before reaching the age of 60 years, the saving to the State through such action, showing the amounts chargeable to the Superannuation Account and Consolidated Revenue respectively, together with any other information that will tend to make the Return complete.
Question put and passed.
9. RENTS ON CROWN LEASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The rents recommended by the Local Land Board in the Western, Central, and Eastern Divisions on each pastoral lease, occupation license, homestead and conditional lease.
(2.) The minimum rental on the same.
(3.) The rental fixed by the Minister on same.
Question put and passed.
10. OSERIC-STREET, GUNNEDAH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Goodwin moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Mayor of Gunnedah and the Commissioner for Railways or the Under Secretary for Works, in reference to the flooding of Oseric-street, in the town of Gunnedah, by a railway drain; together with copies of all reports, communications, plans, and other papers relating to the same.
Question put and passed.
11. ROAD, COOMA TO BOMBALA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dawson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount of money expended on road, Cooma to Bombala, since 1st January, 1877, to the 30th June, 1887.
Question put and passed.
12. THE LICENSING ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The amount of revenue derived from the granting of any rights conferred by virtue of the Licensing Act during the following periods:—July 1, 1884, to June 30, 1885; July 1, 1885, to June 30, 1886; and July 1, 1886, to June 30, 1887.
(2.) The amount of revenue derived from penalties inflicted for breaches of the Licensing Act during the same period.
(3.) The amount of revenue derived from fines inflicted for drunkenness during the same periods.
(4.) The total annual cost of the administration of the Licensing Act.
(5.) The total annual cost of the administration of Justice.
(6.) The total annual cost to the Colony by reason of the existence of the liquor traffic, exclusive of items (4) and (5).
(7.)

- (7.) The total annual revenue derived from the liquor traffic, exclusive of items (1), (2), and (3).
 (8.) The number of convictions for drunkenness, and the number of individuals convicted of drunkenness, during the above periods.

Question put and passed.

13. ALBURY AND WAGGA WAGGA LAND OFFICES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, reports, and recommendations lately sent in to the Department by the Board appointed to inquire into the working of the Albury and Wagga Wagga Land Offices.
 Question put and passed.

14. PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Carruthers, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable William Larmer, William Pratt, William Henry McCarthy, Bozon Frederick Bozon, James Mayne, Alfred Joseph Watt, and William Parker, to form a company, known as the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales, into a body corporate by the style and title aforesaid, with perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to sue and be sued, and to acquire and to hold real and personal estate, and to examine and decide upon the admission or rejection of members thereof, and to grant diplomas to qualified members, and to define the liability of members of the said proposed body corporate.
 Question put and passed.

15. NORTH SHORE BOROUGHS WHARVES BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Trickett presented a Petition from the Municipal Councils of the Boroughs of East Saint Leonards, Saint Leonards, Victoria, and North Willoughby, representing that the North Shore Boroughs Wharves Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament and passed through certain stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
 Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Trickett then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Boroughs of East Saint Leonards Saint Leonards Victoria and North Willoughby to lease and acquire lands and to erect thereon Wharves &c.*,"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Mr. Trickett moved,—

(1.) That the North Shore Boroughs Wharves Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Ives, Mr. Garland, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Withers, Mr. Lyne, Mr. R. Burdett Smith, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

16. ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDER (*Right of Reply*):—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That the following Standing Order be adopted:—Whenever the House "or a Committee of the Whole House" shall have decided that any question shall be put, thereupon, and after the House shall have so decided, but before such question shall be put, the mover, proposer, or introducer of the matter pending (where any reply is now allowed by the Rules of the House), shall be permitted to speak in reply, but shall not speak on such reply in the House for more than thirty minutes, or in Committee of the Whole House for more than fifteen minutes.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cameron moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "or a Committee of the Whole House," in lines 2 and 3.

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 again stated.

Debate continued.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Gornuly,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Haynes,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Dalton.
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Black.
Mr. Garrard,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Hassall,
 Mr. Lyne,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Thompson,
 Mr. Gale,
 Mr. Dibbs,
 Mr. Day.

Tellers,

Mr. Toohy,
 Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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17. TELEGRAPH LINE TO MILPARINKA OR MOUNT BROWNE:—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence and petitions together with all reports thereon by the Superintendent of Telegraphs and by any other officers, in reference to the construction of a line of telegraph from Wanaaring to Milparinka, or to Mount Browne, or from Wilcannia to those places, or to either of them.
Question put and passed.
18. LOCAL OPTION:—Mr. Hutchison moved, pursuant to Notice, That inasmuch as the ancient and avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply a supposed public want without detriment to the public welfare, a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves (Parliamentary electors), who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of Local Option.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Street,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gale,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Frank Farnell
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Seaver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Thompson.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Garran,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Abbott.
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jones,
Mr. O'Mara.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

19. FRANKING MEMBERS CORRESPONDENCE ON PUBLIC BUSINESS:—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all letters on public business incidental upon the representation in Parliament of an Electorate shall be carried free by post.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Waddell moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question,—That the Question be now put,—put and passed.

Point of Order:—Mr. Levein requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker, whether it was not necessary to take a Division, to ascertain if forty Members were in favour of the motion.

Mr. Speaker said that there being no voices on the side of the Noes, and having satisfied himself that there were forty Members present, in his opinion it was not necessary to take a Division.

Whereupon Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House dissents from Mr. Speaker's ruling, inasmuch that the interpretation of the 5th New Standing Order necessitates a Vote being arrived at by division before it be decided that the Question be now put.
Debate ensued.

Mr. McCulloch moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Withers,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Leas,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. McFarlane,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Joanneret,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Garrard,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. See,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Street,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Merriman.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Day.
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Thompson.

And

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

Question put,—That this House dissents from Mr. Speaker's ruling, inasmuch that the interpretation of the 5th New Standing Order necessitates a Vote being arrived at by division before it be decided that the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Goodwin.

Tellers,

Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Thompson.

Noes, 57.

Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Scaver,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Foster,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Waddell,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Sutherland,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. See,	
Mr. Street,	Tellers,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. Lee,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put,—That, in the opinion of this House, all letters on public business incidental upon the representation in Parliament of an Electorate shall be carried free by post.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. See,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Dangar.
Mr. O'Mara,	
Mr. Crouch,	Tellers,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Levien,	

Noes, 42.

Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Colls,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Garvan,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. McCulloch,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Tellers,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Street,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Lee.

And so it passed in the negative.

20. PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Carruthers having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable William Larmer William Pratt William Henry McCarthy, Bozon Frederick Bozon James Mayne Alfred Joseph Watt and William Parker to form a Company known as the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales into a body corporate by the style and title aforesaid with perpetual succession and a common seal with power to sue and be sued and to acquire and hold real and personal estate and to examine and decide upon the admission or rejection of members thereof, and to grant diplomas to qualified members and to define the liability of members of the said proposed body corporate,*"—read a first time.

21. THE ELECTORAL ACT:—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Electoral Act should be so amended as to give the Parliamentary franchise to members of the Police Force, Permanent Artillery, and to all other persons, being adult males, who shall not be otherwise under disability in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bridge over Middle Harbour at the Spit:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money upon the Estimates for the purpose of erecting a bridge over Middle Harbour at the Spit?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In respect to this matter, some negotiations have been pending between private persons and the Government. Those private persons have proposed to construct this bridge and a tram-line from St. Leonards to Manly, and thence to Pittwater, by the employment of private capital; and as the Government consider that it would be a very wise and expedient thing to enlist private capital in the construction of public works, and as this particular public work is unconnected with any other, if proposals are made, the conditions of which seem to be safe and expedient, the Government will be disposed to concur in that course. If that is not done, the Government will be prepared to do the work; but they would prefer its being done by a private company. Of course such an arrangement cannot be carried out except under the authority of an Act of Parliament, so that the matter must come before Parliament on its merits.

- (2.) Evans's Truck Patent:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to recommend the payment of a sum of money for the purchase of Evans's Truck Patent, and what is the amount to be recommended?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This matter has not yet been decided by Cabinet.

- (3.) Bridge over the River Murray at Mulwala:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the tenders for the erection of a bridge over the Murray River at Mulwala been considered by him or by the Cabinet, and with what result?

(2.) When are they likely to be considered?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Cabinet has not yet considered this matter.

- (4.) Road between Toogong and Murga:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has anything yet been done to put the road between Toogong and Murga in a state of repair?

(2.) Is he aware of the present state of this road, and will he see that the matter is attended to without further delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Men are employed cutting some sidelings, and an extension of a contract for metal has lately been made.

(2.) The usual steps are being taken as far as funds will admit.

- (5.) Traffic on Molong Railway Line:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House, at as early a date as possible, a Return (during the last twelve months, ending 30th September), showing:—

(1.) The number of outward and inward passengers who have travelled from the various stations on the Molong Line, and the amount of money received from the same for each station respectively?

(2.) Also the outward and inward tonnage of goods forwarded and received, and the amount received from each station respectively?

(3.) The number of trucks of sheep and cattle forwarded and received, and the amount received from the same at each station respectively?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—There will be no objection to lay this information on the Table of the House if moved for in the usual way.

(6.) Local Land Board and Survey Office, Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Hassall asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Department, consequent upon the establishment of Wagga Wagga as the head quarters of the Local Land Board and Survey Office for the Wagga-Albury District, to incur any considerable expense by the proposed change; and, if so, to what amount?

Mr. Garrett answered,—In consequence of the addition of the Albury business, a slight expenditure will be required for alteration of premises to afford necessary accommodation; but it is not anticipated that the staff will be increased to any great extent. On the contrary, the Board of Inquiry now engaged in connection with the country offices are endeavouring to suggest means of reducing the expenditure.

(7.) Reformatory for Boys:—Mr. Foster asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken for the establishment of a Reformatory for boys?

(2.) Has a site been definitely fixed for such Reformatory?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter has been under the consideration of the Government, but no definite step has been taken.

(8.) Mount Rennie Convicts:—Mr. O'Mara asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he concluded his inquiry into the case of the Mount Rennie convicts, and will he inform the House of the result?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—This inquiry is suspended until the return to the Colony of His Honor Mr. Justice Windeyer.

(9.) The River Murray:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to appoint a special Commission to confer with similar Commissions appointed by Victoria and South Australia respectively in reference to the waters of the River Murray?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot say whether the Government will or will not appoint a Commission to confer with the Commissions of South Australia and Victoria. The question has been considered by the respective Governments, and I am anxious to do anything that is necessary to bring their consultations to a correct conclusion. If I find it necessary to make any such appointment—necessary to a proper consideration of the results of the inquiry—I shall certainly take that step.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Information respecting the Officers in the Department of Public Works, and Permanent-way Men on the Railways.

(2.) Return showing Freight paid to the Railway Department for Carriage of Plant and Material by various Railway Contractors during 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886, respectively.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 18th May, 1887—"Roads and Bridges in the Electorate of the Richmond."

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement of Expenditure on National and Local Works in the Colony of New South Wales from 1860 to 1886.

(2.) Report by Edward Combes, C.M.G., on Technical Education.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDER—RIGHT OF REPLY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That Mr. Speaker be authorized to present to His Excellency the Governor, for his approval, the following Standing Order, passed by this House on the 27th September:—Whenever the House or a Committee of the Whole House shall have decided that any question shall be put, thereupon, and after the House shall have so decided, but before such question shall be put, the mover, proposer, or introducer of the matter pending (where any reply is now allowed by the Rules of the House), shall be permitted to speak in reply, but shall not speak on such reply in the House for more than thirty minutes, or in Committee of the Whole House for more than fifteen minutes.
Question put and passed.

4. PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision in the Estimates for the payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
Question put and passed.

5. PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Carruthers, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales Incorporation 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. Barbour, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Wise, Mr. Davis, Mr. Lees, Mr. Hawthorne, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Lyne, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

6. 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 divide the Colony into Local Government Districts, and to establish a system of District Government, and for other purposes connected therewith.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered

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 divide the Colony into Local Government Districts, and to establish a system of District Government, and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

7. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS 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 make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales, and for other purposes. 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 make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales, and for other purposes.

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

8. **BANKRUPTCY BILL:**—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wise, 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 insolvency and bankruptcy, and to provide for the due collection, administration, and distribution of insolvent and bankrupt estates, and for the prevention of frauds affecting the same.

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 insolvency and bankruptcy, and to provide for the due collection, administration, and distribution of insolvent and bankrupt estates, and for the prevention of frauds affecting the same.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Wise presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to insolvency and bankruptcy and to provide for the due collection administration and distribution of insolvent and bankrupt estates and for the prevention of frauds affecting the same*,"—which was read a first time.

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

- (3.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wise, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 2.

Governor.

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 insolvency and bankruptcy, and to provide for the due collection, administration, and distribution of insolvent and bankrupt estates, and for the prevention of frauds affecting the same.

Government House,

Sydney, 28th September, 1887.

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

9. **CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with the view to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the same, and to report to this House.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Black, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. J. S. Farnell, Mr. Foster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Street, and the Mover."

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 so inserted,—put and passed.

Main Question,—

(1.) That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the same, and to report to this House.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Black, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. J. S. Farnell, Mr. Foster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Street, and the Mover,—put and passed.

10. **MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATIONS:**—Mr. Hawken moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, any measure to give effect to the principle of decentralization to confer power over local affairs should contain provision that the aggregation of districts, councils, shires, or municipalities into irresponsible associations with or without fees as a basis of membership or otherwise, shall be deemed and declared illegal, except where such aggregations, as aforesaid, are permitted by Act of Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

11. *REGINA v. PRUEN*:—Mr. O'Mara 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 depositions, letters, and other documents relating to the case of Regina v. Pruen, tried at the last Court of Quarter Sessions at Bathurst.
Question put and passed.
12. *MR. J. C. NEILD, M.P.*:—Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount paid by the Treasurer to Mr. J. C. Nield, M.P., since his appointment as Executive Commissioner for the South Australian Exhibition.
Question put and passed.
13. *PURCHASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LAND ADJOINING THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S WHARF*:—Mr. Melville 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 purchase by the Government of the land adjoining the Australasian Steam Navigation Company's Wharf, Circular Quay.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Black, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Street, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. R. Burdett Smith, Mr. McElhone, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Garvan, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
And Dr. Ross requiring that the Committee be appointed by ballot,—
Question,—That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the purchase by the Government of the land adjoining the Australasian Steam Navigation Company's Wharf, Circular Quay,—put and passed.
Whereupon the House proceeded to the ballot; and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Melville, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Chapman, Mr. R. Burdett Smith, Mr. Street, Mr. Black, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. See, Mr. Gould, and Mr. Abigail.
14. *ADJOURNMENT*:—Mr. Melville rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he intended to move the adjournment of the House "on the subject of the publication of a Book, called 'The introduction of Parliamentary Government in New South Wales,' by the Government Printer."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Melville moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
15. *POSTPONEMENT*:—The motion standing in the name of Mr. Wall, No. 10 on the Notice Paper for this day postponed until to-morrow.
16. *ADJOURNMENT*:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1887, A.M.

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter past Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1887.

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

ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDER (*Right of Reply*):—Mr. Speaker reported that he had this day presented to the Governor the Additional Standing Order adopted by the House on the 27th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Duties on Wines, Spirits, and Beers:—Mr. Lync asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the total amount of duties paid upon wines, spirits, beers, and other alcoholic liquors for the last financial year?
- (2.) The amount received at the Treasury for the same period from hotel, brewers, and wine and spirit licenses?
- (3.) The amount paid on spirits distilled in the Colony for the same period?
- (4.) The excise paid on beer up to 31st August?

Mr. Burns answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be made up as a Return, and laid upon the Table.

- (2.) Prisoners in Bourke Gaol:—Mr. Wall, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that prisoners in Bourke Gaol are compelled to wheel the Police Magistrate of the district about in a hand-carriage?
- (2.) Is it in accordance with the Prison Regulations that prisoners should be allowed out of gaol to do work of this character?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) No; but I am informed that on one or two occasions, about two years ago, when the services of the late Police Magistrate (Mr. Grant), as Visiting Justice to the Gaol, were urgently required, he being at the time an invalid, and his servant being ill, a prisoner in charge of a warder wheeled him in his hand-carriage to the gaol and back. There was no objection on the part of the prisoner.
- (2.) It was not contemplated in framing the Regulations that any question of this character would arise.

- (3.) Dubbo Land Office:—Mr. Wall, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that inconvenience is caused to persons having business at the Dubbo Land Office by the frequent absence of the Land Agent (or Head Clerk) there?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the absence of the official in question is sometimes caused by trips made to neighbouring stations for the purpose of duck-shooting?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No inconvenience has been caused by the absence of the Land Agent, who, during the past nine months was only absent on leave for a few days (in February), when the office business was duly performed by an authorized *locum tenens*. The Clerk-in-Charge of the Board Office has only been absent three and a half days during the same period.
- (2.) The Land Agent is not in the habit of visiting stations for duck-shooting purposes, and has never visited a station since he has been in the district. On no occasion during the leave already referred to was the Clerk-in-Charge duck-shooting.

(4.)

- (4.) Seaweed at Botany Bay :—Mr. Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary;—
 (1.) Is the Government aware that quantities of seaweed are thrown up and allowed to accumulate on the shores of Botany Bay?
 (2.) Is he aware that the fumes arising therefrom are detrimental to public health?
 (3.) What steps (if any) have the Government taken, or do they intend to take, to ascertain the nature and extent of this nuisance, and the danger that may arise therefrom?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that the Secretary for Public Works has given the matters referred to considerable attention, but no decision has yet been arrived at.

- (5.) Land purchased by the Government at Macdonaldtown :—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Minister of Public Instruction;—
 (1.) Was any portion of land at or near Macdonaldtown purchased for educational purposes; if so, when?
 (2.) What is the area of the said land, and what was the price paid for it?
 (3.) Who were the owners of the property; did Dr. Renwick recommend the purchase of the land; and was it bought from a Building Society, and what Building Society?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) A portion of land, situate in Mitchell Road, Alexandria, near Macdonaldtown, was resumed on the 15th June, 1886, for educational purposes.
 (2.) 3 roods 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches. The price agreed upon was £3,818 18s. 3d., which, with interest added, as required by the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, amounted to £3,928 2s. 10d.
 (3.) The land belonged to the "Mercantile Building, Land, and Investment Company." Dr. Renwick having made a personal inspection of the site, after obtaining a report from the Inspector, decided to resume the land, in view of the fact that in the near future it would be very difficult to obtain a site in that already densely populated neighbourhood.

- (6.) Evans's Cattle Truck :—Mr. A. Helzinger:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works;—
 (1.) Are the Government about to purchase a number of the cattle trucks patented by Mr. Evans, a Railway official?
 (2.) Was not the Evans cattle truck condemned by the Railway officials?
 (3.) Was a Mr. A. Helzinger dismissed from the Railway Service; has he been lately reinstated, and by whom?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) I will, in a day or two, lay papers on the Table giving full information.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) Mr. Helzinger was not dismissed from the Railway Service. He was under suspension—in my opinion wrongfully—and the suspension was removed by me.

- (7.) Railway Fetters :—Mr. Dowel asked the Secretary for Public Works;—
 (1.) Is he aware that a large number of feters employed on the Railway are married men, with large families, who reside on the railway lines in tenements of a very temporary character?
 (2.) Has it come to his knowledge that in many cases large families live together in one room?
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect suitable buildings for the accommodation of the feters and others employed on the maintenance of the permanent-way?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Land is rented by the Department to the men at a nominal rate, and they erect their own residences.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) There is no present intention of disturbing existing arrangements.

- (8.) Electric Light in Legislative Assembly Chamber :—Mr. Dowel asked the Postmaster-General;—
 (1.) What was the cause of the electric light failing in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on Tuesday, the 20th instant?
 (2.) What damage was done to the machinery on that occasion, and the cost of repairing the same?
 (3.) Where was the attendant when the accident occurred?
 (4.) How many times during the past twelve months have accidents of a similar character occurred, and what has been the cost of effecting repairs?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) I have been informed that the armature of one of the dynamo became injured through over-running the machine.
 (2.) The armature was injured to such an extent that it will cost £30 to repair it.
 (3.) In the engine-shed.
 (4.) No accidents of a similar kind have occurred at the Parliament Houses during the past twelve months. An accident of a minor character happened about a year ago, but no expense was incurred in effecting repairs.

- (9.) Nepean Water Supply :—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works;—In view of the difficulties regarding the question of the control of the Nepean Water Supply that have arisen between the Ashfield Municipal Council, the City Corporation, and the Government, will he state what course the Government intend to pursue in order to afford the persons for whose benefit the supply was intended the full advantage of the same without delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I am consulting the Crown Law Officers on the very difficult and important questions raised by the Honorable Member, and I hope in a few days that a conclusion will be arrived at satisfactory to all parties.

(10.) Subsidies for Public Parks :—Mr. Creer asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the amount of subsidy granted to each park or recreation reserve for the year 1887, and the locality or district in which they are situated ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The required information is given in a Return which I will lay upon the Table of the House this evening.

(11.) Labour Bureau :—Mr. Melville, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The names of the gentlemen forming the Labour Bureau ?
- (2.) The amount of remuneration they receive ?
- (3.) What clerical assistance is employed by the Bureau, and the cost of the same ?
- (4.) The amount spent in cab-hire and contingencies by members of the Bureau since the Bureau was established ?
- (5.) Has the Bureau fixed the rate of pay per day to be paid to the unemployed ?
- (6.) What is the rate fixed ?
- (7.) Did the Labour Bureau send any of the unemployed to do the work of shearing on stations where shearers were on strike for the rate of wages fixed by their union ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay upon the Table a Return giving the required information.

(12.) Mr. Mackenzie, Examiner of Coal-fields :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) When did Mr. Mackenzie apply for leave of absence ?
- (2.) For what length of leave did Mr. Mackenzie apply, and what length of leave was he given ?
- (3.) On what date did such leave of absence commence, and when will it terminate ?
- (4.) What reasons did Mr. Mackenzie give for applying for such leave of absence ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) On the 1st August.
- (2.) Two months; one month was granted, and subsequently a month's extension.
- (3.) 11th August; 11th October.
- (4.) Not having hitherto availed himself of the three weeks' annual leave usually granted to Government officers.

(13.) Department of Mines :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is there any objection to inform the House on what terms and conditions the disagreements which existed among certain officers of his Department have been settled ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—There were no terms or conditions. I offered some advice, which I am unable to repeat. The advice appears to have been accepted.

(14.) Mr. Mackenzie, Examiner of Coal-fields :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What intimation has he caused to be made to the petition against Mr. Mackenzie ?
- (2.) When and to whom was such intimation made ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—This question was answered by me on the 22nd instant, as follows :—

- (1.) Yes; from miners of Newcastle and Hunter River District.
- (2.) The gentlemen lodging the petition were informed that if they would furnish proofs sustaining such allegations action would be taken at once. No such proof has been furnished.

(15.) The Salvation Army :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are the police justified in interfering with members of the Salvation Army when holding religious service in the public streets and public places, and especially when no disorderly conduct or public disturbance is being created ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The police would be justified in interfering, if any obstruction is occasioned in a public thoroughfare.

(16.) Stray Cattle in Country Towns :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In inland towns, where the Towns Police Act has been extended and now in force, will he state if it is the duty of the police force to see that cattle, &c., are prevented from straying in the street, to the annoyance and danger of the public ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The police have power under the Act, but within municipalities such duties devolve upon the Inspector of Nuisances.

(17.) Church and School Lands Dedication Bill :—Mr. Garland asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it his intention to endeavour to pass the Church and School Lands Dedication Bill early in the present Session ?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I am prepared to introduce the Bill at the earliest opportunity consistent with the due prosecution of other important public business.

(18.) Mining on Private Property :—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he introduce a Bill providing for mining on private property early in this Session ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Yes.

(19.) Bulli Colliery Explosion :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has he received any opinion from the Honorable Attorney-General re Bulli explosion ?
- (2.) Is there any objection to lay the same (if any) upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No; a copy of the opinion will be laid upon the Table of the House this evening.

(20.) The Electoral Act :—Mr. Dawson, for Mr. Rynie, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any amendment of the Electoral Act, limiting the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly, in view of the passing of a measure providing for payment of Members ?

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Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I must admit that some steps ought to be taken to set limits to the numbers of this Assembly. I may mention that it has been already notified to the Government that constituencies are at present entitled under what are called the expansive clauses of the Electoral Act to nine new members. Although I thought at the time that those clauses would have a wise tendency, and prevent the anomalies growing up which had grown up in previous years, I see now that we may become a little too numerous. If time permits, I am very anxious to introduce a measure to deal with the whole question—that is an entirely new Bill, which I think would remedy many of the glaring defects. If time does not admit of that course being taken, I shall consider it my duty to introduce some measure to put a limit to the increase of Members of the Assembly, and also to cure one or two other defects which are very apparent; but I trust I shall be able to deal with the whole subject by a comprehensive measure.

- (21.) Mr. Hamlet, Government Analyst:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Upon whose recommendation was Mr. Hamlet appointed to the position of Government Analyst for this Colony?
 (2.) What are his qualifications for the office?
 (3.) Has he ever been attached to any School of Science, University, or College?
 (4.) Is it usual for gentlemen holding such appointments to have some recognized scientific training, and to hold documents to show that they have passed through a regular curriculum to fit them for the position?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Appointed by the late Colonial Secretary, on the recommendation of the Medical Adviser to the Government.
 (2.) He was Public Analyst under the Local Government Board in England, in the Borough of King's Lynn, and was appointed Assistant Government Analyst in Sydney in 1884.
 (3.) Yes; the School of Mines, Bristol. He was Demonstrator of Chemistry at Bristol Medical School and student of the Royal College of Chemistry.
 (4.) Yes.
- (22.) Adulteration of Food and Liquor:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to introduce any measure dealing in a comprehensive manner with the important question of food and liquor adulterations?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I admit the importance of the matter, as I have admitted it before; but in the present prospect of business I may not be able this Session to introduce any measure of so comprehensive a character as this.

- (23.) Bridge over the Upper Murray:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Will he place a sum of money on the Estimates for the erection of a bridge over the Upper Murray at a point to be determined upon by the New South Wales and Victorian Governments?
 (2.) Will he invite the Government of Victoria to provide half the cost?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The case is under consideration.

- (24.) Road over Mount Macquarie to Carcoar:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the road from Shaw and Number One, over Mount Macquarie, to Carcoar, persistently reported for years past by Mr. Road-Superintendent Scarr to be a good and practicable one, was last year condemned by Mr. Road-Inspector Bartlett as quite unfit for heavy traffic?
 (2.) Did Mr. Bartlett recommend, at the same time, that the annual subsidy for the said road be reduced from £50 to £10 per mile, on account of such unfitness for heavy traffic, and has this recommendation been carried out?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Scarr reported the road as good enough for the traffic, but his report of 24th June, 1886, advises reduction.
 (2.) In accordance with Mr. Bartlett's recommendation, the classification for 1887 was reduced from 1st to 4th class.

- (25.) Government Assayer and Assistant Assayer:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Mines,—Who is the Government Assayer, and who is the Assistant Government Assayer?

Mr. Abigail answered,—An Assayer has not yet been appointed; but John Charles Henderson Mingaye is Assistant Assayer, and he has as his assistant Alfred Neilson.

- (26.) Evans's Truck Patent:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he recommended for the consideration of the Cabinet the payment of a sum of money for the purchase of Evans's Truck Patent; and, if so, what amount has he recommended?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This matter is under the consideration of the Government. I will lay the papers on the Table in a day or two, giving full information.

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.) Local Government Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
 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 divide the Colony into Local Government Districts, and to establish a system of District Government, and for other purposes connected therewith.

*Government House,
 Sydney, 29th September, 1887.*

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

(2.)

(2.) Government Railways Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
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 make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales, and for other purposes.

Government House,
Sydney, 29th September, 1887.

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

4. PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY BILL:—Mr. Trickett presented a Petition from James R. Fairfax and R. Jones, junior, Directors of the Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited), representing that the Perpetual Trustee Company Bill was passed by the Legislative Council, and transmitted to this House for concurrence during the last Session of Parliament, and that Parliament having been prorogued while the Bill was under the consideration of the House, the proceedings thereon were interrupted; and praying that the Bill may be resumed at the stage at which it was interrupted by the prorogation last Session.
And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "in order to call attention to the increased prevalence of gambling in shops occupied "by Chinese."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and negatived.
6. LOCAL OPTION:—Mr. Hutchison presented a Petition from Charles Bright, Chairman of the Baptist Union of New South Wales, praying that in any Licensing Law Amendment Bill passed into law there be conceded to the people a full veto power as to the granting of new licenses or the renewal of old ones.
Petition received.
7. PAPERS:—
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Casual Labour Bureau.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Beer Duty Act of 1887.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Electric Telegraph Act, respecting the reduction in Press Rates to New Zealand and Messages in Cypher.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return showing the Subsidies granted for the Improvement of Public Parks for the year 1887.
(2.) Copy of the Attorney-General's opinion respecting the Bulli Colliery Explosion.
Ordered to be printed.
8. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Haynes 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 Tuesday 18th October.
9. PUBLIC LANDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale, lease, and management of Crown Lands, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
10. GOLD-MINING AND MINERAL LEASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the total number of gold-mining and mineral leases applied for during the five years ending the 1st of September, 1887; also, showing the period that has intervened between the date of application and the date of issue in the case of all applications where the delay has exceeded six months.
Question put and passed.
11. BANKRUPTCY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. R. Burdett Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Mr. R. Burdett Smith then moved, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday "next."
Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "next," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "fortnight."
Question proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Morrigan,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Hotborow.
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Thompson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Gordon.

Noes, 14.

Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Lync,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Barbour.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next,—put and passed.

12. EVAN M'INTOSH'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT CURRABUBULA:—*Mr. Carruthers*, for Mr. Levien, 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 conditional purchase, situate at Currabubula, of one Evan M'Intosh, which was afterwards transferred to Daniel Regan, Esq., taken at Tamworth Land Office

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Day, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Abbott, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Evidence taken by, and papers produced before, the Select Committee appointed in Session 1885-6 be referred to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

13. EIGHT-HOURS BILL:—*Mr. Schey* 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 in a Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour.

Question put and passed.

14. CLAIM OF JOSEPH RICHARDSON AGAINST THE ROADS DEPARTMENT:—*Mr. Wall* 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 claim of Joseph Richardson against the Roads Department.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Gale, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Black, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Toohy, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

15. THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—*Mr. Walker* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, one Legislative Chamber is all that is necessary for the proper transaction of the Parliamentary business of the country.

(2.) That the Legislative Council is useless and dangerous, and ought to be abolished.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

16. MINISTERIAL ELECTION BILL:—

(1.) *Mr. O'Mara* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. O'Mara* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 1st November.

17. CLAIMS OF CAPTAIN ROSSI:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Hurley, 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 claims of Captain F. R. L. Rossi.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abbott, Dr. Ross, Mr. Teece, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Ball, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Walker, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Hugh Taylor, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-four minutes after Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1887.

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

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 Thursday, 22nd September, 1887, 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 Sworn*:—Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, George Day, Esquire, John See, Esquire, Jacob Garrard, Esquire, William John Foster, Esquire, Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, and Daniel O'Connor, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) *McSharry v. the Commissioner for Railways*:—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the amount of the award in the late arbitration case between Contractor McSharry and the Government?
- (2.) What is the amount of the costs that the Government will have to pay?
- (3.) How many days did the arbitrators sit?
- (4.) What was the fee to be paid to each arbitrator and to the umpire?
- (5.) Did Mr. McSharry make any offer to settle the case, either before or after the suit was commenced?
- (6.) If so, what amount did he offer to accept?
- (7.) If an offer was made, on what ground was the offer refused?
- (8.) Did the Government make any offer to settle, and on what terms?
- (9.) What were the terms of the contract as to price and payments?
- (10.) Did Mr. McSharry take another contract for railway construction after he had taken that for Murrumburrah?
- (11.) Was money which was due to him on any such latter contract withheld when it was due and payable?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) £20,433 10s. 11d.
- (2.) Not ascertained, as the costs in the action and the arbitration have not been taxed.
- (3.) Sixty-one days for taking evidence and two months to consider award.
- (4.) The arbitrators intimated, whilst the arbitration was proceeding, that they could not consent to sit without an adjournment to allow them to attend to their business, unless it was understood that fifteen guineas a day was paid to each; and, as a long adjournment and the consequent detention of the witnesses would have caused great expense, their claim was consented to. There was no umpire.
- (5, 6, 7, and 8.) Mr. McSharry did not make any offer to settle the case, and as the Government, before the action was brought, had paid to him the balance due for work under the contract, and extras as certified by the Engineer-in-Chief, and the retention money and money deposited as security, there was nothing to offer him.
- (9.) The contract was taken at a schedule of prices. Payments were to be made to the extent of 90 per cent. as the work was proceeded with.
- (10.) Yes; the Cootamundra to Gundagai Railway.
- (11.) He was not put to any delay or inconvenience by any action of the Department. (2.)

- (2.) William Spangenberg's Application for a Billiard License:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Seaver asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) In the matter of William Spangenberg's application for a billiard license, has his attention been called to the report of same published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 15th December, 1886, in which the Chairman of the Licensing Bench is reported to have stated that he would see that inquiries were made into certain allegations made on oath by Senior-Constables Glanville and Lewis to the effect that Senior-Sergeant Broderick had threatened them with punishment in the event of their giving evidence favourable to the character of Spangenberg?
 - (2.) Were such inquiries made?
 - (3.) Will he cause the report of said inquiries, and all documents connected with same, to be produced without unnecessary delay?
- Mr. Clarke answered,—
- (1.) The present Government were not in office in December, 1886.
 - (2.) Inquiries were made.
 - (3.) There will be no objection to lay copies of the papers referred to on the Table of the House, if moved for in the regular manner.
- (3.) William Spangenberg's Application for a Billiard License:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Seaver, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the threats alleged to have been made by Senior-Sergeant Broderick (as shown by the papers laid upon the Table of the House on 12th July last, in the matter of William Spangenberg's application for a billiard license), will he institute an exhaustive inquiry into the administration of the Licensing Act by the police?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There will be no objection to lay the papers upon the Table of the House if desired, but the case does not appear to demand any special inquiry into the administration of the Licensing Act by the police, which is, of course, subject to the control of the Licensing Benches.
- (4.) Water Supply, Byrock:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Railway Department has two large tanks full of water at Byrock, which they are making no use of?
 - (2.) Will he consider the possibility of allowing the townspeople and people travelling with stock to use the water?
 - (3.) Is it within his knowledge that, for want of a public water supply at Byrock, cattle are often trucked and sent in a famishing condition to Sydney?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that this is not true.
 - (2.) Permission has already been given to the townspeople to use the water on the usual terms. Stock-watering troughing has been erected and pipes laid to supply the same from the railway tanks.
 - (3.) This is not within my knowledge, but I will make inquiries.
- (5.) Customs Duties, River Darling:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total amount of Customs Duties collected during the year 1886 at all the towns along the River Darling?
- Mr. Burns answered,—At Wentworth, £15,912 13s. 8d.; at Wilcannia, £13,283 0s. 5d.; at Bourke, £11,278 12s. 5d.; at Brewarrina, £3,819 9s. 2d.; total, £44,293 15s. 8d.
- (6.) Town Common for Byrock:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the public feel the want of a town common at Byrock?
 - (2.) Will he cause a portion of land to be dedicated for the purpose without delay?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—In compliance with the honorable gentleman's request, an area of 11,400 acres will be reserved as a temporary common. Notification of the commonage will appear in the *Government Gazette* about 22nd instant.
- (7.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that officials in certain grades of the Railway Service are compelled to contribute to the Superannuation Fund, and, having several annual deductions made from their salaries, are then placed by the Department in other grades of the Service, where they are exempt from contributing to such fund?
 - (2.) Has the Department refunded to such employes the moneys so deducted, considering that they have been placed by the Department beyond the possibility of deriving any benefit from such Superannuation Fund?
 - (3.) If not, will he give the reason that such moneys have not been refunded to the employes concerned?
 - (4.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General whether the Department can legally retain such moneys, after placing a barrier between such employes and the Superannuation Fund, and preventing any benefit being derived therefrom?
 - (5.) Will he cause all such moneys deducted from any employe under such circumstances to be refunded as early as possible?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) The only salaried officers who have been placed by the Department in positions where, if they wished it, they are exempt from contributing to the Fund, are those who have been disrated for offences.
 - (2 and 3.) The Department has not refunded the amount, nor can refunds be made under the Act; but there is nothing to prevent these employes from contributing to, and participating in, the benefits of the Fund, if they wish it.
 - (4 and 5.) It is not necessary to obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General in this matter.
- (8.)

- (8.) Evans's Truck Patent:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he recommended for the consideration of the Cabinet the payment of a sum of £16,000 (or near that sum) for the purchase of Evans's Truck Patent?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will lay all the papers on the subject upon the Table of the House to-morrow night.

- (9.) Post Office, Bourke:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it true that contracts were let fifteen months ago for the additions to the Post Office at Bourke, and that the contractor was bound to complete the work in five months from date of acceptance?

(2.) If so, what has delayed the work so long, and when will it be completed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The contract has been delayed through contractor becoming insolvent. Steps are now being taken to have the building completed.

- (10.) Medical Bill:—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Medical Bill this Session?
(2.) Will such Bill contain an examination clause, whereby unregistered practitioners may prove themselves qualified, or otherwise?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government have under consideration the expediency of introducing a Bill of this character, but it is by no means certain that we can introduce it this Session.

- (11.) Road, Narrabri to Walgett:—*Mr. Dowel*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that two steamers were at Walgett on Saturday last and took away 950 bales of wool, and two more to load next week?

(2.) Does he know the utter impossibility of conveying produce to market, or receiving supplies, in the present condition of the road Narrabri to Walgett?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The road is not worse than usual at such times, and an unmetalled road over black soil plains cannot compete with water and rail carriage where available.

- (12.) Railway from Narrabri to Walgett:—*Mr. Dowel*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he placed before the Cabinet, as promised, the representations of a deputation that interviewed him on the 16th instant, as to the necessity of the construction of a cheap railway from Narrabri to Walgett?

(2.) Is it intended to include such in the railway policy of the present Session?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I have not yet had an opportunity of submitting this matter to the Cabinet.

- (13.) Payment of Road Contractors:—*Mr. Stokes*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that inconvenience is caused to road contractors in the country districts in consequence of the money due to them in connection with road contracts not being available until some considerable time after their contracts are completed?

(2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, in order to make some provision to remove the grievance complained of?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) As great care as possible is taken to prevent inconvenience to contractors; but certain formalities have to be gone through, involving an average detention of four days at the Roads Office, and seven days at the Treasury. All queries and advices are wired. Each day's vouchers are disposed of each day by every person engaged on them.

(2.) Complaints are few, but if any specific case or cases are stated, the reason of unusual delay will be pointed out.

- (14.) Electric Light, Parliamentary Buildings:—*Mr. Thompson* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Can he give the House any information as to the cause of the Chamber being left in darkness during part of the night of the 20th ultimo?

(2.) The same as to the partial failure of the light on several occasions during last Session?

(3.) What has been the total cost of lighting these buildings with the electric light?

(4.) How long did it take to carry out this work?

(5.) Were tenders called for the work; if so, when, who was the successful tenderer, and what was the price?

(6.) What has been the cost of the repairs to the works during the last two years?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The armature of one of the dynamos became injured through over-running the machine.

(2.) The dulness of the light in one instance was caused through cutting off the centre lights, which was done at the request of *Mr. Speaker*. Any other instance of partial failure was due to slackening the speed of dynamo in order to avoid heating.

(3.) Wages to 30 Sept., 1887, £1,378 15s.; water to 30 June, 1887, £49 13s. 9d.; fuel, £298 7s. 7d.; Oil, renewal of lamps, &c., £342 19s. 5d.; total, £2,069 15s. 9d.

(4.) About six months.

(5.) The two firms then in Sydney who could undertake the work were asked to make an offer for it. *W. J. Weston*, as representative of Australian Light and Power Co., and *H. H. Kingsbury*, as agent for Edison's system of incandescent lighting, responded to the request; and as the latter system was regarded at the time as the more suitable it was adopted, the price being £871 5s.

(6.) The cost of repairs for last two years has been as follows, viz.:—Repairing roof and window, £2 4s.; repairing oil tins, £2 13s. 6d.; repairing water tanks and pipes, £1 1s. 10d.; castings for repairing switch board, £1 5s.; total, £7 4s. 4d. This amount does not include the estimated cost of repairs to the injured armature referred to in question No. 1.

3. NORTH SHORE BOROUGHS WHARVES BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Ives presented a Petition from Prosper Orleans Williams, Alfred George Milson, Thomas Brocklebank Gaden, and James Robinson Love, of East St. Leonards, on behalf of themselves and other ratepayers of the Borough of East St. Leonards, praying that they may be heard by their Counsel or Solicitor, or in person, before this House, or before the Select Committee now considering the North Shore Boroughs Wharves Bill, in opposition to the said Bill and the provisions thereof, with liberty to adduce such evidence as they may be advised in opposition thereto, or in support of this Petition.
 - (2.) Mr. Ives presented a similar Petition from Thomas Edgar Creswell and Henry Herbert Robey, of East St. Leonards, Captain and Secretary of the North Shore Rowing Club, on behalf of such Club.
Petitions received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.
4. PAPERS:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table.—
- (1.) Notification of the further amendment of section No. 5 of the Schedule of Classes of Fencing, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (2.) Amended Regulations, Nos. 107, 168, 171, 172, and 173, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Ordered to be printed.
5. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Employers Liability Act of 1886.
Question put and passed.
6. FUEL DELIVERY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Allen 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 in a Bill to regulate the sale and delivery of fuel.
Question put and passed.
7. SEDUCTION PUNISHMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. J. S. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for punishment for seduction.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the punishment of seduction*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th October.
8. ORIGINAL GRANTS OF LAND BOUNDARIES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. J. S. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment and fixing the boundaries of old and original grants of land.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to establish and fix the boundaries of old and original grants of land*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th October.
9. DR. BOTTRELL'S CLAIM TO FORESHORES OF SYDNEY HARBOUR (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Lyne, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers connected with Dr. Bottrell's claim to a portion of the foreshores of Sydney Harbour.
Question put and passed.
10. "VULCAN" AND "MOGUL" RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVE ENGINES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Lyne, moved pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, correspondence, and reports in connection with the late test of the "Vulcan" and "Mogul" railway locomotive engines.
Question put and passed.
11. APPOINTMENTS MADE IN THE RAILWAY DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Lyne, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the appointments (permanent and temporary) made in the Railway Department since 1st January, 1887.
Question put and passed.
12. LIENS ON WOOL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abbott 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 in a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages of stock.
Question put and passed.
13. WENTWORTH ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to subdivide the Electoral District of Wentworth.
Question put and passed.
14. FREE RAILWAY PASSES TO SCHOOL CHILDREN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, papers, and other documents written or sent by either the Colonial Secretary, the Minister for Public Instruction, or the Secretary for Public Works, or any officer in their respective Departments, or by the Commissioner for Railways, in reference to the Resolution of the 29th April last authorizing the free carriage on the railways of children who were attending schools.
Question put and passed.
15. ALLEGED FRAUD UNDER STAMP DUTIES ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the papers, correspondence, and telegrams, in the recent alleged case of fraud under the Stamp Duties Act, in connection with certain land resumed for railway purposes at Queanbeyan.
Question put and passed.

16. **MANUFACTURE OF LOCOMOTIVES (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all tenders received, and correspondence, minutes, &c., relating thereto, for the manufacture of the locomotives now required by the Government.
Question put and passed.
17. **Mrs. ANN ROUSE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT KAHIBAH (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the papers relating to the conditional purchase of Mrs. Ann Rouse of 80 acres made at Newcastle on the 20th July, 1871, situated in the parish of Kahibah, together with copies of all papers relating to a conditional purchase of the same land made by Mrs. Rouse on the 4th February, 1875, and copies of all reports upon and surveys of the said land, as also copies of the plans and descriptions of all reserves by which the said 80 acres of land was affected in any way whatever.
Question put and passed.
18. **APPLICATIONS OF MESSRS. HAUGHTON AND PALMER TO MINE UNDER RESERVES AT KAHIBAH (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all applications made by Messrs. Haughton and Palmer on the 31st July, 1886, or at any time during the year 1886, to mine for coal under any reserves in the parish of Kahibah, together with copies of all correspondence, surveys, plans, and reports, relating to the same, and all advertisements of the same, showing the date of such advertisements, and the names of the papers in which the same were inserted, together with copies of any permits issued in respect of the application of the said Messrs. Haughton and Palmer, and copies of all applications made by the said Messrs. Haughton and Palmer to convert any such permit, as aforesaid, into a lease, and copy of such lease and all papers relating thereto.
Question put and passed.
19. **RAILWAY FROM NARRABRI TO WALGETT (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Dowel, for Mr. Dangar, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copy of the final survey of the railway route, Narrabri to Walgett, with plan and reports, showing distance, characteristics of the country, probable cost, &c., with all and fullest information.
Question put and passed.
20. **REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE NAMOI ELECTORATE (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Dowel, for Mr. Dangar, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the entire revenue derived from the Namoi Electorate, from 1861 to 1886 inclusive, under the following heads:—(1) From sale of Crown Lands other than conditional purchases, with area; (2) from conditional purchases, including deposit, interest, and instalments, with area; (3) from rents of pastoral and pre-emptive leases, deposits and rents of mineral leases, and from mineral licenses, miners rights, and timber licenses.
Question put and passed.
21. **REMOVAL OF SURVEY OFFICES FROM ALBURY TO WAGGA WAGGA (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all reports, telegrams, minutes, and recommendations, sent in to the Lands Department, with reference to the removal of the Survey Offices from Albury to Wagga Wagga.
Question put and passed.
22. **BOROUGH OF BALMAIN WHARVES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrard moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 62.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Sekey,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Gibbes.
Mr. Dowel,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Crouch,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Thompson.

Noes, 5.

Mr. J. S. Farnell,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. McMillan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Jeanneret.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Garrard, 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. Garrard (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

23. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Connor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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. O'Connor, the report was adopted.

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

24. MUNICIPAL ROADS AND STREETS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Farnell 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. 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.

On motion of Mr. Farnell (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

25. PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision in the Estimates for the payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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 an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision by Bill for the payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

26. EIGHT HOURS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Schey, 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 declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour.

On motion of Mr. Schey, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Schey presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th October.

27. ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, and Mr. Day proceeding to move the second reading of this Bill,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Melville submitted that the Bill was improperly before the House, the Select Committee to whom it was referred having decided on the 8th of June against a motion made to report the Bill with amendments to the House, and on the 24th June, without rescinding the former decision, affirming a motion to report the Bill. He contended that the meeting of the 24th June was irregular, the functions of the Committee having ceased on the 8th June, and quoted from May's Parliamentary Practice in support of this opinion. He requested Mr. Speaker's ruling on the point.

Mr. Speaker said there was no doubt whatever that considerable irregularity had taken place in the Committee, judging from the report; but there was great force in what was said by the Honorable Member for Albury—that the Committee were bound to report to the House in some way. The Bill was referred to them for consideration and report, and they would not have performed their duty if they had not reported in some way. It was true, according to the report, that when a motion was made "that the Chairman report the Bill with amendments to the House" a division was taken, and there were five noes and two ayes; therefore, on that occasion the Committee decided that they would not report. But it was clear, he thought, that having refused to report on that day, they had not properly performed their duty, and that the Chairman was right, although he may have taken somewhat an irregular course, and within his duty, in calling the Committee together again to do their duty—which was to report to the House. He thought that some of the arguments made use of with reference to the last point raised,—that it is laid down in "May" that if a Select Committee do not meet, owing to there

there not being a quorum, or adjourn without naming a day for another meeting, they have no power to meet again—could scarcely be considered valid. He was satisfied that that had not been the practice of this House. He knew that it frequently happened that there was not a quorum present on days appointed for the meetings of Select Committees, and it had been the practice for the Chairman to name some other day; therefore, the practice of the House must override the paragraph in "May." He did not think that it was the duty of the Speaker of the House to withdraw a Bill on such a point as this. The whole of the evidence taken by the Committee was before the House, and even if there had been some irregularity on the part of the Committee, he thought it quite within the power of the House to overcome that irregularity, and take the report for what it was worth. If the House was not satisfied with the report of the Committee, it would be within its power to refer the Bill to another Committee for consideration and report. Therefore, he did not consider it incumbent on him to withdraw the Bill from the House, or rule it out of order.

Mr. Day then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Day, 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. Day (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

28. HIGH-LEVEL BRIDGES OVER THE RIVER DARLING:—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, at an early date, take the necessary steps to inquire into the necessity of erecting over the Darling River, at Wilcannia, at Menindie, and at Wentworth, high-level bridges.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) District Court Bailiffs:—Mr. Gould asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has he decided not to place any salaries for District Court Bailiffs on the Estimates for next year?

(2.) Is he aware that section 39 of the District Courts Act of 1858 enacts that every bailiff shall receive a salary?

(3.) Is he aware that the bailiffs of country Courts are obliged to keep a horse to enable them to perform the duties of their offices, and that the fees, as provided by law, received in the course of the year, are entirely inadequate for the proper performance of the duties of District Court Bailiffs?

(4.) Have these bailiffs been contributors to the Superannuation Fund?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes; but I intend reconsidering my decision, with a view to effecting some desirable changes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No.

(4.) No.

(2.) Wilkinson's Australian Magistrate:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—In order to facilitate the due administration of justice, will he see that steps are taken for the purpose of supplying every Police Court or Bench of Magistrates in the interior with a copy of the new and enlarged edition (4th) of Mr. Justice Wilkinson's Magisterial Guide?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—One hundred copies of the 5th edition of the Australian Magistrate have lately been purchased at a cost of £277, and instructions have been given by me for the distribution of the work to the city and suburban Police Courts, and to the principal Benches in the country.

(3.) Telegraph Operators:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Wall, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it his intention to make any change in the classification of the telegraph operators?

(2.) Is he aware that there are a large number of the telegraph officers who perform duty at a low rate of salary, with long hours of labour?

(3.) Will he cause inquiry to be made into the matter?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) So far as I am able to answer these questions, I may say that there is no present intention of making any change in the classification of operators, especially as the Regulations for classification and increment had to be abolished consequent on the Amended Civil Service Act.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Of course all specially deserving cases will have consideration when the Estimates are being revised.

(4.) Telegraph Wire:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Wall, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Has he under his consideration the revelations made in the Return relating to the purchase of 207 tons of wire in England, laid upon the Table on 12th July last?

(2.) Has he asked for any explanation from Mr. Cracknell of his recommendation that wire should be purchased at £22 and £23 per ton, when it was obtained at £10 9s. 6d. per ton?

(3.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table copies of all the tenders for the supply of this wire submitted to the Agent-General?

Mr.

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) There do not appear to be any revelations in the Return relating to the purchase of wire in England, laid on the Table on 12th July last, which call for my special consideration.

(2.) Mr. Cracknell recommended the purchase of the wire, and, in doing so, named certain probable prices as a guide for the amount required to be provided by the Agent-General. (*Vide* paper No. 9, page 3, of Return; also, reply to question No. 4, on page 7, of same Return.) The prices so named were fixed at the rates then known to be current in London for wire of this description, as may be seen by reference to the letter of Messrs. G. W. Share & Co., representing a large iron and steel wire manufacturing firm in England, which appears on page 2 of the Return. The Superintendent of Telegraphs cannot speak positively as to why the actual price paid was so much lower than the estimate; but it seems to him certain that, unless some new and cheap process of manufacturing wire of the quality supplied is known to the makers, the price could only have resulted in a loss to the manufacturer.

(3.) There can be no objection to copies of all tenders for the supply of this wire submitted to the Agent-General being laid upon the Table, but it will probably be necessary to write to England for them.

(5.) Brush Carbons:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) In answer (3) on 9th June last, the Postmaster General states that 3,000 carbons were supplied at £10 10s. per thousand, and 1,000 at £8 6s. 8d. per thousand,—Will he state which price the Superintendent of Telegraphs recommended these carbons should be purchased at?

(2.) Will he have any objection to lay the papers upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The supply of 3,000 carbons at £10 10s. per thousand and that of 1,000 carbons at £8 6s. 8d. were separate transactions (the latter being a portion of the contract for 20,000 gazetted on 1st April, 1887), and the acceptance of the lowest tender in each case was recommended.

(2.) There will be no objection to laying the papers on the Table of the House if moved for.

(6.) Telegraph Material supplied by H. H. Kingsbury & Co.:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Postmaster General,—When will the Return ordered by this House relative to material supplied by H. H. Kingsbury & Co. be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I hope to be able to furnish the Return asked for in about a week.

(7.) Tunnel under George-street in connection with Telephonic System:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Has the tunnel under George-street in connection with the frieze-work been completed?

(2.) What was the total cost?

(3.) When will the cable in connection with this work be in complete working order for the conveyance of messages?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £195.

(3.) The cable is now ready, and will be connected as soon as certain internal fittings are completed by the Colonial Architect.

(8.) Cable for Telephonic Frieze:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Was the cable for the frieze in George-street purchased on the recommendation of Mr. Preece, Chief Electrician of the General Post Office of England; if so, will he state the reason that Mr. Preece's certificate is not attached to the invoices given in answer (17) on 13th April last?

(2.) Did Mr. Preece recommend that the price paid per mile should be given for this cable?

(3.) What was the nature of the instructions forwarded to the Agent-General regarding the purchase of this cable?

(4.) Did the Agent-General call for tenders for the supply of this cable; if not, on what ground?

(5.) Did he cause inquiries to be made of other manufacturers than those supplying this cable?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The Superintendent of Telegraphs has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) Yes; I cannot say why Mr. Preece's certificate is not attached to the invoices. The Agent-General would be better able to explain this.

(2.) There are no papers from the Agent-General to enable me to answer this question; but, as Mr. Preece was called in to advise, there can be but little doubt that he recommended the prices in question should be paid.

(3.) The Agent-General was instructed by letter, dated 30th June, 1884, to order 3 miles of 50-core multiple cable, Callender's Bitumen and Waterproof Patent, at £480 per mile, from the makers, No. 101, Leadenhall-street.

(4.) It may be presumed that he did, as the cable was procured from two different firms.

(5.) In the absence of correspondence it is impossible to answer this question, but the Agent-General might be requested to give the desired information.

(9.) Local Option:—*Mr. Hutchison*, for Mr. Henson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to give, as early as possible, practical effect to the Local Option Resolution recently carried by so large a majority of the Members of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I hardly know what answer to give to this question. I think it is a little premature, and I should prefer having it put to me in about ten days or a fortnight hence.

(10.) Private Bars in Public-houses:—*Mr. Hutchison*, for Mr. Henson, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many licensed public-houses in the city of Sydney have private bars?

(2.) The number of such bars to each house?

(3.) The sex of the persons who supply drink to customers at such bars?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that there are within the City of Sydney 502 licensed public-houses, 77 of which have "private" or "sixpenny bars"; 59, have one such bar; 14, two; 2, three; 1, four; and 1, five.

(3.) The sexes of the persons who supply drink to customers are 10 male and 105 female.

(11.) *Railway Engines*:—*Mr. Penzer* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some gentlemen connected with the railways of the adjoining Colonies were recently appointed by this Government to inquire into and report upon the most suitable type of engine to be used upon our railways?

(2.) What were the names of these gentlemen, and their positions under their respective Governments?

(3.) Will he have any objection to lay their report upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) *Mr. A. D. Smith*, Assistant Locomotive Engineer of the Victorian Railways, and *Mr. F. Roberts*, Assistant Locomotive Engineer of the South Australian Railways.

(3.) The whole of the papers will shortly be laid upon the Table of the House.

(12.) *Manufacture of Locomotives*:—*Mr. Hawthorne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any order been sent recently to either America, England, or any other place outside New South Wales, for any of the locomotives required by the Government?

(2.) Has the Government received an offer in writing since Friday last from the manufacturers to construct all the locomotives required by the Government at 5 per cent. advance on the cost price?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to accept this offer?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The matter has not yet been considered by the Government.

(13.) *Village Reserve at Captain's Flat*:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any application been made to have the village reserve at Captain's Flat cancelled?

(2.) Has an application been made to lease the site of this reserve for the purpose of working for minerals?

(3.) Is he aware that this site is the only one available for a village reserve at Captain's Flat, and that the holders of business licenses thereon have applied to have their lots sold by public auction?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) No application for the cancellation of the village reserve can be traced. The design of the village has not yet been received from the District Surveyor.

(2.) An application has been made to the Mining Department by *Martin and Gibson* for a lease of 20 acres.

(3.) In the absence of the papers I cannot say whether the village reserve in question is the only suitable site available. The Honorable Member applied, on 9th August last, to have land at Captain's Flat sent to auction sale, but this cannot be done until the design of the village be approved. Several applications have been received from holders of business licenses or miners right to have land in their occupation offered at auction. These also must await approval of the design.

(14.) *Railway Haulage Rate on Blue Metal from Emu Plains*:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any reduction been made in the haulage rate on the railway for blue metal from Emu Plains to Sydney?

(2.) If so, what is the reduction, and when was it decided upon?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No reduction has been made since June last.

(15.) *The Penny Postage System*:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Postmaster General,—Has the Government, according to their and previous Governments promises, taken into consideration the advisableness of extending the penny postage system throughout New South Wales, or at least to all places accessible by railway?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Yes; and the question is still engaging the consideration of the Government. I may, however, inform my honorable friend that it is not contemplated to make any further extensions of the penny postage until other questions affecting the whole postal service have been decided.

(16.) *Over-head Bridge at Parramatta Railway Station*:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the over-head bridge at Parramatta railway station is both unsightly and dangerous, so much so that it cannot be used by aged and infirm railway travellers, who are compelled to travel by road either to Harris Park platform or Granville to take train for their destination, and that such bridge is a source of great discomfort, and dangerous to life and limb to all who use it in wet weather?

(2.) Will he give instructions for the making of a subway at the station, which could be done at a small cost, and be the means of giving greater facilities to the large number of the travelling public?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The bridge is certainly not dangerous, and there is no reason why it should not be used by all classes of people.

(2.) A subway might give greater facilities, but it is not considered either necessary or desirable to have a subway in addition to the bridge.

- (17.) Bridge over Turon River, at Wallaby Rock:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause to be placed upon the next Estimates a sum of money for the erection of a bridge across the Turon River at the Wallaby Rock, near Sofala?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—Section and survey have been ordered, and the question will be considered before the Estimates are prepared.
- (18.) Model Farms:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money upon the next Estimates for the purpose of establishing model farms in various parts of the Colony?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It certainly is the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps to establish model farms, but I cannot say whether we shall place sums of money on the Estimates for the purpose. I think the probability is that we shall endeavour to effect the object by Bill.
2. CHURCH AND PERKINS STREETS, NEWCASTLE, BILL:—Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Newcastle, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to alter the levels, width, and direction of Church-street and Perkins-street at and near their meeting or intersection.
And Mr. Fletcher having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners Advocate*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
3. MR. JOHN ROCHE ARDILL:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from John Roche Ardill, representing that he is a Licensed Surveyor, and in that capacity made several surveys in accordance with instructions issued to Licensed Surveyors by the Surveyor-General; that his surveys were proved to be correct; but, notwithstanding, the Surveyor-General refused to accept his plans, or to pay for the surveys, at which he is aggrieved, and has suffered pecuniary loss; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.
4. NORTH SHORE, MANLY, AND PITTWATER TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Reid presented a Petition from Clement Alban Benbow, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a Tramway from the northern terminus of the North Shore Cable Tramway to the Spit, at Middle Harbour, together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point and Middle Head, and from the Spit aforesaid to Manly Village, and a light Railway thence to Pittwater, Broken Bay, and the erection of a bridge over the waters of Middle Harbour, at the Spit aforesaid.
And Mr. Reid having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Spectator*, and the *North Shore and Manly Times*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
5. DISTRICT COURT BAILIFFS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the names of all District Court Bailiffs and the amount of fees received by each of them for the performance of their several duties during the year 1886, and for the six months ending 30th June last—such Return to distinguish the fees paid for the several services performed by such bailiffs.
Question put and passed.
6. CURRUGUNDI RUN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Frank Farnell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, plans, &c., in connection with the pastoral holding known as Currugundi, in the Gwydir District.
Question put and passed.
7. BLUE METAL FOR RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all tenders, minutes, and papers relating to the purchase of 3,000 tons of blue metal for the railways and tramways, called for on the 20th September.
Question put and passed.
8. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Davis moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867 in certain respects.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Davis presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867 in certain respects*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT PETERSHAM BRIDGE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day, for Mr. McElhone, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, reports of officials, &c., in reference to the accident to the train at the railway bridge, Petersham.
Question put and passed.
10. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cameron, for Mr. O'Connor, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to further amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.'*"
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 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th October, 1887.*

11. MUNICIPAL ROADS AND STREETS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Frank Farnell, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to amend the 117th section of the ‘Municipalities Act of 1867’ in certain respects.*”
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 117th section of the ‘Municipalities Act of 1867’ in certain respects,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th October, 1887.*

12. ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and *passed*

Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Albury within the Borough of Albury.*”

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 erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Albury within the Borough of Albury,*”—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, 5th October, 1887.*

13. WENTWORTH ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL:—Mr. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to subdivide the Electoral District of Wentworth,*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 1st November.

14. PAPER:—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence respecting the Evans’ Patent Combination Truck.

Ordered to be printed.

15. PUBLIC LANDS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, 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 regulate the sale, lease, and management of Crown Lands, and for other purposes.

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 regulate the sale, lease, and management of Crown Lands, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Garrett, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Garrett, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
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 regulate the sale, lease, and management of Crown Lands, and for other purposes.

*Government House,
Sydney, 5th October, 1887.*

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

16. BANKRUPTCY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wise, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—

And the Question being again proposed,—

Debate ensued.

And the Honorable Member for Shoalhaven having used language reflecting on the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, now an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court,—

Mr. Speaker said that the Honorable Member was infringing the rules of Debate in speaking of an officer of a Superior Court in disrespectful terms.

Whereupon Mr. Toohey moved, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker that the words used by Mr. Martin, Member for Shoalhaven, viz., that the late Chief Commissioner for Insolvent Estates “was the greatest old woman and sympathiser with insolvents “that ever sat on the Bench,” are out of order.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Speaker having stated that he misapprehended the circumstances when he interrupted the Honorable Member for Shoalhaven,—

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Bankruptcy Bill was then resumed.

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

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wise, 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.

17. PAPER:—Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—Paper in connection with the Case of O'Rourke and McSharry *v.* the Commissioner of Railways.
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 1887.

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from the Clerk, informing him that a document laid upon the Table yesterday, and ordered to be printed, had been handed to the Honorable Member for the Hume, Mr. Lyne, and that up to the time for the meeting of the House to-day the document had not been returned to his custody.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Attorney-General:—*Mr. Toohey*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Attorney-General appeared to represent the Crown or the Commissioner for Railways in any civil actions or any arbitration proceedings since he has been in office?
 (2.) In what cases has he so appeared?
 (3.) What fees have been paid in each of such cases, or what fees are now payable to him?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The answer supplied to me from the Crown Law Office is,—

- (1.) Yes; in one case.
 (2.) The arbitration case, Honorable John Smith, M.L.C., v. Commissioner for Railways, in respect to land taken at Molong.
 (3.) A fee of 55 guineas was paid.

- (2.) Dogs Registered:—*Mr. Teece*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) The number of dogs that have been registered in Sydney and suburbs up to the present date, and the amount received from the same?
 (2.) The like information with regard to the number of dogs that have been registered in the interior?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Number of dogs registered, 20,278; amount received from same, £2,534 15s.
 (2.) To obtain this information it would be necessary to communicate with all the country Benches. If the Honorable Member so desires, he might move for a Return in the usual manner.

- (3.) Road from Narromine to the Bogan:—*Mr. Teece*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 When will the road from Narromine (on the Western Line of railway) to the Bogan be open to the use of the public?

Mr. Garrett answered,—This road has been laid out within Crown Lands, and was withdrawn from lease by proclamation in *Government Gazette*, 8th September, 1885.

- (4.) William Ross, late Overseer, National Park:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has William Ross, late overseer at the National Park, been discharged, and on what ground?
 (2.) Was it for informing against some of the officers in charge at the National Park?
 (3.) When he was discharged, were six others discharged with him?
 (4.) After he was discharged, were two of his men retained and three others engaged on the gang from which he was removed?
 (5.) Has he ever made any complaints against Springall; and, if so, what is the nature of the complaints?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay a Return on the Table in the course of the evening giving the required information.

(5.)

(5.) Destruction of Timber on Burrawong Run :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Stokes*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a large party of Chinese is engaged by the lessee of the Burrawong Run, in the Forbes district, indiscriminately destroying large tracts of valuable pine timber?
- (2.) Will he call upon the District Inspector of Forests to report why he has not promptly reported upon this matter, as requested by letter, dated 19th August last?
- (3.) Will he telegraph instructions for a special report upon this matter, and take such steps deemed advisable?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) No; but the lessee of the run has permission to ringbark certain timber within an area of 100,000 acres.
- (2.) The Forest Ranger of the district has been instructed to inspect, with a view to ascertain whether the lessee is observing the conditions of the permit.
- (3.) The Ranger has already been asked by telegram why he has not reported.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting the purchase by the Government of Land between the Australasian Steam Navigation Company's Wharf and Dawes Point.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the subject.
- (2.) Report of the Inspector of Public Charities for 1886.
- (3.) Particulars respecting *William Ross*, late Overseer at the National Park.
- (4.) By-laws of the Borough of Armidale, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
- (5.) By-laws of the Borough of East St. Leonards, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Report respecting proposed changes in the Penal Administration of the Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

4. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL:—*Sir Henry Parkes* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
5. PUBLIC WORKS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the constitution of an authority to investigate and report upon proposals for public works submitted to Parliament, to make better provision for the acquisition of land for carrying out such works, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.
6. TRADES CONCILIATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, 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 in a Bill to provide for the establishment of Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration for the settlement of trade and labour disputes.
Question put and passed.
7. CONTRACTORS DEBTS ACT EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, 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 in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Act 42 Victoria No. 22, intituled the "*Contractors Debts Act*," for the purpose of better securing the payment of debts due for material supplied by tradesmen and others.
Question put and passed.
8. CHURCH AND PERKINS STREETS, NEWCASTLE, BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 - (1.) *Mr. Fletcher* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to alter the levels, width, and direction of Church-street and Perkins-street, at and near their meeting or intersection.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) *Mr. Fletcher* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to alter the levels width and direction of Church-street and Perkins-street at and near their meeting or intersection*,"—read a first time.
9. PETITIONS FOR LEAVE TO SURRENDER ESTATES IN INSOLVENCY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cameron* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of petitions for leave to surrender estates in insolvency presented in the Insolvent Court since the date of the appointment of *Alfred Macfarland*, Esquire, as Deputy Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, and the date of each petition.
 - (2.) The date of acceptance of each surrender under such petitions by His Honor the Deputy Chief Commissioner.
 - (3.) Any requisitions or memoranda made, or note of any inquiries directed, by His Honor the Deputy Chief Commissioner between the date of the presentation of each of such petitions and the acceptance of surrenders thereunder by His Honor the Deputy Chief Commissioner.
 - (4.) The number of such petitions awaiting adjudication and acceptance of surrender by His Honor each day during the month of September last.
Question put and passed.

10. **CREMATION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett 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 in a Bill to regulate the process of cremation.
Question put and passed.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Lyne rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to consider the action of the Government in reference to the payment of £16,000 for Evans's Truck Patent."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn,—and in the course of his speech proceeding to quote from the document referred to in entry No. 1 of this day's proceedings, which had not been returned to the custody of the Clerk,—

PRIVILEGE:—Mr. Foster moved, as a matter of Privilege,—That the Honorable Member for the Hume, Mr. Lyne, has been guilty of contempt of this House in keeping the papers laid upon the Table of this House as "Further correspondence respecting the Evans' Combination Truck" in his own custody and out of the custody of the Clerk of the House, and that he be required to leave them in such custody, as required by the Standing Order.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Lyne having been heard in his place, withdrew.

Debate continued.

And the papers referred to having been delivered to the custody of the Clerk,—

Mr. Foster, by leave, withdrew the motion.

Mr. Lyne re-entered the Chamber, and, by leave, withdrew the motion for the adjournment of the House.

12. **PRIVILEGE** (*Seat of the Honorable Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire and report to this House whether Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, one of the Members for South Sydney, has not since his election accepted an office of emolument beyond that provided for in the office of Attorney-General, having accepted a fee of fifty-five guineas from the Commissioner for Railways, in contravention of the 28th section of the Constitution Act.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

13. **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 Ten o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, 11th October, in Committee Room No. 2.

14. **BANKRUPTCY 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.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1887, A.M.

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

15. **THOMAS THOMPSON'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, MADE AT MOAMA**:—Mr. Chanter 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 all the circumstances attending the conditional purchase of Thomas Thompson, made at Moama, on the 12th January, 1882.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Day, Mr. Gale, Mr. Gormly, Dr. Ross, Mr. Levien, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Progress Report, Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, brought up on the 12th July, 1887, be referred to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

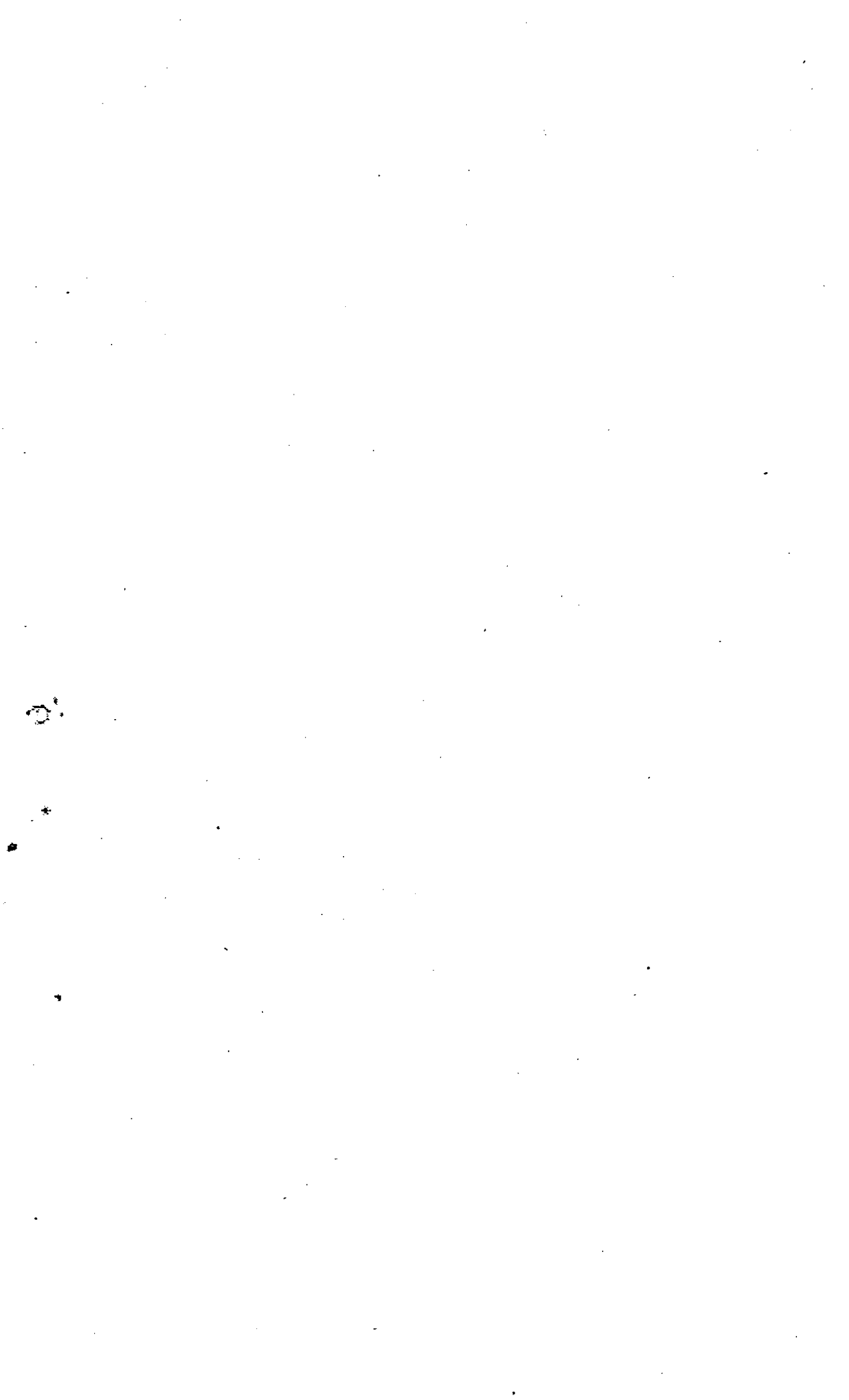
16. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter after One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1887.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

- (1.) (*Privilege—Seat of the Honorable Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire*):—Mr. R. Burdett Smith, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence, together with Appendix, taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, with reference to the question submitted to them on the 6th October instant regarding the Seat of Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire.

The Report was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 22nd September, 1887, to whom was referred on the 6th October, 1887, the question whether Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, one of the Members for South Sydney, has not since his election accepted an office of emolument beyond that provided for in the office of Attorney-General, having accepted a fee of fifty-five guineas from the Commissioner for Railways, in contravention of the 28th section of the Constitution Act,—have determined and do hereby accordingly declare:—

“That Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, one of the Members for South Sydney, has not since his election accepted an office of emolument beyond that provided for in the office of Attorney-General, in contravention of the 28th section of the Constitution Act.”

“R. BURDETT SMITH,
“Chairman.”

“No. 2 Committee Room,
“11th October, 1887.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. R. Burdett Smith, that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, together with Appendix, be printed.

- (2.) *Adjournment of the Committee*:—Mr. R. Burdett Smith moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matter referred to them having been disposed of.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Local Land Board, Clarence District:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it true that a number of selectors in the Clarence District who applied for certificates of conformity nearly two years ago cannot get their cases investigated by the Local Land Board?

(2.) Is it true that Inspector Wilshire has not given evidence in any case under the old Land Act for the past twenty months?

(3.) Is it the duty of the Chairman of the Land Board, when applied to, to inform selectors when a Court of Inquiry will be held?

(4.) Have the arrears of work so accumulated in the Lands Office, Grafton, that it will take some time to overcome; if so, will any steps be taken to expedite the work?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I have been furnished by the Chairman at Grafton with particulars for the following reply to the honorable gentleman's question:—

(1.) No; there is only one application in hand for a certificate applied for so far back as July, 1886, and that is of a questionable character.

(2.) Mr. Wilshire last gave evidence at the Grafton Court in April, 1886. He is not summoned to give evidence unless absolutely required.

(3.) Yes; and, when possible, are always informed.

(4.) There are no arrears, although, but for the state of the country, the cases now for Court would have been dealt with earlier.

(2.)

- (2.) Court-house, Bourke:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the Court-house premises at Bourke are in a most dilapidated condition, and will he cause all necessary repairs to be made with as little delay as possible?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A tender for repairs to this building has been recommended for acceptance, and when approved the work will be carried out.

- (3.) Frontage to Land purchased by the Government at Dawes Point:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to purchase the frontage to the land purchased by the Government for £29,000 at Dawes Point?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to purchase the land between the portion resumed for £29,000 and the Government reserve?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to purchase any additional land in this neighbourhood.

- (4.) The *Bulletin*:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the *Bulletin* is prohibited in any or all of the barracks of the local Forces?

(2.) If so, will he have any objection to state the reason for the prohibition?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have ascertained that it is not a fact that there is any prohibition against any newspaper; but I do not think it is any part of my duty to inquire what the literary tastes of the Forces may be.

- (5.) Railway from Tarana to Jenolan Caves:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to include in their railway extension policy the line from Tarana to the Jenolan Caves, *via* Oberon?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This matter will receive attention when the Government are considering their railway policy.

- (6.) Electric Motors for Tramways:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any offers been made to the Government for the supply of electric motors for tramway purposes?

(2.) If so, by whom, and at what price?

(3.) Has the Government any intention of purchasing any of these motors for trial?

(4.) If so, is it intended to call for tenders, even though the motors are intended to be used for experimental purposes only?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The question of working the electric motors has arisen before the Government, and there have been some propositions made to us, but as yet the Government is not committed either to purchase or do anything else beyond granting permission to the owners of some of these motors to try them on our lines at their own expense.

- (7.) Pastoral and Agricultural Show-ground, Queanbeyan:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The amount received for rent or other purposes by the Trustees of the Pastoral and Agricultural Show-ground at Queanbeyan?

(2.) The amount paid to the said Trustees by the Government?

(3.) Has any account of the moneys received and expended by the said Trustees been rendered to any Government official?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The sum of £57 appears to have been received by the Trustees as a subscription in consideration for permission to certain persons to make bricks on the ground.

(2.) No grant of money to the Trustees has been made by the Government.

(3.) No.

- (8.) Moama Wharf:—Mr. Wall, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he received a report as to the necessity of providing proper facilities for loading and unloading vessels at the Moama wharf?

(2.) Will he have any objection to cause a copy of said report to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have not received a report on the facilities provided for loading and unloading vessels at Moama wharf, but I have directed that one be furnished.

- (9.) Marine Board, Moama:—Mr. Wall, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the necessity for the appointment of a Marine Board at Moama?

Mr. Burns answered,—As far as I can ascertain, there is at present no necessity for the appointment of a Marine Board at Moama; but I shall cause inquiry to be made in reference to the mode of transacting business in connection with the navigation of the Murray.

- (10.) Kogarah-Sans Souci Tramway:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What have been the gross earnings of the Kogarah-Sans Souci Tramway since the date of opening up to, and inclusive of, Monday, 3rd October?

(2.) What have been the expenses during that period for working, &c.?

(3.) What have been the net earnings during the same period, and what rate of interest per annum on cost of line to the Government is thus represented; or, if a loss, to what extent, and at what percentage?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) £141 for twenty-four days.

(2.) £84.

(3.) £57, which represents $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. upon the capital invested by the Government. It must be borne in mind, however, that nothing beyond the actual working expenses for twenty-four days running is debited against the line. The cost of repairs and renewals, which will be required in a short time, will reduce the high percentage of interest to capital at present shown.

(11.) Road from Moulamein to Koondrook:—*Mr. Wall*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the road leading from Moulamein to Koondrook be opened for public traffic?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The matter is under reference to the Works Department for report as to whether bridges are necessary. Upon receipt of this report the opening will be considered.

(12.) Railway Policy of the Government:—*Mr. Moore* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can he say when the railway policy of the Government will be announced?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not in a position to state when the Government will put before Parliament their proposed railway policy; but probably in about a month.

(13.) Officers of Military Corps:—*Mr. Moore* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it not the duty of Commanding Officers of Military Corps in the service of this Colony to encourage the officers under their command to present themselves for the examinations qualifying them for higher rank?

(2.) Have any instances recently occurred in which the names sent in to Headquarters of officers desirous of undergoing such examination have been withdrawn at the request of any Commanding Officer of a Defence Corps?

(3.) What were the names so withdrawn, and what were the names of the Commanding Officers?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) There is no record. A difficulty frequently occurs in getting those whose names are recorded to present themselves at the proper time.

(14.) Ashfield and Druiit Town Tramway:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Stephen*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have instructions been given for a survey of the proposed route for the Ashfield and Druiit Town Tramway?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes; a survey of this route has been authorized.

(15.) Nominations to the Magistracy:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Who nominated the following gentlemen for appointment as Justices of the Peace:—*Mr. Dixon*, storekeeper, of Greta; *Mr. J. T. Chapman*, of Cessnock; *Mr. E. Hinchcliffe*, of Millfield; and *Mr. George Brown*, of Cessnock district?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think I am justified in giving the names of the gentlemen who recommended these appointments to the Commission of the Peace. The other day the honorable gentleman asked me a question, and I told him in that instance who were the gentlemen who recommended those appointments to the Commission, but it has not been the practice to do so, and clearly it would lead to a good deal of inconvenience if the practice were established. And as the Honorable Member seems disposed to go through the whole list, I think I must tell him that I cannot give him the names. I may as well state, however, that in one of the cases I am myself making some inquiry. I am not satisfied with the appointment myself.

(16.) Forbes and Eugoura Road:—*Mr. Stokes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many tenders were received by *Mr. Road-Inspector Adams*, at the Forbes Office, for the spreading of road metal on the Forbes and Eugoura Road, in completion of the cancelled contracts of Messrs. Bathgate & Leader, Nos. 1 and 2 respectively?

(2.) The names of successful tenderers, and contract price?

(3.) The time stipulated for completion of same?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Three tenders were received for carting out and spreading metal in completion of Bathgate's and Leader's contracts.

(2.) *George Doyle*; price, 1s. per cubic yard.

(3.) Two weeks.

(17.) *Mr. Leonard*, Road Contractor:—*Mr. Stokes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the action of *Mr. Road-Inspector Adams*, of Forbes, in cancelling the contract of *Mr. Leonard*, and completing the same at the contractor's risk, will he cause inquiries to be made, with a view to the granting of compensation to *Mr. Leonard* for losses thus sustained?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I find that the bond in this contract (value £505) was signed on the 19th July, 1886, the work to be completed in three months. The contract was cancelled 1st August, 1887. The contractor, *Leonard*, has justly forfeited his right to receive any money accruing under his contract; but inquiry will be made on completion of the work if there will be any surplus over payments made and cost of completion, and a decision will then be arrived at.

(18.) Post and Telegraph Office, Tumberumba:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take steps to have the Post and Telegraph Office at Tumberumba erected without delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A plan is being prepared for this building. It will be completed as early as possible, and, when approved, tenders will be invited.

3. **YASS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL**:—Mr. Colls presented a Petition from the Right Reverend William Lanigan, Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Goulburn, the Reverend Patrick Dunne, and Morgan O'Connor, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan, the Reverend Patrick Dunne, and Morgan O'Connor, Trustees of certain allotments in the town of Yass, granted to Henry O'Brien and others, as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
And Mr. Colls having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Yass Evening Tribune*, and the *Yass Courier*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
4. **PAPER**:—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 27th September, 1887—
"Road, Cooma to Bombala."
Ordered to be printed.
5. **ENGINES USED ON RAILWAY BETWEEN SYDNEY, PENRITH, AND MOUNT VICTORIA (Formal Motion)**:—
Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of engines employed during the twelve months ending the 1st of September, 1887, conveying goods and passenger trains between Mount Victoria and Penrith; also, the number of engines used in conveying the same trains between Penrith and Sydney.
Question put and passed.
6. **JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Trickett, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the remedies of judgment creditors.
Question put and passed.
7. **FUEL DELIVERY BILL**:—The Order of the Day in reference to the introduction of this Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
8. **SALARIES OF CIVIL SERVANTS**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, having regard to the serious deficiency in the revenue, and with the view of promoting a reduction of the expenditure in the administration of the Government of this Colony, this House is of opinion that the payment of increases in the salaries of the members of the Civil Service of this Colony, proposed by the Stuart Government, and sanctioned by the Parliament in the Appropriation Act for the year 1883, and continued up to the present time, ought to cease, and that the amount of yearly salary payable in future to each Civil Servant respectively should revert to the rate paid prior to the said increases being granted, unless an officer has been promoted to a higher grade in the Service in the interim; and in such case the salary to be paid to an officer under such circumstances shall be at the rate paid to officers of the same grade in the Service prior to the aforesaid action of the Government.
(2.) That effect should be given to the principle embodied in the foregoing Resolution in the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1888.
(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Dr. Ross,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Garvan.
Tellers,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Dawson.

Noes, 53.

Sir Henry Parkes,	r. Reid,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Hawken,	<i>Tellers</i> .
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Carruthers,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. **PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY**:—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*):—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the practice, law, and regulation of medicine and surgery.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Ross, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Day, Mr. Gale, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Fletcher, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

10. JOHN TIERNEY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—Mr. Wall 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 refusal by the Mines Department of the application made by John Tierney to mine on his conditional purchase, under the 7th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abigail, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Garland, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Kelly, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

11. SALE OF INTOXICATING DRINK IN THE PARLIAMENTARY BUILDINGS:—Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of selling and supplying intoxicating drink within the walls of this building should be at once discontinued.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,
 Mr. Allen,
 Mr. Henson,
 Mr. Gale,
 Mr. Hawthorne,
 Mr. Cooke,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Thompson,
 Mr. Dowel,
 Mr. McElhonn.

Tellers,

Mr. Garland,
 Mr. Creer.

Noes, 42.

Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. See,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Crouch,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Teece,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Rytic,	
Mr. Ives,	
Mr. Trickett,	
Mr. Cortis,	

Tellers,

Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Sydney Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

12. ST. PETERS-LIVERPOOL RAILWAY:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Petition from Thomas Austen Davis, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Canterbury, praying the House to authorize the early construction of a Railway from St. Peters to Liverpool.
 Petition received.
13. JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. Trickett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the remedies of Judgment Creditors*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 1st November.
14. FREE RAILWAY PASSES TO JUDGES OF LIVE STOCK:—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that free passes on the Government Railways should be granted to Judges of Live Stock journeying to and from Pastoral and Agricultural Shows.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued,—
 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*.
15. HARBOUR TRUSTS:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this "House," considering that Harbour Trusts are proving so successful wherever tried, and that Sydney Harbour (the finest in the world) has the most wretched facilities for shipping, &c., and that this is a most opportune time, the Government should immediately resume the whole of the wharf and foreshores requisite now at Port Jackson, Sydney, and at Port Hunter, Newcastle, with the view to form Harbour Trusts, giving them power to purchase, resume, improve, and borrow money, thereby relieving the Consolidated Revenue, and giving employment to thousands.
 Debate ensued.
 Sir Henry Parkes 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, "the importance of the Port of Sydney renders it necessary that the Government should, at an early date, introduce a Bill to carry out an improved system of harbour management."
 Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 Debate continued.
 Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
 Original Question, by leave, withdrawn.
16. CENTENARY CELEBRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
 (1.) Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Centenary Celebration Act, 51 Vic. No. 9, so far as that Act applies to the erection of a State House on the Centennial Park.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the Centenary Celebration Act 51 Vic. No. 9 so far as that Act applies to the erection of a State House on the Centennial Park*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

17. STATE HOUSE.—HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT :—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of bringing in a Bill to appropriate the sum of £150,000 from the proceeds of the sale of a portion of the Centennial Park for the erection of a State House, to be used as Houses of Parliament, on the site in Macquarie-street purchased for that purpose.
Question put and passed.
18. NORTH SHORE, MANLY, AND PITTWATER TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY BILL :—
(1.) Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a tramway from the northern terminus of the North Shore Cable Tramway to the Spit at Middle Harbour, together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point and Middle Head, and from the Spit aforesaid to Manly Village, and a light railway thence to Pittwater, Broken Bay, and the erection of a bridge over the waters of Middle Harbour at the Spit aforesaid.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Day having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of a Tramway from the northern terminus of the North Shore Cable Tramway to the Spit at Middle Harbour together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point and Middle Head and from the Spit aforesaid to Manly Village and a Light Railway thence to Pittwater Broken Bay and the erection of a Bridge over the waters of Middle Harbour at the Spit aforesaid,*"—read a first time.
19. WILLIAM SKENE'S PRE-LEASE AT CONARGO :—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Chanter, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, letters, and other correspondence, in relation to a pre-lease taken up by William Skene, at Conargo, near Deniliquin, in the year 1878.
Question put and passed.
20. CHURCH AND PERKINS STREETS, NEWCASTLE, BILL :—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Church and Perkins Streets, Newcastle, Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Melville, Mr. Gale, Mr. Creer, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Dowel, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Henry Clarke, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at a quarter past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Railway Refreshment Rooms :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Under what conditions are licenses issued to lessees of the railway refreshment rooms?
- (2.) Do the Regulations stipulate that only *bonâ fide* railway travellers are to be supplied?
- (3.) Are they otherwise subject to the Licensing Act as to days and hours of sale?
- (4.) Is it true that some of the refreshment rooms are open for the sale of spirits to the general public on Sundays, and on week days after the usual hours of closing?
- (5.) Do they pay the usual license fee?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Under the conditions embodied in Regulations, a copy of which was laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the 12th October, 1883, and ordered to be printed.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No; clause 4 of the Regulations authorizes the sale of liquors to persons arriving at or departing by rail from the stations at any time during the day or night.
- (4.) They are entitled to be opened if trains are running after the usual hours of closing, but refreshments should not be supplied to the general public other than travellers.
- (5.) Yes.

- (2.) Conservation of Water :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it true that the matter of supervising the construction of tanks and conservation of water generally is divided between the officers of the Works and Mines Departments?
- (2.) Is it true that much confusion and delay in carrying out water conservation is caused by the work being divided between the two Departments?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take immediate steps to have the work all transferred to one Department?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The construction of tanks and wells has been carried out by the Roads Department for twenty years without complaints from the public.
- (2.) No confusion or avoidable delay takes place in carrying out the construction, but difficulties have arisen as to maintenance, from causes beyond the control of the Roads Officers.
- (3.) The Local Government Bill will end most of the difficulties of this kind.

- (3.) The Case of Thomas Dean :—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that in June last a warrant was issued by Mr. Marsh, S.M., at the Balmain Police Court, against one Thomas Dean, for disobeying a summons under the Public Instruction Act?
- (2.) Is he aware that the Acting Under-Secretary interviewed the said Stipendiary Magistrate with reference to the above case whilst it was *sub judice*; if so, by whose authority?
- (3.) Did the Minister himself write to the said Stipendiary Magistrate, suggesting any course of action in the above matter; and, if so, was such suggestion adopted?
- (4.) Is he aware that the Stipendiary Magistrate subsequently wrote to the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Balmain, to omit the said case from the Police Sheet?
- (5.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House copies of all reports, minutes, and telegrams relating to this matter, and state what was the final result to the defendant?

Mr.

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Mr. Marsh informs me that, on the 25th June last, he signed, but did not issue, a warrant at the Balmain Police Court against one Thomas Dean, for disobedience of a summons under the Public Instruction Act.

(2.) The Acting Under Secretary did not, in a literal sense, interview Mr. Marsh on the subject, but simply asked a question whilst Mr. Marsh was adjudicating at the Water Police Court.

(3 and 4.)—I simply wrote to Mr. Marsh to the effect that I should be glad if he could see his way clear to stay further proceedings in the execution of the warrant. He afterwards called upon me, when I gave him further particulars of the case. I have now obtained the following information from him, which I will give in his own words:—"Subsequently I saw the Minister, from whom I heard further particulars, which satisfied me that the defendant must be absolved from any wilful disobedience of the summons. I then communicated with the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Balmain, and directed him, provided the warrant had not been placed in the hands of the police for execution, to hold it back for awhile, until the next time I attended the Balmain Police Court; and I further directed that, in the meantime, the defendant should have timely notice of the day he would have to appear, in answer to the charge, and that if he did not the warrant would then have to be 'put in force.' On the day fixed for the hearing (11th July), the case was again called on, and the defendant duly appeared, but the Attendance Officer (Mr. George) at once rose and requested to be allowed to withdraw the information, whereupon the defendant was discharged."

(5.) I will presently lay upon the Table copies of all reports, minutes, &c., relating to the matter, from which full particulars of the case can be ascertained.

(4.) Major Parrott's Report on Military Matters:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a report been received from Major Parrott, of the Engineer Corps, as the result of his inquiries, study, travels, and inspection of the defences, war material, &c., of England and the Continent of Europe?

(2.) If so, has such report been acknowledged by the Government?

(3.) When was the report received, and if acknowledged, when?

(4.) Does the Colonial Secretary intend to give Major Parrott's report his consideration?

(5.) Will he lay the report upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This question somewhat surprises me. Some little time ago Major Parrott called on me, and, in the course of conversation, asked me whether I would allow him to send in a report of what he had discovered and of his experience in the course of his travels in regard to military matters. I said in reply that I should be very happy to receive his report if he chose to send it in. He sent in his report, which had all the appearance of a private document, being in a leather case, and illustrated by photographs pasted on portions of the report. I saw Major Parrott several times. I repeatedly acknowledged having received the report, but up to this moment I have never regarded it as a public or official document. After this question, I shall consider it my duty to return it to the owner. I do not acknowledge it as an official document in any way whatever.

(5.) Iron for Bridges, Roads Department:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is there any officer appointed to test the quality of iron used in the construction of bridges erected under the Roads Department?

(2.) Has the iron stood the test of the Department, or has any been condemned?

Mr Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes,—in England, Sir John Fowler; and in the Colony, the Professor of Engineering, and Mr. McDonald, Assistant Engineer, Roads Department, jointly.

(2.) In the Colony some stood the test, and some was condemned. Some passed with a warning, though slightly under the test, as great delay would have been experienced in replacing the iron.

(6.) Iron Telegraph Poles:—Mr. Crouch asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is the Return with regard to the supply and cost of iron telegraph poles, promised by him in reply to Question 7 on 7th June last, yet prepared?

(2.) If not, what is the reason of the delay?

(3.) When will he fulfil his promise to lay it upon the Table?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) It is not yet prepared.

(2.) As the preparation of this Return necessitates a reference to the accounts extending many years back, it has taken much time to do the work.

(3.) I hope to be able to do so in about a week.

(7.) Vote for Roads passing through Municipalities:—Mr. Crouch asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Mileage Vote for Government roads within municipal limits of country municipalities be available, in accordance with the Resolution of Parliament passed last Session?

Mr. Burns answered,—In some cases the payments out of the Mileage Vote for Government roads within municipal limits of country municipalities have already been made. In others, payment cannot be made until satisfactory returns are in the hands of the Government.

(8.) Bridge over Dilga Creek:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any tender yet been accepted for the erection of a bridge over the Dilga Creek, on the road from Cummoock to Baldary?

(2.) Will he state the reason why the construction of this bridge is not being proceeded with?

(3.) Is he aware that the creek has for months been in a dangerous state, and will he see that the work is proceeded with, without further delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The section has not yet been forwarded by the Road Superintendent, who has been instructed to do so at once.

(3.) Attention has been directed to the dangerous state of the crossing-place at Dilga Creek. Plans will be prepared immediately after receipt of the section, and tenders called without delay.

(9.)

(9.) Mr. John Garsed :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Attorney-General,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House the letters addressed to him by Mr. John Garsed, on dates 8th June and 21st July, 1887; also the departmental reply from the Attorney-General's Department, dated 14th September, 1887, having reference to Mr. John Garsed?

Mr. Wise answered,—I have no objection, if moved for in the usual way.

(10.) Model Farms :—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure for the establishment of model farms during the present Session; if so, when?

(2.) Will such farms be created in the West, North, and South Districts?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As announced in the speech of His Excellency, it is the intention of the Government to establish model farms. Whether that will be done by Bill or by submitting a sum for the purpose on the Estimates, the Government have not yet determined. They will certainly be established in different parts of the country where they appear to be desirable.

(11.) Naturalization of Chinese :—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that in the Colony of Victoria it has been decided not to issue any naturalization papers to Chinamen in the future?

(2.) Will he take steps to prevent any more Chinamen being naturalized in this Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—When in Melbourne a short time ago, I informed the Government of Victoria that no naturalization papers had been issued here for a considerable time past, and what they have done is consequent upon what was then talked of. I understand that the notice in the paper refers to the custom here of late not to issue these papers, and it does seem singular that this question should be asked under these circumstances.

(12.) Lock-up at Moama :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of lock-up and keeper's quarters at Moama, for the construction of which a sum of money has been placed upon the Estimates?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—An advertisement, inviting tenders, will appear in the next *Gazette*.

(13.) Designs for Railway Cattle Trucks :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Commission sat in January last to consider the merits of certain truck designs for cattle?

(2.) Who composed the Commission?

(3.) What was the decision?

(4.) Did the Department receive any communication from anyone, after the Commission had finished its labours, relative to a combination truck, purporting to be an improvement on the Evans' Patent?

(5.) What action did the Department take to ascertain the merits of the proposed improvement?

(6.) Did the Department receive any communication (and from whom), setting forth the defects of the Wilkinson Truck?

(7.) What was the nature of these defects?

(8.) Is he aware whether any models of combination trucks were in course of construction in the Government workshops in the month of May last?

(9.) If so, by whose orders was this done?

(10.) How many of the Evans' Trucks were ordered during Mr. Badgery's term of office?

(11.) What remuneration has Mr. Evans received for use of his patent up to the present time?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Commission appointed to inquire into the combination trucks sat in January last.

(2.) Mr. H. S. Badgery, of Sydney, who acted as Chairman; Mr. Thallon, Traffic Manager of the Queensland Railways; and Mr. Gill, Foreman of the Waggon-shops, Victoria.

(3.) The decision was that the Evans' Truck was the most economical and the most suitable for the conveyance of cattle, sheep, and merchandise, and they recommended accordingly.

(4 and 5.) There is no record of any communication in the terms stated.

(6 and 7.) There is no record of any communication of the kind.

(8 and 9.) I cannot find that any such models were made.

(10.) None.

(11.) Nothing.

(14.) The Rabbit Pest :—Mr. Abbott asked the Secretary for Mines,—Referring to the *Gazette* notice of the 31st August last, offering a reward of £25,000 for the extermination of rabbits, when is it the intention of the Government to appoint the Board referred to in that notice?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The Board will be appointed as soon as time has been afforded to people in Europe and America to submit schemes.

(15.) Registrar-General's Department :—Mr. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the office-hours of the Examiners of Titles in the Registrar-General's Office?

(2.) What are the office-hours of the Registrar-General?

(3.) Apart from holidays, how many days have any of these officers been absent from their respective offices during the present year?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will shortly lay a paper upon the Table, giving the required information.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Correspondence relating to the Case of Mr. Thomas Dean, summoned at Balmain under the Public Instruction Act.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Particulars respecting the Office-hours, &c., of the Examiners of Titles and the Registrar-General.

(2.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.

(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Kempsey.

Ordered to be printed.

3. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Burns*, for 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 define and extend the operations of certain provisions of the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880," and to amend the said Act in other respects.
Question put and passed.
4. YASS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) *Mr. Colls* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan, the Reverend Patrick Dunne, and Morgan O'Connor, Trustees of certain allotments in the town of Yass, granted to Henry O'Brien and others, as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
Question put and passed.
(2.) *Mr. Colls* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Reverend Patrick Dunne and Morgan O'Connor Trustees of certain allotments in the town of Yass granted to Henry O'Brien and others as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass to sell the said lands and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*"—read a first time.
5. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Frank Farnell* 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 in a Bill for the prevention of contagious diseases.
Question put and passed.
6. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE CASE.—GEORGE MILLGATE v. THE HONORABLE JOHN SMITH (*Formal Motion*):—*Dr. Ross* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, further returns of copies of all additional reports, letters, minutes, and other correspondence, &c., that has taken place since the correspondence laid on the Table and ordered to be printed 19th March, 1884, in the case of George F. Millgate, of the Bell River, respecting certain portions of Crown Lands situated in the county of Wellington, and now in dispute between *Mr. Millgate* and the Honorable John Smith, of Molong.
Question put and passed.
7. COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cameron* 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 in a Bill to regulate common lodging-houses.
Question put and passed.
8. BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER MURRAY AT MULWALA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Lync* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, minutes, papers, plans, and reports relating to the proposed bridge over the Murray River, at Mulwala.
Question put and passed.
9. PARTNERSHIP BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Abbott*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law of partnership.
Question put and passed.
10. NORTH SHORE, MANLY, AND PITTWATER TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Day* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the North Shore, Manly, and Pittwater Tramway and Railway 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. Black*, *Mr. Reid*, *Mr. Slattery*, *Mr. Sutherland*, *Mr. Gibbes*, *Mr. Dalton*, *Mr. R. Burdett Smith*, *Mr. Ives*, *Mr. O'Connor*, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
11. BOROUGH OF BALMAIN WHARVES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Garrard*, read a third time, and passed
Mr. Garrard then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Borough of Balmain to lease and acquire lands and to erect thereon Wharves and to levy rates on all Wharves in its possession.*"
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 Borough of Balmain to lease and acquire lands and to erect thereon Wharves and to levy rates on all Wharves in its possession,*"—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, 12th October, 1887.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Dibbs* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to consider the answer given by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary to Question "No. 4 on to-day's Business Paper."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived,

13. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed,—
- (1.) Liens on Wool Bill ; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill ;—*until Tuesday, 1st November.*
 - (2.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—*until Tuesday, 15th November.*
 - (3.) Trades Conciliation Bill ; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill ;—*until Tuesday next.*
 - (4.) Contractors Debts Act Extension Bill ; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill ;—*until Tuesday next.*
14. **CROWN LANDS BILL** :—Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to regulate the Sale Lease and Management of Crown Lands and for other purposes,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Garrett moved, That the second reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 26th October.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
15. **DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BILL** :—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to divide the Colony into Local Government Districts and to establish a system of District Government and for other purposes connected therewith,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 26th October.
16. **BANKRUPTCY 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.
17. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

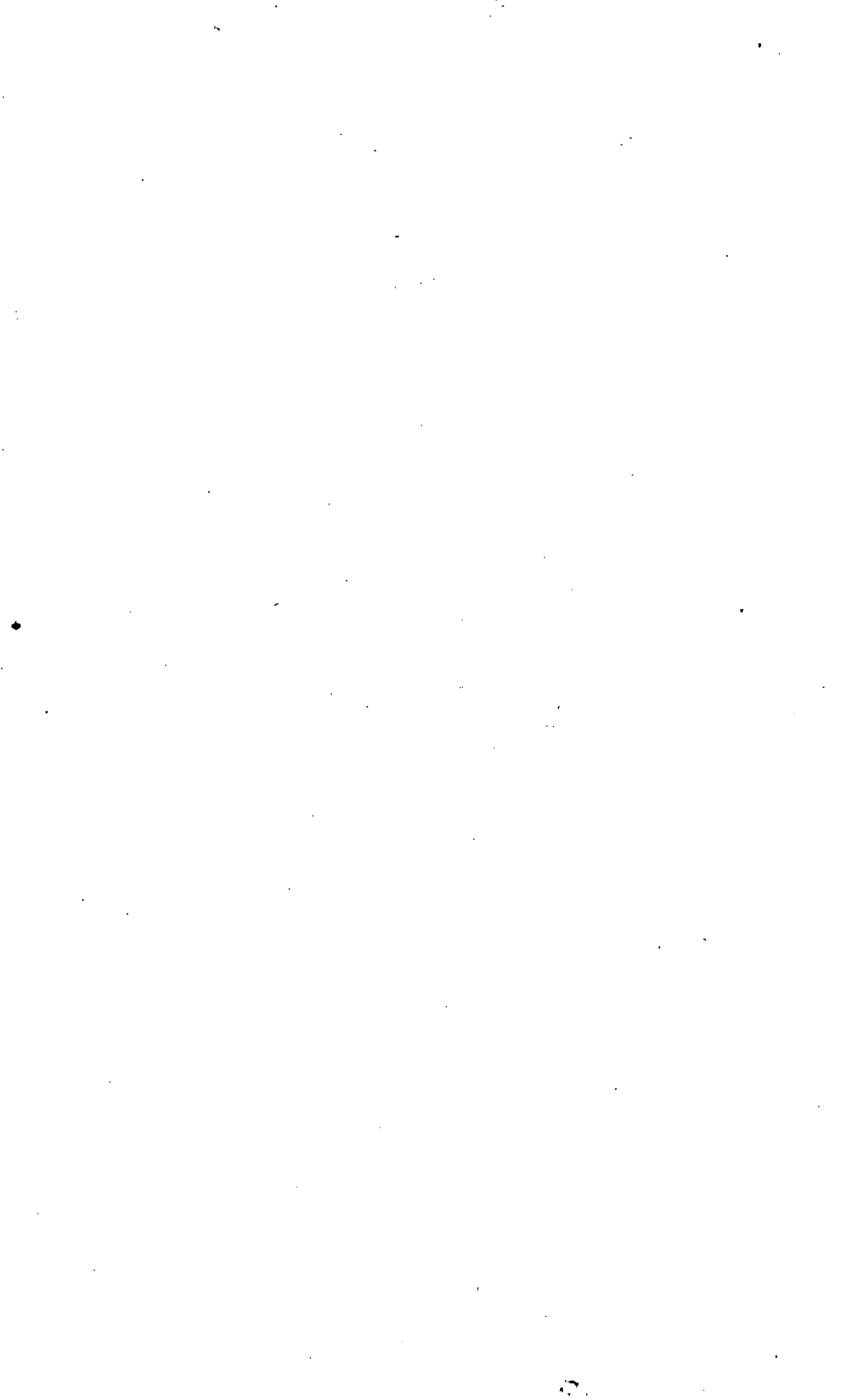
And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 1887, A.M.

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Telegraph Wire:—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Has he caused the wire supplied by Rabone, Feez, & Co., and other importers, to be compared with that recently supplied from England?
- (2.) If not, will he cause this to be done by experts outside the Telegraph Department, as was done in 1879, when Mr. McElhone called attention to the unsatisfactory tests of the Department in regard to imported wire, which was thus proved to be superior to that recommended by Mr. Cracknell?
- (3.) Did Mr. Cracknell accept the wire bought by the Telegraph Department, as stated by Mr. Cracknell in his explanation, No. 17 in the Return, at £14 6s. per ton, and was he satisfied with the tests?
- (4.) Who tested this wire which Mr. Cracknell condemns, and what was the nature of the report?
- (5.) Is he aware that, in 1885, whilst Mr. Cracknell was in England, Johnson & Nephew were offering to supply houses in Australia with similar wire to that recently purchased in England at £9 15s. f.o.b. in London?
- (6.) How was it that Mr. Cracknell, when in that country in the service of the Department, did not make himself acquainted with the fact?
- (7.) The Postmaster General states that Mr. Cracknell, in explanation of his recommendation of a price for telegraph wire of twice the amount it was purchased for, says "that it seems certain some new and cheap process of manufacturing wire of the quality supplied is known."—Will he make inquiry as to the correctness of this assertion?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

In reply to questions (1) and (2) of the Honorable Member I desire to state that I have not yet caused the comparisons to be made, but will give the matter consideration.

(3 and 4.) Mr. Cracknell points out that in his explanation, No. 17 in the Return, there is no statement that wire had been bought at £14 6s. per ton. That figure was clearly stated as the average price paid for wire to importers during two years preceding the publication of the Return, and that he is unaware of having condemned any wire that was up to specification.

(5.) I am not.

(6.) Mr. Cracknell reports as follows:—"When in England, I did not consider it part of my duty to ascertain what any firms were doing in Australia. I utilised the short time at my disposal in England in investigating what I regarded as improvements in the working of telegraph lines, and I think the information I thus gathered is likely to be of more benefit to the public of New South Wales than any knowledge as to whether certain manufacturers were or were not offering their wires in London at £9 15s. per ton. Perhaps the Honorable Member might be asked upon whose information he is able to state as a fact that Johnson & Nephew were offering wire of the same quality at that price f.o.b. in London."

(7.) Mr. Cracknell states as follows:—"In my explanation of the difference between the probable price for wire named by me, and the actual price paid, I made no such assertion as that quoted in the question. I said that 'unless some new and cheap process of manufacturing the wire of the quality supplied is known to the makers, the price could only have resulted in a loss to the manufacturers.' It will be seen that this is very different from the statement in the question."

(2.)

- (2.) Tunnel for Frieze-work under George-street:—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) What is the height, breadth, and length of the tunnel for frieze-work under George-street?
 - (2.) How is it lined?
 - (3.) Was it constructed by contract or by day labour, and by whom?
 - (4.) Under whose supervision was it done?
 - (5.) Does the £195, stated by the Postmaster-General, comprise the whole of the expenditure for the work?
- Mr. Roberts answered,—
- (1.) Height, 4 feet; breadth, 3 feet 6 inches; length, 21 yards.
 - (2.) With bricks.
 - (3.) Tenders were advertised for, and that of Thos. P. Hanley accepted.
 - (4.) Mr. Humphreys.
 - (5.) Ycs.
- (3.) Electric Light, Parliamentary Buildings:—Mr. Henson, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Will he give a more definite answer to Question No. 3, put to him by Mr. Thompson on 4th October instant, as to the total cost of lighting these buildings with the electric light?
 - (2.) At what price did the Electric Light and Power Company offer to do this work?
 - (3.) What amount was paid to Mr. Kingsbury in excess of his tender or offer?
 - (4.) What was his tender or offer?
 - (5.) Upon whose authority, and out of what Vote, was this excess paid?
 - (6.) Has the injured armature been repaired?
- Mr. Roberts answered,—
- (1.) I will be very pleased to endeavour to do so, if my honorable friend will be good enough to point out wherein the answer referred to lacks definition.
 - (2.) The estimate of the Electric Light and Power Company was £830 6s. It was for a Verranti machine, and was not considered suitable, because that system, as worked at that time, had not proved successful.
 - (3.) £1,203 1s., authorized without reference to this Department.
 - (4.) £871 5s., as already stated.
 - (5.) By the authority of the President of the Council and the Speaker of the Assembly; paid out of the vote for Electric Light Contingencies.
 - (6.) No.
- (4.) Jurors, District Court, Cooma:—Mr. Dawson asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that the special jurors who sat as jurymen at the last District Court, Cooma, have not yet been paid?
- Mr. William Clarke answered,—In no instance has a claim been made for jurors fees, although notice was duly posted at the Court-house to the effect that the money was available.
- (5.) Railway Charge for Gravel from Penrith:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the railway carriage on gravel or river metal has been reduced to the Emu Gravel Company, or other company or persons, from Penrith?
 - (2.) If so, how much has the carriage been reduced per ton, and what was the charge per ton before the reduction was made?
 - (3.) Is the Engineer-in-Chief for Roads of opinion that the river gravel or stone is equal to blue metal for road making?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) The rate was not reduced specially to any Company, nor for any place, but generally.
 - (2.) The rate for 50 miles is now 4s. 3d. per ton. Formerly it was 4s. 10d., and *pro rata* for greater or less distances. The basis of present charge is 1s. 6d. per ton for the first 15 miles, and 1d. per ton for every mile in excess of 15.
 - (3.) The Commissioner for Roads has given a written opinion that the metal from Emu boulders, if broken small from large boulders, is harder and better than Kiama blue metal, but not superior to that from Mittagong.
- (6.) Railway Officials travelling free by Railway and Tramway:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the officials in the Railway Department are allowed to travel free by railway and tramway; if so, is this privilege allowed them at all times, or only when travelling in the public interest or on duty?
 - (2.) The like in regard to mechanics employed in the railway workshops?
 - (3.) The like to porters and other persons employed by the Railway Department?
 - (4.) Is it not a fact that clerks, officials, mechanics, porters, and other persons employed by the Railway Department receive fully as much pay per day or per annum as persons performing the same duties in private employ; if so, will he state the reason the above persons are allowed the privilege of travelling free by rail or tram, which privilege increases their pay?
 - (5.) Will he issue instructions providing that all clerks and other persons in Railway Department shall pay their usual fares, unless they are travelling in the execution of their duty?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) They are not allowed to travel free by railway except on special occasions when they have obtained leave of absence. Youths, whose remuneration does not exceed 30s. per week, are allowed to travel free to and from their homes. None of the officials travel free by tramway at any time.
 - (2.) The mechanics unconnected with the running staff do not travel free, except on rare occasions when they have impaired their health in the service, or when given leave in lieu of proclaimed holidays which they could not take owing to the exigencies of the service.
 - (3.) Signal-men, porters, guards, and engine-men, whose duties are connected with the running of trains, are allowed to travel free to and from their homes, and when they are on leave.

(4.) The class of work performed by railway men has no analogy to work performed in other services, and therefore a comparison of pay cannot well be made; but it is the practice on all railways, whether State or private, to allow the employes to travel free, and this privilege may thus be considered as a portion of their remuneration.

(5.) I see no reason why this practice, which is general on all railway lines, should be departed from on the railways of this Colony, but care will be taken to see that the privilege is not abused.

(7.) Mr. District Court Judge Murray:—Mr. Abbott asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Did Mr. District Court Judge Murray recently apply for leave of absence?
- (2.) Upon what grounds did he ask for the same?
- (3.) Was the leave granted or refused; and, if refused, upon what grounds?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes; on the 13th June last.
- (2.) On the grounds of ill-health.
- (3.) Leave was at first refused because of a Resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly in regard to leave of absence to Civil Servants and Crown officials. Subsequently to this decision it was represented Judge Murray was really too ill to go on Circuit, and leave was granted to him for the month of July and a portion of August.

(8.) Hudson Brothers:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the Government in the habit of giving contracts to the firm of Hudson Brothers without calling for tenders?
- (2.) What (if any) contracts had been so given?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) It is not the practice to do so, but in certain exceptional instances work has been given to Hudson Brothers without competition.
- (2.) The works for the temporary water supply from the Nepean is a case in point; and recently they have contracted to repair some railway trucks which were urgently required to meet the demands of the traffic, and for the repair of which the Department had not at the time accommodation.

(9.) Railway Trucks:—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was there a tender received from Wm. Challenger, or any other person, during last year to fix and fit the wheels on a number of railway trucks lying at Eveleigh sheds?
- (2.) What was the amount of such tender or tenders at per truck?
- (3.) How many men have been employed by the Government during the present year on the same work?
- (4.) How long have they been so employed, and what was the rate of wages paid?
- (5.) What number of trucks have been completed, and what has been the average cost per truck?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes; from Mr. Challenger only.
- (2.) One tender, at £1 per truck.
- (3.) None specially engaged for the work; but six men who were already in the employ were engaged upon it.
- (4.) Twenty-one days, at an average rate of 8s. per day.
- (5.) Seventy-two trucks. The average cost was 13s. 3d. per truck.

(10.) The Imperial Institute:—Mr. Hassall asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true that the sum of £80,000 is expected as a contribution from the Australian Colonies towards the Imperial Institute?
- (2.) If so, what proportion of the above sum is New South Wales expected to pay?
- (3.) By whom has this sum been promised, and under what authority?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not see how it is possible for me to say whether £80,000 or any other sum has been expected as the joint contribution of the Australian Colonies. No such proposal has ever been before me. With regard to the other questions, I will answer the third first. No promise to contribute anything has been made by the present Government. A proposal has been submitted by the Government of Victoria that £20,000 may be contributed jointly by the Australian Colonies, and the proportion of that proposal that would fall to the lot of New South Wales would be a sum of about £4,000. The question has not yet been entertained by this Government, and no promise has been given.

(11.) Railway Locomotives:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that undue pressure is being brought to bear on the locomotive drivers of the Railway Department to induce them to report favourably of one of the types of locomotive recently subjected to competitive test?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I have been informed that such is the case.

(12.) Lock-up, Kelso:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of a lock-up and keeper's quarters at Kelso?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The site upon which the lock-up is to be erected is not yet conveyed to the Crown. The matter is in the hands of the Crown Solicitor.

(13.) Members of Licensing Benches acting as Magistrates:—Mr. Day, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is a Member of the Licensing Bench a Justice of the Peace in virtue of that office?
- (2.) During his term of office, would a member of the Licensing Bench be justified in taking his seat on the Magisterial Bench in ordinary cases outside his licensing work?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—As the answers to these questions depend upon the interpretation of a Statute, and therefore involve opinion and possible argument, I feel hardly justified in answering them. Sub-section 2 of section 6 of the principal Licensing Act, however, seems clearly to show that an answer in the affirmative to both questions would be correct.

- (14.) Seaweed Nuisance, Botany Bay:—*Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the alleged seaweed nuisance which now exists, and has existed for years, on the north shore of Botany Bay?
 - (2.) If so, is it their intention to take any steps to remove the same?
- Mr. Sutherland* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The matter is under consideration.
2. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—*Mr. Speaker* acquainted the House that he had been informed that *Mr. Cameron*, the Chairman of Committees, was unable, through illness, to be in his place to-day. Whereupon *Sir Henry Parkes* moved, That *Thomas M. Slattery*, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.
3. PAPER:—*Mr. Inglis* laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumptions, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School purposes at Arable, Black Hill, Dundas, Tootal, and Yarrowick.
Ordered to be printed.
4. EXAMINERS OF TITLES UNDER REAL PROPERTY ACT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hassall*, for *Mr. Abbott*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of applications under the Real Property Act dealt with by *Mr. Burton* during the years 1885 and 1886, and up to 30th September, 1887.
 - (2.) The number of transmission applications dealt with during the same period by the same gentleman.
 - (3.) The same information with regard to *Mr. Maddocks*.
 - (4.) The same information with regard to *Mr. Plomley*.
 - (5.) The same with regard to *Mr. Ould*.
 - (6.) The same with regard to *Mr. Long*.
- Question put and passed.
5. YASS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Colls* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Teece*, *Mr. Garrett*, *Mr. Gormly*, *Mr. Ball*, *Mr. O'Sullivan*, *Mr. Holborow*, *Mr. Frank Farnell*, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
6. DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Walker* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish distress for rent, and to abolish preferential payments in certain cases.
Question put and passed.
7. PRESERVATION OF FISH BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Tonkin* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the better preservation of fish in the inland waters of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. McElhone* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "in order to call attention to the replies of the Attorney-General in reference to "*Mr. McElhone's* questions concerning the paragraphs which appeared in the *Clarence and Richmond Examiner* and other newspapers, commenting on a compromise alleged therein to have "been recently effected by *Sir Henry Parkes* with his creditors, some of whom, it is alleged, are "his colleagues, and members of the present Government."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT EXTENSION 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 define and extend the operations of certain provisions of the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880," and to amend the said Act in other respects.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Slattery* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Slattery* (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
Mr. Slattery then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to define and extend the operations of certain provisions of the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880," and to amend the said Act in other respects.
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 define and extend the operation of certain provisions of the 'Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,' and to amend the said Act in other respects*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

10. MUNICIPAL ROADS AND STREETS 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 amend the 117th section of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867' in certain respects,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th October, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

MUNICIPAL ROADS AND STREETS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th October, 1887.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Preamble, line 9. Omit "no" insert "it shall not be compulsory on any Municipality to
"take over any"

Page 1, Preamble, line 11. Omit "shall be taken over by any Municipality"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

11. BANKRUPTCY 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.
12. PAPERS:—Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Additional Papers *re* The Evans Combination Truck.
(2.) Papers relative to Tenders for Engines, and Tests for suitable Type of Engine.
Ordered to be printed.
13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 3 and 4 postponed until Wednesday next.
14. THE CASE OF DANIEL BEHAN:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Allen, 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 discharge of Daniel Behan, late a sergeant in the New South Wales Artillery.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Hawken, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Wall, and Mr. Allen.
Question put and passed.
15. TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY AT MACLEAN:—Mr. McFarlane 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 claims of Messrs. James McDonald, Francis Mackenzie, and Donald Shearer, to be reinstated as Trustees for the Presbyterian Cemetery at Maclean.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Martin, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. See, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Colls, Mr. Ryrie, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENBY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1887.

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

ELECTORATE OF WENTWORTH:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Writ issued by him during the recess for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Wentworth, in the room of William Peter Macgregor, Esquire, had been returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Thomas Frederic De Courcy Browne;—that the Writ, though made returnable on the 11th instant, did not reach him till the 14th, when it came accompanied by a letter from the Returning Officer explaining the circumstances under which delay arose in taking the poll at certain polling-places, and also delay in the return of the Writ;—that he had communicated with the Government on the subject, with a view to the application of the remedy provided by the 44th section of the Electoral Act for informalities in election proceedings; and that His Excellency the Governor had declared, by a proclamation for that purpose published in the *Government Gazette*, the election of the said Thomas Frederic De Courcy Browne to be valid, notwithstanding the delay in the taking of the poll at certain polling-places for the said Electorate, and in the return of the Writ of Election.

2. **VACANT SEAT:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from the Honorable Sir Henry Parkes resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of St. Leonards. Whereupon Mr. Burns moved, That the Seat of the Honorable Sir Henry Parkes, a Member for the Electoral District of St. Leonards, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Sir Henry Parkes.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

3. **QUESTIONS:**—

(1.) **Counsel's Fees to Attorney-General:**—Mr. McElhone asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) On how many occasions during the last twenty years have the different Attorneys-General received fees for appearing for the Crown in civil cases?

(2.) What are the names of the Attorneys-General who were paid such fees, and the amounts paid in each case, during the last twenty years?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—The necessary information in reply to these questions will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return, as early as possible.

(2.) **Compulsory Clauses of Public Instruction Act:**—Mr. Hassall asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What new departmental procedure, regulations, or instructions have been adopted, framed, or issued, with a view to the more efficient and economical administration of the compulsory clauses of the Public Instruction Act since 30th June last?

(2.) How many prosecutions under the compulsory clauses of the said Act have been authorized by him between the 1st July and 30th September last?

(3.) How many such prosecutions were authorized during the corresponding quarter last year, together with the amount of fines and costs under such prosecutions paid into the Consolidated Revenue?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Under the old arrangements, School Attendance Officers, to the number of fifty, were quartered in different parts of the Colony, and were placed under the supervision and directions of a "Principal School Attendance and Payments Officer," whose headquarters were in Sydney. Under the new arrangements, which came into operation from the 1st July last, the number of School Attendance Officers was reduced from fifty to twenty-five. Those who were retained were placed under the supervision and direction of the several District Inspectors in whose

whose districts the School Attendance Officers are required to reside. By this arrangement both economy and efficiency are secured, and the work connected with the compulsory clauses of the Public Instruction Act will, it is believed, be performed with less irritating friction, and at much less cost, the School Attendance Officers being under more direct and closer supervision than was possible under the old arrangement. I will lay upon the Table copies of all instructions and circulars which have been adopted and issued in connection with this new arrangement.

(2.) Only 37, the new arrangements having scarcely had time yet to come into proper operation.

(3.) 1,079; the amount of fines and costs was £397 3s. 9d.

(3.) Land Resumed for Railway and Tramway Purposes:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House a Return showing—

(1.) The amount of compensation paid by the Government for land resumed for any purposes connected with Railways and Tramways (for any period not less than the last seven years), to be in the form of annual statements?

(2.) The persons or companies to whom such compensation has been paid, and the amount paid in each individual case?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The information will be supplied, if moved for in the usual way.

(4.) Railway Brakes:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into and report upon the merits of various railway brakes, and also a copy of any letters or correspondence between any officers of the Railway Department and any other person concerning such matters?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The question of ascertaining the qualities of the various brakes is under the consideration of the Government, with a copy of the Brakes Board report. When the matter has been finally decided, and before any action is taken for the adoption of any particular brake, the whole of the papers will be laid upon the Table.

(5.) Railway Accident at Peat's Ferry:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a Return of all reports, letters, correspondence (newspaper and other), evidence, opinions, findings, recommendations, and all and every attainable information relating to or connected with the late Peat's Ferry accident?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—There will be no objection to lay upon the Table of the House all official correspondence on this subject, provided it is moved for in the usual way.

(6.) Gratuities to School Attendance Officers:—Mr. Hassall asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Out of what Fund or Vote of Parliament were the gratuities or compensations paid to those School Attendance Officers whose services have been dispensed with since June last, under section 49 of the Civil Service Act?

(2.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House the names of such officers, together with a statement whether their contributions of 4 per cent. to the Superannuation Fund have been refunded to them; and, if not, on what ground?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) No compensations have been paid; but the gratuities to those School Attendance Officers whose services were dispensed with under the 46th and 49th sections of the Civil Service Act from the 30th June last, have been paid out of a sum of £2,400 placed upon the Additional Estimates of the Department of Public Instruction for the current year to meet that expenditure, and included in item 154 of the Appropriation Act of 1887. Those officers to whom pensions were awarded are paid out of the Superannuation Fund.

(2.) The following are the names of the officers who received gratuities, viz.:—Messrs. William G. Wilson, Rowland T. Sutton, Denis Dwyer, Edward Sharp, Henry T. Carpenter, Frederick A. H. Cork, Alfred Asher, Walter R. Curran, Henry Evans, Andrew M'George, Charles C. Fagan, William Turner, Frederick J. White, Charles C. Walkinshaw, and James C. Thornton. Those to whom pensions were awarded are:—Messrs. George Turner, Henry Goldsmith, Patrick Downey, Emanuel Lyne, Malcolm Groat, Patrick O'Dwyer Moloney, George Sanders, and John Wilson. Their contributions of 4 per cent. to the Superannuation Fund have not been refunded to them, because, had they not so contributed, they would not have been entitled either to a gratuity or a pension of any kind.

(7.) "Gulcher" Electric-light Apparatus:—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a "Gulcher" electric-light apparatus was offered to the Electric Telegraph Department for £850?

(2.) Was this apparatus subsequently purchased by the Department for about £1,700?

(3.) Was this apparatus condemned by Mr. Metcalfe, the Electric-light Engineer, at the time?

(4.) Who offered this to the Department, and was it supplied by order or tender, and upon whose recommendation?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) A "Gulcher" electric light apparatus and plant were offered to the Department for £750.

(2.) No; it was purchased for £750.

(3.) No.

(4.) (a) By Mr. J. R. Street, Mr. Geo. Hardie, and others; (b) by order, authorized by the then Postmaster General—Hon. J. Norton, M.L.C.; (c) the Superintendent of Telegraphs.

(8.) The late Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Yeomans:—Mr. Allen asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Dr. Clubbe, of Randwick, refused to certify as to the cause of death of the late Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Yeomans, formerly residents at Allison Road, Randwick?

(2.) Did the Acting Coroner hold an inquest upon either or both of these women?

(3.) If not, upon what grounds did he refuse?

(4.) Will he lay copies of all correspondence or police reports bearing on these cases upon the Table of the House?

Mr.

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) No inquest was held upon either of these persons. In the case of Mrs. Moore, the City Coroner, Mr. Shiell, declined to hold an inquest, as there was no reason to suppose that the deceased died from other than natural causes. Captain Fisher, the Acting City Coroner, declined to hold an inquest in the case of Mrs. Yeomans on the same grounds.

(4.) It would, in my opinion, answer no public interest to give publicity to these papers affecting matters of a purely private nature.

(9.) Storage of Meat at Darling Harbour :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he procure, with as little delay as possible, the necessary machinery to complete cool chambers for storage of meat at Darling Harbour ?

(2.) Will he take steps to have an approach made to these cool chambers, so that meat coming by sea may readily reach them ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I am giving attention to these matters.

(10.) The Unemployed.—Casino Municipal Council :—Mr. Crouch asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
What is the cause of the delay on the part of the Casual Labour Board in paying the Government moiety of the cost of the unemployed to the Casino Municipal Council, incurred some months back ?

Mr. Burns answered,—A cheque for £86 9s. 8d. was forwarded to the Casino Municipal Council on the 11th instant. The balance will be forwarded when the proper voucher is signed by the Mayor of Casino, and returned to the Treasury.

(11.) Customs Officers :—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he a son-in-law in the Customs ?

(2.) If so, (a) how long has he been in that Department, (b) has he recently been promoted from a lockership to a landing-waitership, (c) what was his salary as locker, (d) what is his salary as landing-waiter, and (e) how many officers intervened between the two positions mentioned ?

(3.) Have certain landing-waiters recently had their salaries raised ; if so, what are the names, and how much ?

(4.) Are certain lockers being deprived of a portion of the salaries voted by Parliament, and what are the names and number of the lockers not receiving the amounts set out in the Appropriation Act ?

(5.) Is a son of the Collector of Customs employed in the Department under his father's control ; and, if so, (a) how long has he been in the Customs, (b) what is his present salary, and (c) how many officers in the Customs senior to him (giving names and length of service) are in receipt of salary at the same or a lower rate ?

Mr. Burns answered,—All promotions in the Customs Department since the present Government came into office have been made in the order of seniority determined by preceding Governments. A complete return on the subject has been ordered, and will be laid upon the Table on an early day.

(12.) North Shore Tramway :—Mr. Hassall asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that very great dissatisfaction exists amongst the residents of East St. Leonards in consequence of the alteration in the fares on the North Shore Tramway ?

(2.) Is he aware that there is a considerable falling off in the traffic, more particularly on the two-penny section, since the above alteration ?

(3.) Will he take the necessary steps to ascertain whether it would not be advisable to divide the route into three sections, viz., from Milson's Point to Junction-street, Junction-street to Mount-street, and Mount-street to the Reserve, the fares upon which shall be 1d. per section ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) There cannot be any dissatisfaction in regard to the alteration made, as the residents of East St. Leonards are carried a longer distance for the same money ; but it is understood that the East St. Leonards residents desire that the first section should be made a penny one.

(2.) I am convinced that there has been no falling off in the numbers of passengers carried. There may have been a reduction in the revenue, owing to the fare having been reduced—inquiry will be made.

(3.) Yes ; I have already inquired into this question, and have decided to allow the present system to have three months trial.

(13.) Handbook to Statistical Register :—Mr. McMillan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are copies of the Handbook to the Statistical Register supplied to the various Schools of Art in the Colony ?

(2.) If not, will he give instructions to have them supplied as soon as possible after their issue from the Government Printing Office ?

Mr. Burns answered,—Copies of the Handbook to the Statistical Register are supplied to Schools of Art.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 28th September, 1887,—“ Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Notification, under the Electric Telegraph Act, of the reduction in Rate for the transmission of Telegrams from Silverton and Broken Hill to South Australia.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Copies of Minutes, Instructions, and Circulars respecting School Attendance Officers.

Ordered to be printed.

5. **PRIVILEGE** :—Mr. Garvan moved, That Sir Henry Parkes, Colonial Secretary and Premier, having tendered his resignation as a Member of Parliament, and said resignation having been accepted, this House declines to transact any further business till the Premier occupies his Seat as an elected Member of this House.
Debate ensued.

Interruption.

6. **MEMBER SWORN** :—Thomas Frederic De Courcy Browne, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Wentworth.

7. **PRIVILEGE** :—The Debate on the question of Privilege,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry No. 6,—resumed.

Question put, That Sir Henry Parkes, Colonial Secretary and Premier, having tendered his resignation as a Member of Parliament, and said resignation having been accepted, this House declines to transact any further business till the Premier occupies his Seat as an elected Member of this House.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. De Courcy Browne.

Tellers,

Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Melville

Noes, 56.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hutchison,
Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Cameron,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Gibbes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Garland.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. **PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATION BILL** :—Mr. Carruthers, 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 September, 1887, together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 15th November.
Question put and passed.
9. **CHURCH AND PERKINS STREETS, NEWCASTLE, BILL** :—Mr. Fletcher, 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 October, 1887, together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Fletcher then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 1st November.
Question put and passed.
10. **THE LAND LAW** :—Mr. See presented a Petition from Pastoral Lessees in the Grafton Land District, complaining of the present mode of determining the rents on their pastoral leases; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to such an amendment in the Land Law as will give them relief.
At the request of Mr. See, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—and received.
11. **ST. PETERS-LIVERPOOL RAILWAY** :—Mr. Carruthers presented a Petition from Benjamin Taylor, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Belmore, praying the House to authorize the early construction of a Railway from St. Peters to Liverpool.
Petition received.
12. **PREFERENTIAL CLAIMS FOR RENT BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the preferential claim of landlords in regard to their claims for rent.
Question put and passed.
13. **RAILWAY, COOMA TO BOMBALA (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. O'Mara, for Mr. Dawson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with the trial survey of the extension of the railway, Cooma to Bombala.
Question put and passed.

14. **LETTER-SORTERS AND LETTER-CARRIERS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of letter-sorters appointed in the General Post Office during the past two years, with the names, dates of appointment, and salaries; also, the number of letter-carriers during the like period who have received promotion, and the nature of same.
Question put and passed.
15. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 15th November.*
 (2.) Seduction Punishment Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 1st November.*
 (3.) Original Grants of Land Boundaries Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 1st November.*
 (4.) Eight Hours Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 15th November.*
 (5.) Municipal Roads and Streets Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—*until Tuesday, 29th November.*
16. **CREMATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Trickett, discharged.
17. **HAY AND DENLIQUIN TRAMWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Lakeman moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1887, A.M.

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

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 15th November.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1887.

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

BREACH OF PRIVILEGE:—Mr. Speaker said it would be in the recollection of Honorable Members that, at a late hour last night, a gentleman who had been allowed to occupy a seat behind the Chair made use of an interjection which might, with good reason, be considered a gross breach of the privileges of this House; and, with reference to the matter, he had to-day received the following letter from Mr. Thomas Robertson:—

The Honorable the Speaker,
Legislative Assembly.

Australian Club, Sydney,
19th October, 1887.

Sir,
I beg to express the most profound regret for the serious breach of privilege I was betrayed into committing last night, by yielding to an uncontrollable impulse, and interrupting, by an interjection, the proceedings of the House; and I beg to make an humble apology to you, and, through you, to the Honorable Members of the House, and to pray that my most unpremeditated offence may be pardoned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
THOMAS ROBERTSON.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the apology of Mr. Thomas Robertson be accepted by this House.
Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway, Wallerawang to Mudgee:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What has been the loss in running the trains from Wallerawang to Mudgee and back during the past year?

(2.) What has been the cost of repairing and clearing the line between Wallerawang and Mudgee during the last two years?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The loss on working the Mudgee Line during the past year (1886) was £5,181.

(2.) The cost of clearing away and repairing damages by slips during 1885 and 1886 was £4,085 18s. 1d. During the last four months of 1884 a sum of £3,997 2s. 3d. was also expended from the same cause.

(2.) Railway from Cassilis onwards:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he directed any survey for a railway line to be made from Cassilis onwards?

(2.) If so, in what direction?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No instructions have been given for making a railway trial survey beyond Cassilis.

(3.) The Case of Pruen:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) In reference to the man Pruen, committed for trial for embezzlement from the Railway Department, and who pleaded guilty to the charge at his trial, and was allowed to go free through the action of the Attorney-General or Crown Prosecutor, can he cite any similar case prior to this where a criminal escaped punishment through the action of the Crown Law Officers?

(2.) Will he state the reasons which actuated the Crown Prosecutor or himself in declining to press for judgment in this case?

Mr.

Mr. Wise answered,—

(1.) In reference to the case of Pruett, I have no information available which will enable me to definitely reply to this question. The course adopted has not, however, been an unusual one, when there were special circumstances considered sufficient to justify it.

(2.) As the depositions and papers will, under a recent Order of the House, be shortly laid upon the Table, the Honorable Member will be able to obtain from them the information he requires more fully than could be given by me in the shape of a reply to his question.

(4.) Telegraph Wire :—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) With reference to the answer given to my question No. 1, on 13th October, does he permit Mr. Cracknell to suggest to him the propriety of asking Honorable Members of this House from what source they obtain the information on which their questions are based?

(2.) Upon whose report of tests did he arrive at the conclusion that the wire referred to in Minute No. 4 of the Return, as to the purchase of telegraph wire, was of an inferior quality?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) In reading the report furnished to me by Mr. Cracknell in reference to the Honorable Member's question, I took such report to mean that Mr. Cracknell when in England did not become aware whether manufacturers were offering wire in London at £9 15s. per ton; and that, if the Honorable Member were good enough to state the source of his information, further inquiry as to the fact might be made.

(2.) By the officers of the Electric Telegraph Department.

(5.) Water Supply for Euriowie :—*Mr. Ryrie*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What steps have been taken in reference to providing a supply of water at Euriowie?

(2.) Has an officer of the Department yet been sent to report upon the application?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The local officer has been instructed to report fully as to the water supply for the Poolemacca Tin-field.

(6.) Smith v. Commissioner for Railways :—*Mr. Ryrie*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Upon what day of the month did the Attorney-General leave Sydney for Melong to appeal in the case of Smith and the Commissioner for Railways?

(2.) When did the arbitrators first enter upon the hearing of the case?

(3.) When did they conclude taking evidence, and how many witnesses were examined?

(4.) Upon what day of the month did the Attorney-General return to Sydney from the arbitration?

(5.) During his absence from Sydney was any other Minister appointed to discharge his duties; if so, who?

Mr. Wise answered,—

(1.) On the 25th August last.

(2.) On the 26th August.

(3.) On the 27th August; fourteen witnesses were examined.

(4.) On the 28th August.

(5.) No formal appointment was considered necessary for so short a period, and the Attorney-General took with him, and dealt with, all current papers requiring his attention.

(7.) The Hon. E. Barton, M.L.C. :—*Mr. Ryrie*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Was the Honorable E. Barton, M.L.C., engaged by the Government to prosecute, on behalf of the Attorney-General, at any of the Criminal Courts in Sydney, within the last three months?

(2.) If so, at what Courts did he appear?

(3.) Upon what days did Mr. Barton appear at the Courts before mentioned?

(4.) What fees were paid to Mr. Barton for his attendance at those Courts?

(5.) How many Courts for the trial of criminal cases in the Supreme Court (apart from the Circuit Courts) have been held since the present Attorney-General accepted office?

(6.) For how many days did they sit?

(7.) How many prisoners were tried?

(8.) In how many cases did the Attorney-General himself appear on behalf of the Crown to prosecute?

(9.) What fees were paid to counsel to appear in the cases for the Crown?

Mr. Wise answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) At the last sittings of the Central Criminal Court.

(3.) From 29th August to 2nd September, and from 5th to 9th September inclusive.

(4.) £162 10s.

(5.) One.

(6.) Ten days.

(7.) Sixteen.

(8.) None.

(9.) Mr. Herbert Harris, £38 10s. in addition to what was paid to Mr. Barton.

(8.) Railway Trial Survey *via* Colo Valley :—*Mr. Bowman* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has Mr. Townsend's survey of the trial line *via* Colo Valley been completed, and are the plans now lying in the office?

(2.) Is it the case that, owing to the enormous estimated cost of that proposed line, the Department has determined to cease any further survey or expense in connection therewith?

(3.) Will he cause a re-survey to be made of the proposed line from Richmond, *via* Mount Tomah, to Wallerawang or the neighbourhood?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Mr. Townsend has not yet submitted the plan and section of the Colo Valley survey.

(2.) No estimate has yet been prepared of this proposed line.

(3.) This question will be determined when the plan and estimate of the Colo line are under consideration. (9.)

- (9.) Road between Cudal and Davy's Plains Run:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) When will the road applied for between Cudal and the Davy's Plains Run, *via* Mr. Tapp's, be open for the use of the public?
 (2.) What is the cause of the delay in opening the road, and when is it likely to be declared opened, or proclaimed a public road?

Mr. Abigail answered,—This question should have been asked of the Secretary for Lands, but I have received the following reply:—

- (1.) It is not intended to open the road which has been surveyed *via* Tapp's Crossing.
 (2.) The expectation by the District Surveyor that there would be some proposals for a railway route *via* Cudal, the adoption of which would affect the selection of the most suitable site for a road, has caused some delay in this matter; but, in view of the numerous communications received, and the diverse opinions expressed, a special inspection and inquiry has recently been made, and it has been decided to survey a road from near Wall's 42½ acres, thence across Oaky Creek, near Cole's selection, which will be a more suitable route than either of the two routes previously advocated and surveyed.

- (10.) Disease in Stock, District of Bourke:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) In order to discover, if possible, the alleged existing cause of disease and death among stock in the district of Bourke from poisonous plants, will he call for a report on the subject from the Health Officer, or other person having a practical knowledge of the therapeutic properties of plants, instead of following the suggestion made by the Chief Inspector of Stock, *viz.*, to send up some botanist or other person belonging to the Botanic Gardens?
 (2.) In a matter of such importance, will he see that this point receives due consideration?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) A report has already been obtained from the Government Veterinarian, who was of opinion that the deaths had been caused by anthrax, but the opinion in the locality appears to be that the deaths were due to poisonous weeds; and, with a view to remove doubts on the subject, it was proposed to send a competent person to examine the herbage.
 (2.) Yes.

- (11.) Bathurst Hay-loading Stage:—*Mr. Allen*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the cause of the delay in making the necessary improvements which it was decided to make to the Bathurst hay-loading stage?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The work was delayed owing to representations made that the stage proposed to be removed from Dubbo to Bathurst was required at the former place. The inquiries made show, however, that there is ample accommodation at Dubbo, and directions have been given for the removal of the stage to Bathurst, and for its erection there.

- (12.) Railway Embankment, Bathurst:—*Mr. Allen*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the embankment on Bathurst side of the river, close to the large iron railway bridge, is being washed away, to the danger of the approaches to said bridge?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This has been going on since 1857. A report has been obtained, but before advising any steps the Engineer for Roads will himself visit the locality.

- (13.) Payment of Wages, Railway Department:—*Mr. Zecco*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that he has approved of the proposed change in the system of payment of wages in the Railway Department; if so, will he postpone the carrying out of his instructions till after evidence is taken by a Select Committee of this House, and its recommendations laid upon the Table?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The proposed method of paying the men in the country districts has not yet been submitted for my approval. No action has yet been taken to initiate it. A change is required, but the whole question will be carefully considered before any change is made.

- (14.) Captain Fredericks:—*Mr. Frank Smith*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Upon whose instructions was Captain Fredericks, of the steamship "Lillian," arrested?
 (2.) Was, or is, Captain Fredericks in possession of a Victorian Coast-going Certificate, and has the peremptory demand of the Marine Board been complied with in regard to its surrender; if not, on what ground?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Captain Fredericks was sent to gaol because he refused to pay the fine imposed on him by the Police Magistrate.
 (2.) It is not known whether Captain Fredericks is in possession of a certificate or not, as he refused to surrender or produce it when demanded by the Marine Board.

3. BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL:—*Mr. O'Connor* presented a Petition from John Woods, of Sydney, gentleman, Easton Mackie Ogg, of Sydney, merchant, and others, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminus, on the western boundary of the Colony of New South Wales, of the South Australian Railway, by way of Thackaringa, the Pinnacles, and Broken Hill, to "Mount Gipps Hotel."
 And *Mr. O'Connor* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph* and *Broken Hill Times*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.

4. PAPER:—*Mr. Sutherland* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 11th October, 1887—
 "Engines used on Railway between Sydney, Penrith, and Mount Victoria."
 Ordered to be printed.

5. **BANKRUPTCY 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.
6. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Correspondence respecting the Duties of the Police.
(2.) Correspondence as to accommodation and treatment of ophthalmic patients in the Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute.
(3.) Reports, &c., from the manager, matrons, superintendents, and others, on the Report from the Government Asylums Inquiry Board.
Ordered to be printed.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Report from Lismore Land Board on working of the Land Act:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he, now that the Annual Report of the Lands Department has been issued, any objection to lay report from Lismore Land Board, concerning the working of the Act, upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No report has been received from the Local Land Board at Lismore. *Mr. Chairman Blackman*, has made a report referring to the Local Land Board Districts of Casino, Grafton, Kempsey, Lismore, and Murwillumbah, the material portions of which, relative to the administration of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, will be found in the Annual Report of the Department of Lands for 1886 when published.

(2.) Reserve in Parish of Dunoon:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will reserve No. 249, parish of Dunoon, county of Rous, be thrown open to selection?

Mr. Garrett answered,—As the land is reported to be valuable, it has been determined to proclaim it a special area. I have, however, stopped all action in this and other cases of a similar nature pending legislation.

(3.) Land Court, Richmond River:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When was last Land Court held on Richmond River?

(2.) When will next Court be held?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) On 8th August last.

(2.) No other meetings have been notified yet.

(4.) Sheriff's Officers:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware of the difficulty that Sheriff's Officers in the country experience in obtaining fees due to them by Sydney solicitors?

(2.) Has his attention been called to this state of things by the Sheriff; and, if so, is it his intention to take action in the matter?

(3.) Have Sheriff's Officers the power to sue for fees due them; if not, has the Sheriff the power to recover them at law?

(4.) Is he aware that Sheriff's Officers in the country have to act as special messengers in insolvent estates—that is, that they have to make attachments and inventories of all movable property in insolvent estates in their district; that sometimes they are put to considerable trouble and expense in carrying out this duty, having to travel some distance in many cases, and, unless there are assets in the estate (which realize over and above Official Assignee's fees), they get nothing for it?

(5.) Has his attention been drawn to this state of things by the Sheriff?

(6.) Is it the intention of the Minister to have it remedied?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No; I am informed by the Sheriff that the mode of recovery is by summoning the solicitor before the Prothonotary, and having the charges taxed; but the Sheriff has always been opposed to adopting an extreme course, such as bringing the solicitor before the Court.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) Yes.

- (5.) Railway from Pearce's Corner to waters of Port Jackson:—Mr. Ives asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government, during the present Session, ask Parliament to approve of the extension of the Pearce's Corner Railway to the navigable waters of Port Jackson?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—The trial survey of a route from the North Shore Railway to the deep waters of Port Jackson has only been commenced recently, and it is not expected to be completed in time to submit the plans to Parliament during the present Session.

- (6.) Burrabogie Run:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Gormly*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) The amount of rent per acre fixed on the Burrabogie leasehold, Hay Land District?
 (2.) The quantity of land contained in a road, on that run now used by *Mr. Robert Nelson* and others to give them access to their mail-box?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Threepence halfpenny (3½d.)
 (2.) 128 acres.

- (7.) Devonshire-street Cemetery:—*Mr. Day* asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps towards closing the Devonshire-street Cemetery, near the Redfern Railway Station?
 (2.) Will he give the names of the Trustees of the said cemetery?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) The matter has not as yet engaged the attention of the Government, but no burials can take place in this cemetery without special license, which is granted under the conditions specified in the Sydney Burial Grounds Act of 1866, on the certificate of the City Health Officer.
 (2.) This information is not yet complete, but will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return as soon as possible.

- (8.) Fire Brigades Act:—*Mr. Day* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Are the Insurance Companies supposed to contribute a share towards the working expenses in carrying out the intention of the Fire Brigades Act; if so, what proportion?
 (2.) Is he aware that a case was tried at the Wagga Wagga Court lately, in which the Fire Brigade sued the Insurance Company, under the Fire Brigades Act, for the proportion due under said Act, and a verdict was given against the plaintiffs, with costs?
 (3.) Will the Government take this matter in hand, and have the Act amended in such a way as to compel the Insurance Companies to pay their fair proportion of the cost of working the Fire Brigades Act?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes; section 13 of the "Fire Brigades Act, 1884," provides that the Fire Insurance Companies shall pay one-third of the annual outlay, as estimated by the Board, in maintaining the Brigade, and for other purposes authorized by the Act.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) The matter is under consideration.

- (9.) Prospecting Vote for Gold:—*Mr. Ryrie* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) What districts (if any) have agreed to the Regulations issued by the Government with reference to the disposal of the £15,000 Prospecting Vote?
 (2.) The names of the districts, and the amounts apportioned to each?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) A number of applications for aid has been received from nearly every district, which implies that the applicants agree with the Regulations. Such applications will be reported upon by the Board after inspection; and, in cases where expenditure appears to be justified on public grounds, the applications will probably be approved.
 (2.) The only district to which any sum has been apportioned up to the present is Mount Browne.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Major Parrott's Report on Coast and Harbour Defence.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on the 27th September, 1887—
 "Rents on Crown Leases."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Return showing Cost of Maintenance and Revenue of Public Watering Places.

Ordered to be printed.

3. INLAND WATERS FISHERIES BILL:—*Mr. Tonkin* presented a Bill intituled, "*A Bill for the better preservation of Fish in Inland Waters*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 29th November.

4. RAILWAY TO INVERELL:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Copland*, presented a Petition from Residents of Armidale, Guyra, Tingha, Stannifer, Wandsworth, and Inverell, representing that, in the event of a Railway being constructed from the Great Northern Railway to Inverell, and thence to the north-western districts of the Colony, that the shortest and cheapest route would be by branching off from Guyra, and passing by Wandsworth and Tingha; and praying the House to order a Trial Survey of the route by Guyra, Wandsworth, and Tingha, before any line be decided on.
 At the request of *Mr. Barbour*, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,—
 and received.

5. **BANKRUPTCY 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. Wise (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

6. **PAPER**:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—A List of Purchasers of Leases of portions of the Montpelier Estate.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.

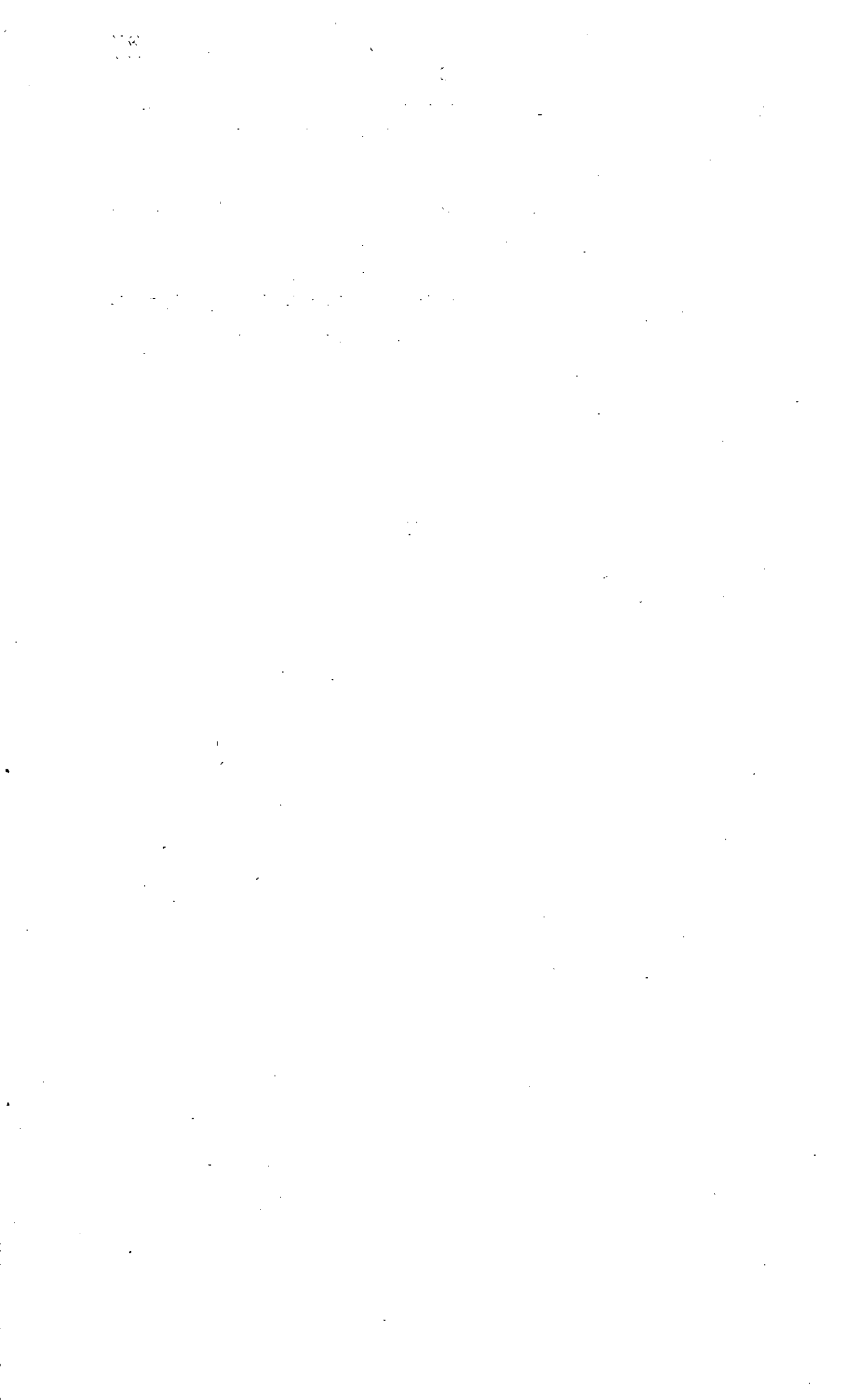
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1887.

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

ELECTORATE OF ST. LEONARDS:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 18th instant declaring the Seat of the Honorable Sir Henry Parkes vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Sir Henry Parkes, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of the Honorable Sir Henry Parkes, K.C.M.G., to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of St. Leonards.

2. **MEMBER SWORN:**—Sir Henry Parkes having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of St. Leonards.

3. **QUESTIONS:**—

- (1.) **Hooper's Torpedo Core:**—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House the statement promised by him in reply to Question No. 3 of 23th April last, giving information as to Hooper's core for torpedo purposes?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Officer Commanding the Torpedo Corps reports that it is not usual to store Hooper's core in water. It is always stored dry.

- (2.) **Armoured Electric Cable:**—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In the report of Major Penrose, R.E., on the condition of certain drums of armoured electric cable at Berry's Bay, laid upon the Table on 7th June, 1887, he states that he had examined eight drums out of the twenty-eight unopened, the tenor of his report being that their state was unsatisfactory; and, in the final paragraph of his communication, says, "I think the remainder of this cable should be tested as soon as possible."—Has this been done?

(2.) If so, what is the condition of the cable in the twenty drums to which he refers?

(3.) He also says of the insulation resistance of dielectric,—“This cannot be called satisfactory for new unused cable. The insulation resistance of only one drum out of eight exceeds a megohm (1,000,000 ohms). One would expect to find the insulation resistance of a knot of new cable several hundred megohms. I am unable to say, owing to the absence of specification or record of manufacturer's tests, whether the insulation resistance of the dielectric has deteriorated in these seven instances. It can hardly be supposed, however, that the makers would allow cable to leave their works showing insulation resistance varying from 20,000,000 ohms (No. 12 drum) to 3,640 (No. 18 drum).”—Have the Government taken steps, either by sending to the manufacturers or otherwise, to obtain these specifications, to enable Major Penrose to obey his directions, as received from the Colonial Secretary, to report as to the cause and amount of deterioration in the cable in these drums?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished, through the Military authorities, by the Officer Commanding the Torpedo Corps,—

(1.) Yes; under direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell.

(2.) The condition is satisfactory for the work for which it is intended.

(3.) In cables of this nature it is not usual or necessary to make tests for dielectric resistance, any more than it is for the Hooper core, which this was intended to replace.

- (3.) **Site for Church of St. Saviour, Goulburn:**—Mr. Ives asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he been made aware that the land granted upon trust for the erection of the Church of St. Saviour's, Goulburn, under the Act of William IV, and for no other purpose, is now used for a different purpose?

(2.) Will he inquire into the matter, and give it his consideration?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have caused inquiry to be made, but cannot obtain any information upon the subject.

(4.)

(4.) Duty on Oysters:—*Mr. Thompson*, for *Mr. McMillan*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill abolishing the duty on oysters?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes.

(5.) Court of Petty Sessions, Manly:—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. Gale*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he take the necessary steps to establish, at an early date, a Court of Petty Sessions and Court for the recovery of small debts at Manly?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—At present there appears to be no necessity for establishing a Court of Petty Sessions at Manly.

(6.) Railway, Goulburn to Crookwell:—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. Gale*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference in connection with the Goulburn to Crookwell Railway be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This matter will have consideration with others at the proper time.

(7.) Rental of Pastoral Leaseholds and Resumed Areas in Central District,—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the average rental of the pastoral leaseholds in the Central District?
- (2.) What is the average rental of the resumed area?
- (3.) What is the average rental of leaseholds in the Central area?
- (4.) What is the average rental of the resumed area?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) The average for leasehold and resumed areas is 1½d. per acre.
- (2.) 1¾d. per acre, or £3 17s. 7½d. per section of 640 acres.
- (3.) About 2½d. per acre (leasehold areas only).
- (4.) 1¾d. per acre, or £3 17s. 7½d. per section of 640 acres.

4. CLAIM OF CORNELIUS GRADY:—*Mr. Garrett* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the papers in the possession of the Select Committee appointed on the 29th April last to “inquire into and report upon the claims (if any) of Cornelius Grady, for illegal dispossession of two selections in the Queanbeyan District,” be returned by the Clerk of the House to the Department of Lands. Question put and passed.

5. DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL:—*Mr. Walker* presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to abolish distress for rent and to abolish preferential payments in certain cases*,”—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. THE LAND LAWS:—*Mr. See* presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Grafton, Clarence, and Richmond Electorates, alleging that this Colony is suffering from general depression, and that one of the most potent and active causes of such depression is the operation of the Land Laws; and praying that certain amendments suggested by them may be made in the Crown Lands Bill now before the House.

At the request of *Mr. See*, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,—and received.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 28th September, 1887—“*Regina v. Pruett*.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting the Combination Trucks designed by Messrs. Wilkinson, Perry, Anderson, and Brazenor and Valentine.

(2.) Further Correspondence respecting Tests for suitable Type of Engines.

Ordered to be printed.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. O’Sullivan* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to call attention to the gross misrepresentation of Members of the Opposition by the Minister of Public Instruction at Tuena.”

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. O’Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL:—*Mr. Cortis* 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 in a Bill to enable the public to distinguish registered medical practitioners. Question put and passed.

10. DAILY “HANSARD”:—*Mr. Carruthers* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency, best means, and probable cost of printing, publishing, and circulating a daily issue of *Hansard*, brought up on the 12th July, 1887, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Fletcher.
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Walker,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Toohy,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Seaver,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. R. Burdett Smith,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Bowes.
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Teece,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Allen,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. NORTH SHORE, MANLY, AND PITTWATER TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Day, 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 12th October, 1887, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Day then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 15th November.
Question put and passed.
12. PROSPECTING FOR GOLD AND OTHER MINERALS:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1888, a sum not exceeding £50,000 to promote the prospecting for gold and other minerals, to be disbursed in accordance with Regulations to be laid upon the Table of this House.
Question put and passed.
13. REFORMATORY FOR BOYS:—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the establishment of a Reformatory for Boys is a matter of urgent necessity.
Debate ensued
Question put and passed.
14. THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a subpoena to appear before the Master in Equity of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, on Wednesday, the 26th day of October instant, in the case of the Attorney-General v. Scott and others, and in the Petition of Archdeacon Coles Child, to produce copies of the Petitions leading to the two separate Bills to wind up the Blandford Proprietary School adventure, introduced into Parliament in the Sessions of 1882 and 1883 respectively, and signed by Messrs. Coles Child, Scott, and White, the Trustees of the said School, and any other documents, &c., in his possession respecting the matters in question in the said cause.
And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such subpoena without 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.
15. MRS. ANN ROUSE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, PARISH OF KAHIBAH:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Abbott, 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 all the circumstances attending the conditional purchase of Mrs. Ann Rouse of 80 acres situate in the parish of Kahibah, and the forfeiture of the same.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Day, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Lee, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. Abbott.
Question put and passed.
16. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the name of Sir Henry Parkes be added to the Standing Orders Committee.
Question put and passed.
17. LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the name of Sir Henry Parkes be added to the Library Committee.
Question put and passed.
18. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the name of Sir Henry Parkes be added to the Refreshment Committee.
Question put and passed.
19. THE CASE OF DANIEL BEHAN:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the name of Sir Henry Parkes be added to the Select Committee on "The Case of Daniel Behan."
Question put and passed.

20. EXPUNGED BY ORDER:—

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Mr. Garrett moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," in the first line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the circumstance that the matter of this Resolution was kept upon the Business Paper of this House during the greater part of last Session, and was not attempted to be proceeded with, together with its want of relevance to the business of the House, sufficiently proves that it is moved from improper motives; and therefore this House is of opinion that it ought to be expunged from its records."

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1887, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Toohey.

Tellers,

Mr. Walker,
Mr. Dawson.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Inglis,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Gordon,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Dr. Ross,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Cooke.
Mr. Burdckin,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Haynes,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Hawken,
Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Mackinnon.
Mr. Frank Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Tonkin.
Mr. Burdekin,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Wall.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Moore.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then put,—That the circumstance that the matter of this Resolution was kept upon the Business Paper of this House during the greater part of last Session, and was not attempted to be proceeded with, together with its want of relevance to the business of the House, sufficiently proves that it is moved from improper motives; and therefore this House is of opinion that it ought to be expunged from its records.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Gordon,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Frank Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Tonkin.
Mr. Cooke,	

Noes 8.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Wall.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Moore.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker said—with reference to the decision just arrived at—that, if the House concurred, he would follow the practice of the House of Commons in such cases, and order that no entry be made in the Votes of the motion or amendment, or proceedings thereon.

Mr. Melville then moved, That the Speaker be instructed to have the motion just agreed to as an amendment on the motion of the Honorable Member, Mr. O'Mara, and the divisions thereupon, entered on the records of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Light-house between Broken Bay and Newcastle:—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has his attention been called to the necessity of a light-house between Broken Bay and Newcastle?

(2.) Has any determination been come to as to the erection of a light-house there; and, if so, at what place in particular?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The erection of a light-house at Bungaree Norah, between Broken Bay and Newcastle, has frequently been advocated.

(2.) No determination has as yet been arrived at by the Government, as, in the event of a new light-house being erected, there are other places along the coast where it is as much required as at Bungaree Norah.

- (2.) Tug for Richmond River:—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any tender for the supply of a tug at the Richmond River been accepted?

(2.) Who was the successful tenderer?

(3.) What boats were offered, and what was the power and tonnage of each boat, and what was the price asked for each boat?

(4.) Who tendered besides the successful man?

(5.) What was the specified power and tonnage required in the first instance?

(6.) Was that altered; and, if so, for what reason?

(7.) Was notice given to other tenderers that any alteration was made in the tonnage or power required?

(8.) Was any recommendation made as to the successful tenderer; if so, by whom?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) A tender for the supply of a tug at the Richmond River has been accepted.

(2.) Mr. Thomas Fenwick was the successful tenderer.

(3.) The boats offered were as follows:—

Boats.	H.P.	Tonnage.	Annual Subsidy.			Names of Tenderers.
			£	s.	d.	
"Sarah Hixson"	25	39	1,320	0	0	Thomas Fenwick.
New boat to be built	35	.....	1,440	0	0	Langley & Hogan.
"Enterprise"	35	.....	1,500	0	0	J. & A. Brown.
"Comet"	35	82	1,500	0	0	Thomas Fenwick.
"Leo"	50	.....	1,500	0	0	J. & A. Brown.
"Protector"	55	158	1,860	0	0	Thomas Fenwick.

(4.) Tenders from Messrs. Langley & Hogan, and Messrs. J. & A. Brown, were also received.

(5.) The power was not stated, but it was to be of not less than 20 horse-power, and the vessel was to be thoroughly fitted, in the opinion of the Marine Board, for the service required.

(6 and 7.) No alteration took place in the power, and consequently no notice was given to the tenderers.

(8.)

(8.) Yes; the following is the report of the Marine Board on the papers submitted to the Board by the Colonial Treasurer:—

“The Marine Board is of opinion that the ‘Protector’ is the only vessel in these offers capable of efficiently performing the tug service at the Richmond River, and, therefore, recommend that the tender of Thomas Fenwick (No. 3), for £1,860 (a saving of £360 on the present contract) be accepted.”

A letter was also received from Captain Hixson, the President of the Marine Board, which is as follows:—

“In reply to your inquiries, I beg to inform you that the tug ‘Protector’ although only 55 nominal horse-power, can be worked up to about 200 horse-power. She is therefore a very powerful boat, and well fitted for service at the Richmond, which is one of the worst bars we have on the coast. It is also the place where the largest class of vessels trade.”

(3.) Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P.:—Mr. Hassall asked the Colonial Treasurer, —

(1.) Has Mr. Neild, Executive Commissioner at the Adelaide Exhibition, rendered any account of moneys received by him from this Government, and will he lay a copy of same upon the Table of this House?

(2.) If no such account has been rendered, will he call for same at once?

Mr. Burns answered,—Mr. Neild has not as yet furnished a detailed statement of his expenditure in connection with the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition, but he has been requested to forward a copy of his account current to the 30th September last. He has, however, stated that he has expended for rent of court space, £500; salaries, £270; wages, £811; goods purchased (such as timber, glass, and decorations), £530; contracts for lining walls, painting, plastering, plumbing, and show-cases, £495; general expenses, £367; and jurors fares over New South Wales lines, £31; making a total £3,004 out of the £3,050 advanced to him.

(4.) Professor of Botany:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction, —

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to appoint a Professor of Botany, in connection with the University of Sydney, the Technical College, or in conjunction with our Botanic Gardens?

(2.) Are there at the present time any annual course of lectures delivered on Botany at the University of Sydney, or in connection with the Technical College, or the Botanic Gardens; if so, will he state the name of the person or teacher who delivers such lectures, where, and how often?

Mr. Inglis answered, —

(1.) This will be a matter for the Senate of the University, and as to which I have had no communication from them as yet.

(2.) The following courses of lectures on Botany are delivered in the University of Sydney:—

Sydney University.

1. An elementary course of about twelve lectures, forming a portion of the General Natural History Course in Trinity Term, at 12 noon. Lecturer—Professor Stephens, M.A., Professor of Natural History.
2. A course of fifty lectures on Morphological and Systematic Botany, at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Lent and Trinity Terms (March to August), and at 12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Michaelmas Term (October to December). Lecturer—Professor Stephens.
3. A course of Practical Microscopic Botany. From 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Lent Term, under the supervision of Dr. W. A. Haswell, Lecturer in Comparative Anatomy.

Technical College.

Since the formation of the Board of Technical Education in 1883, annual courses of lectures on Botany have been delivered at the Technical College. The present teacher of Botany under the Board is Oscar Katz, M.A., Ph.D. Lectures are delivered on Thursday evenings at 7.30 p.m., at the Technical Institute, Sussex-street.

A class for the study of botany is also conducted by Mr. W. J. C. Ross, B.Sc., at Bathurst, on Friday evenings, under the direction of the Board.

Botanic Gardens:

Lectures on botany have been delivered at the Botanic Gardens from time to time by the Director, but these are optional, the giving of lectures forming no part of his specified duties.

(5.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Secretary, —In the event of the repeal of the Civil Service Act, what provision will be made for the present Civil Servants or those about retiring?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government purpose introducing a Bill to repeal the Civil Service Act in a very short time. In any such repeal the rights of Civil Servants which have accrued under the present law will be saved.

(6.) Oyster Fisheries:—Mr. Seaver asked the Colonial Secretary, —How it is that no answer has been given to a letter written by Mr. Seaver to the Colonial Secretary over two months ago, in reference to the oyster fisheries of the Colony and the present duty on the same, handicapping them with oysters from other places?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government purpose abolishing the present royalty upon oysters, which I suppose will be pretty satisfactory to the Honorable Member without any apology for the delay in answering his letter.

(7.) Royal Naval Home:—Mr. Ives asked the Colonial Secretary, —Will the Government, without further delay, at once provide a suitable site for the erection of the Royal Naval Home, in exchange for the site granted at Dawes Point, as promised in April last? Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In reference to this matter, the Government are anxious to meet the wishes of the Trustees; but they think that the Trustees are as much bound as are the Government to try and find a suitable site for the Royal Naval Home. The site which was approved by our predecessors in office, for reasons which I have explained repeatedly, we were, unfortunately, unable to confirm. Another site was selected in the very costliest part of the land belonging to the Government, near the Circular Quay. We thought that not only on account of its value but also on account of its situation, it was not a very good site for a Naval Home; but we are prepared to meet the Trustees, and to concur in any site which they can select belonging to the Government, or, if necessary, we are prepared to buy a site for them, if it is not too expensive, and if it is suitable for the purpose.

(8.) Railway, Homebush to Waratah:—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What amount has been paid to the contractors for the railway bridge at Peat's Ferry?
- (2.) What security is held for the due performance of the work?
- (3.) In what state is the work now?
- (4.) Is it true that on sinking the cylinders it has been found necessary to go to a greater depth than was contemplated by the Engineer-in-Chief?
- (5.) Is it true that the cylinders put down are resting on water-worn boulders, and not on solid rock?
- (6.) Did any officer of the Railway Department inspect the foundation upon which the cylinders have been placed; if so, when, and who was the officer?
- (7.) Is there any Inspector continually employed for the purpose of overlooking this work as it proceeds?
- (8.) Is it specified in the contract for this work that the iron to be used should stand a certain test; if so, has that test been made; and when, where, and by whom?
- (9.) What is the height of the stone embankment across the shallow channel to Dangar's Island, above ordinary spring tides?
- (10.) Is there any reliable record in the Railway Department of the height to which flood-waters have reached in that channel?
- (11.) Is the present embankment to be allowed to remain at its present height?
- (12.) Was the wharf at Dangar's Island, at which the Gosford steamer calls, put up at the expense of the Government; if so, for what purpose, what did it cost, and from what fund was it paid for?
- (13.) Has any representation been made by the Commissioner or other officer to the contractors for the bridge, that the work is not being proceeded with as speedily as is required by the contract?
- (14.) Has any extra cost (above the contract price) been incurred, or is such cost likely to be incurred in connection with the bridge works; if so, how much, and from what cause?
- (15.) What causes the delay in the completion of the contract for the construction of the line from the Hawkesbury to Gosford?
- (16.) Has any extra cost been incurred on that line?
- (17.) If so, what has been the cost?
- (18.) Is that cost likely to be increased, and to what extent, and from what cause has it arisen or is it likely to arise?
- (19.) What has been the cost of running the train to Peat's Ferry?
- (20.) Has there been any loss on the running; and, if so, how much?
- (21.) What have been the earnings?
- (22.) The same information with regard to the train from Hamilton to Gosford as in three previous questions?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the course of a few days.

(9.) Locomotive Engines:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he, at his earliest convenience, lay upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the total cost of the locomotive engines known as classes "Heavy Consolidated" and "Mogul," of American manufacture, such cost to include insurance, freight, cost of inspection, and all other expenses incurred in placing said engines on line in running order?
- (2.) A like Return in regard to the locomotives imported from England, known as the "Vulcan"?
- (3.) A like Return with regard to the cost of locomotives of the class which the Government have decided to adopt, regardless of where such engines were manufactured?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—There will be no objection, if moved for in the usual way.

(10.) Candidates for employment in Provisional Schools:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What number of eligible candidates are now waiting for employment in provisional schools?

Mr. Inglis answered,—One hundred and three (103).

(11.) The Chinese:—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has any official communication been made to the Government as to the true object and probable result of the late visit of the Chinese Commissioners to these Colonies since the date of Mr. Thompson's questions on the subject of the influx of Chinese?
- (2.) Has his attention been called to the cablegrams and telegrams published in the Sydney journals as to the reports made by these Commissioners to their Government, and to the articles and letters on the same subject?
- (3.) In view of what appears to be the pressing urgency of this matter, is there any objection to the appointment by the Government of a Commission, or to the appointment of a Select Committee by this House, to inquire into and report on the matter prior to any legislation that may be deemed necessary?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I really know nothing whatever about the Chinese Commissioners. I have received no communication from them since they left the Colony, and I do not know where they are. They may be in the Celestial Empire or in the other world for anything I know to the contrary. I have never read any communication about them in the newspapers. With respect to question 3, I respectfully state that I do not see any reason for the appointment of a Commission or Select Committee. The Government are of opinion that every step that can be taken should be taken to preserve the territory of New South Wales to a people of British origin. (12.)

- (12.) Commissioner for Railways *v.* the Hon. John Smith :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any decision yet been arrived at in the arbitration case, the Commissioner for Railways *v.* the Hon. John Smith, respecting certain lands taken for railway purposes at Molong ; if so, will he state the amount of the award, and the nature of the decision, or when the case is likely to be settled ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes ; the amount awarded is £1,028 3s. 9d. It has not yet been accepted by the Hon. John Smith, and settlement cannot be made until this is done.
- (13.) Post and Telegraph Office, Cobargo :—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) When will tenders be invited for the erection of a new Post and Telegraph Office at Cobargo ?
 - (2.) Are the plans in readiness to proceed with the work ?
- Mr. Roberts answered,—Plans are being prepared, and the work will probably be ready for advertising in about a month.
- (14.) Local Land Boards :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) The amount of money that has been expended annually in salaries, in fees, and in travelling expenses in connection with the various Local Land Boards since the Land Act came into operation in 1834 ?
 - (2.) The number of cases in which the members of the respective Local Land Boards have differed in opinion, and which have been submitted in writing, in cases that have been submitted to them for consideration ?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—The information will be obtained as soon as possible and laid upon the Table of this House.
- (15.) Reservation of Land for Mining Purposes, Parish of Talbragar :—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the important discoveries of minerals in county of Bligh, parish of Talbragar, is it his intention to take steps to reserve any portions of Crown lands for mining purposes in that locality ?
- Mr. Abigail answered,—A report will be obtained at once from the Geological Surveyor as to the necessity for a reserve in the locality referred to.
- (16.) Adaminaby Recreation Reserve, —Recreation Ground, Cooma :—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) When will the Trustees of the Adaminaby recreation reserve be gazetted ?
 - (2.) When will the dedication of the Cooma market square as a recreation ground take place ?
- Mr. Abigail answered,—
- (1.) The Trustees cannot be appointed till the reserve is proclaimed. Proclamation is waiting for a description to be furnished by the Lands Department.
 - (2.) The papers are with the Lands Department for the purpose of dedication of the reserve, which is being proceeded with.
- (17.) Mr. Nicholas Price Carver :—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Nicholas Price Carver, Railway Surveyor, has been dismissed from the Service ?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Carver, after eleven and a half years service as a Railway Surveyor, was dismissed and received no compensation, while other Railway Surveyors who were dismissed, or whose services were dispensed with at the same time, received compensation ?
 - (3.) Has he any objection to inform the House of the names, occupation, and length of service of each of Mr. Whitton's officers who received, or were recommended to receive, compensation, in consequence of their services having been dispensed with, or who retired ; also, the sums granted or recommended in each case, from the year 1880 to this date ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Carver was dismissed the service for absenting himself from duty without leave.
 - (2.) Mr. Carver was not entitled to compensation, as his services were not dispensed with in consequence of a reduction in the Field Staff, but for the reason above stated.
 - (3.) This information can be furnished, if moved for in the usual way ; but as these gentlemen's services were dispensed with on account of a great reduction in the Field Establishment, and Mr. Carver was discharged for the reason before stated, the cases are not parallel.
- (18.) Court-house for Eastern Suburbs :—Mr. Trickett asked the Minister of Justice,—When is it probable that the erection of the Court-house for the eastern suburbs will be commenced ?
- Mr. William Clarke answered,—Tenders are now under consideration.
- (19.) Lewisham Railway Station :—*Mr. Martin*, for Mr. McMillan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Under what circumstances was a railway station called Lewisham, about a trains length from Summer Hill and Petersham, erected ?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to stop the erection of such station until the new Railway Bill is passed ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) The platform was granted in September, 1836, at the request of a large number of the residents of the district.
 - (2.) It is not intended to do anything further at this place at present.
- (20.) *McSharry v.* Commissioner for Railways :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, at any early date, all papers, correspondence, documents, and copy of arbitrators' award (exclusive of evidence), in the case *McSharry v.* Commissioner for Railways ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—This should be moved for in the usual way. I may say that the papers are very voluminous, and the Return will take some time to prepare. (21.)

(21.) Railway from Pearce's Corner to Waters of Port Jackson:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to submit to Parliament a scheme to extend the Pearce's Corner and North Shore Railway to the deep waters of Port Jackson at Cremorne?

(2.) If there is any such intention, will immediate steps be taken to resume such land and water frontage as is likely to be required at Cremorne?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not in a position to give the precise information which is asked for here. The Government are in favour of the line being continued to the deep waters of Port Jackson, but much care and inquiry must be made as to the particular route and the particular point of terminus. In the first place, we have to avoid the necessity of the resumption of valuable lands; in the second, to be certain that the terminus is in the spot which will be of most value to the general public.

(22.) Advertising on Tram Motors:—*Mr. Want* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that *Pain's* fireworks were advertised on all the tram motors running on the day preceding the evening of the display of fireworks?

(2.) Was such permission granted through the lessee of the tram-car advertisements; if not, were such advertisements paid for; if so, to whom, and what amount?

(3.) Was permission applied for by *Mr. John Solomon*, of the *Criterion Theatre*, for a similar right, and was such permission refused?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes; this was done in the interests of the Department, and not those of *Mr. Pain*. The same course is followed for races, the *Agricultural Show*, &c.

(2.) The permission was not granted through the lessee for advertising, nor was it necessary that it should be, as his right does not extend to the motors. The notices were exhibited by the Department in its own interest, and no amount was paid.

(3.) Yes; on the ground that the motors are not let for the purpose of general advertising.

(23.) Captain Frederick:—*Mr. Hurley* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Upon whose instructions was Captain Frederick, of the steamer "*Lillian*," proceeded against by the Marine Board, in July last?

(2.) Did Captain Frederick protest against the Marine Board dealing with his Master's Certificate; if so, on what grounds did he protest?

(3.) Has the Marine Board of New South Wales power to suspend or demand the surrender of the certificate granted by the Victorian Board; if so, by what authority?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Captain Frederick was proceeded against under instructions from the Marine Board, because he refused to surrender his certificate when it was suspended and demanded by the Board.

(2.) Captain Frederick protested for several reasons, stating that he was guilty of no default in running his vessel on shore, and that he had abandoned her because the Insurance Agent who was sent from Sydney to get her off took charge of her.

(3.) The Marine Board is empowered by the Navigation Act to suspend any certificate, irrespective of the authority by whom it has been issued.

2. PAPERS:—*Sir Henry Parkes* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Borough of Goulburn, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.

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

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Forest Branch, Department of Mines, for 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Alteration of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

3. JUVENILE OFFENDERS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Thompson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, in continuation of the Return relative to Juvenile Offenders, laid upon the Table of this House in August, 1886, up to 30th June last.

Question put and passed.

4. BANKRUPTCY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Burns* moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Wise 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 clauses 10 and 27."

Question

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived. Question proposed, That the words—"the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 10 and 27"—proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted.

Mr. Frank Smith moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the addition of the figures and words "2, 4, 6, 17, 19, 34, 37, and the Fourth Schedule."

Question proposed, That the figures and words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment be so added.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Dibbs,	Dr. Ross.
Mr. Fletcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Cameron,	

Noes, 42.

Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. See,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Garland.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 10 and 27," proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 10 and 27,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Wise, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the reconsideration of clauses 10 and 27.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^c with further amendments.

Mr. Wise moved, That the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer powers upon the Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited)*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, during the last Session of Parliament.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th October, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Under the 65th Standing Order (See Votes and Proceedings No. 6, entry 4), Mr. Trickett moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Wilson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. See,	Mr. Withers.
Mr. McMillan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Street,	
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Wall.

Tellers,

Mr. Gould,
Mr. Goodwin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered, that the committal of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. **YASS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL**:—Mr. Colls, 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 October, 1887, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Colls then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 15th November.
 Question put and passed.
7. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Melville moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Mr. Garrett moved, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday "next."
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Melville moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "next," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "week."
 Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 1887, A.M.

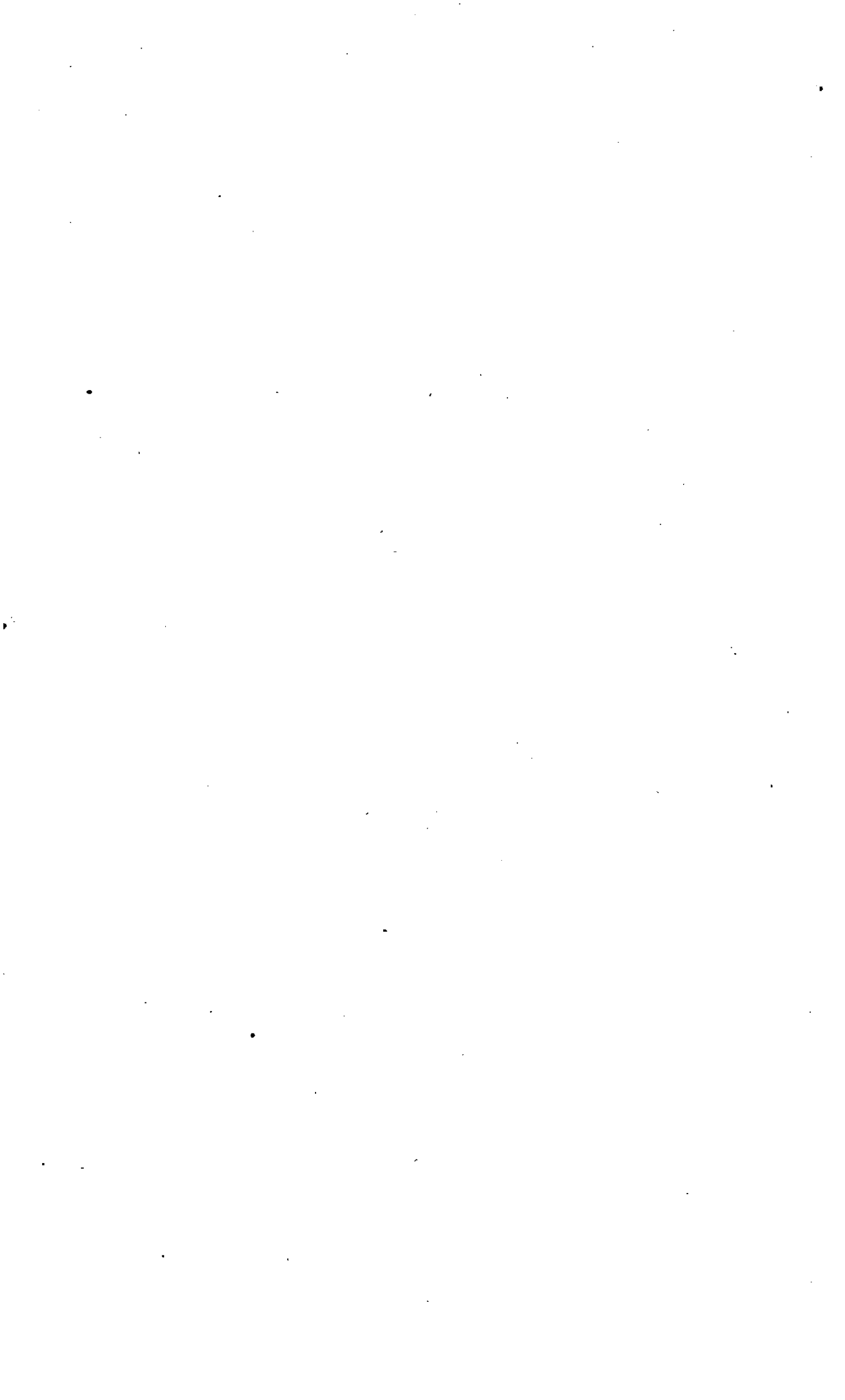
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question,—That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next,—
 put and passed.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Devonshire-street Cemetery:—Mr. Hawken asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many interments have been made in the Devonshire-street Cemetery since the Act for closing the same was passed?

(2.) The amount of fees received for permission to bury?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) 2,246 interments.

(2.) Permission to bury is granted by the Minister of Justice, for which no fee is received. I am informed by the cemetery authorities that a burial fee of 40s. for adults and 20s. for children is charged.

(2.) Expenditure on Local and National Works in Electorates of The Hastings and Manning, The Macleay, The Clarence, Grafton, and The Richmond:—*Mr. Ewing*, for Mr. See, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The total amount of money spent on local works in each of the following Electorates, from 1861 up to 1886, viz.:—The Hastings and Manning, the Macleay, the Clarence, Grafton, and the Richmond, according to the Government Statist's returns?

(2.) The like information as to the expenditure upon national works in each of the above Electorates during the said period?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is reported to me that this return is in course of preparation, but will take some months to complete.

(3.) Dr. Sly:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Did Dr. Sly, barrister-at-law, appear on the hearing of any claim for compensation for land taken for railway purposes, on behalf of the Commissioner for Railways, either at Wollongong or Kiama, this year?

(2.) What was the name of the claimant?

(3.) What was the amount of the claim?

(4.) What sum was offered by the Commissioner for Railways?

(5.) What sum was awarded by the arbitrators or umpire?

Mr. Wise answered,—

(1.) Yes; at Kiama.

(2.) Hon. Samuel Charles, M.L.C.

(3.) Captain Charles originally claimed the sum of £8,740 14s. 6d., but afterwards reduced the claim to £5,159 2s. 6d.

(4.) £1,693 5s. 6d.

(5.) £1,701 5s.

(4.) Dr. Sly:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Upon what day of the month did Dr. Sly leave Sydney for Kiama to appear in the case he was retained in for the Commissioner for Railways?

(2.) When did the arbitrators first enter upon the hearing of the case?

(3.) When did they conclude taking evidence, and how many witnesses were examined?

(4.) Upon what day of the month did Dr. Sly return to Sydney?

(5.) What fee was marked upon his brief?

(6.) What additional fees did he get in the case?

(7.) What sum was allowed to him for travelling expenses?

Mr.

Mr. Wise answered,—

- (1.) 14th July, 1887.
- (2.) 15th July, 1887.
- (3.) (a) The same day; (b) for the claimant, two witnesses, and for the Commissioner for Railways thirteen witnesses.
- (4.) 18th July, 1887, which is accounted for thus:—The arbitration finished on Friday evening too late to get away by the mail, and there was no mail or steamer on Saturday. The mail left on Sunday evening, arriving in Sydney on Monday morning, or steamer Monday morning, reaching Sydney same day, making five days travelling expenses.
- (5.) 15 guineas. A small fee was marked, as it was understood that several days refreshers would have to be paid.
- (6.) Nil.
- (7.) Five days, at 30s. per diem.

(5.) Smith *v.* the Commissioner for Railways:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for *Mr. Abbott*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the amount of the claim of *Mr. Smith* against the Commissioner for Railways in the case in which the Attorney-General appeared at Molong?
- (2.) What sum was offered by the Commissioner for Railways?
- (3.) What sum was awarded by the arbitrators or umpire?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) £2,770.
- (2.) £1,000 14s. 6d.
- (3.) £1,028 3s. 9d., less the costs (£509 19s. 6d.) to be paid by the Hon. John Smith.

(6.) Farm Produce Depôt, Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it the intention of the Government to call for tenders for the erection of the Farm Produce Depôt at Darling Harbour?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The notice inviting tenders will appear in to-morrow's newspapers.

(7.) Postal Accommodation, Granville:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the alleged deficient postal accommodation afforded at Granville?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect more suitable buildings for the convenience of the public?

Mr. Roberts answered,—My attention has not hitherto been directed to this matter, but on inquiry I learn that in September, 1886, tenders were received for the purchase of land for a site for a Post and Telegraph Office at Granville, and that my predecessor decided to decline these tenders, in view of the probable development of the locality known as North Granville—involving the question of the most central site for the whole locality of Granville; but I shall be glad to cause further inquiry to be made.

(8.) Diamond Drill in use at Clarence Siding:—*Mr. Hassall*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is there a diamond drill, the property of the Government, in use at Clarence Siding, on a mineral conditional purchase?
- (2.) How long has it been so employed, and what arrangements have been made (if any) with the owner of the land, as regards payment for its use?
- (3.) Has there been any money received by the Department for its use; if so, what amount?
- (4.) Is there any money now due to the Department for the use of this drill; if so, what is the amount, and is it his intention to enforce the claim?
- (5.) What has been the amount paid for repairs for this drill while engaged in connection with the work referred to?
- (6.) How many men in the employ of the Government have been paid for working the drill on the land referred to?
- (7.) What was the amount paid to them?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Two years and eight months, and under the following conditions, *viz.*:—Applicants to pay wages of men employed and all carriage, provide fuel and water, and pay £10 per week for use of machine and wear and tear of diamonds.
- (3.) Yes; £300.
- (4.) Yes; £1,201 6s. 10d. The account is now in the hands of the Crown Solicitor to secure payment.
- (5.) £26 3s. 4d.
- (6.) One engineer and two assistants; but since 8th September last three shifts have been at work, employing nine men.
- (7.) £1,175 12s. 6d. to 8th October, 1887.

(9.) Land Revenue, Districts of Warialda, Bingera, and Moree:—*Mr. Hassall* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Return, moved for and passed on the 19th May last, concerning the land revenue derived from the Districts of Warialda, Bingera, and Moree, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I have ascertained from the Treasury Department that it is impossible to say when the Return will be completed. The particulars required embrace Treasury collections during a period of twenty-six years, and there are five other Parliamentary Returns of a somewhat similar character on hand in the same Department.

2. PAPERS :—
Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 7th July, 1887—“Field of Mars Common.”
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Report by Mr. Wm. Cruickshank, M.I.C.E., relative to Accident to Express Goods Train, at Petersham Bridge, on the 9th September, 1887.
Ordered to be printed.
3. LOCOMOTIVE ENGINES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing :—
(1.) The total cost of the locomotive engines known as classes “Heavy Consolidated” and “Mogul,” of American manufacture, such cost to include insurance, freight, cost of inspection, and all other expenses incurred in placing said engines on line in running order.
(2.) A like Return in regard to the locomotives imported from England, known as the “Vulcan.”
(3.) A like Return with regard to the cost of locomotives of the class which the Government have decided to adopt, regardless of where such engines were manufactured.
Question put and passed.
4. MESSRS. LEONARD AND BATHGATE'S CONTRACTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stokes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, and minutes passed between the Works Department, Sydney, and Mr. Road-Inspector Adams, of Forbes, having reference to the cancelled contracts of Messrs. Leonard and Bathgate, Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, up to the present date, including copies of all correspondence between the Mayor of Forbes; also, a copy of Mr. Inspector Scarr's special report, and all other correspondence having reference to the above contracts or conduct of the officer referred to.
Question put and passed.
5. RAILWAY DIFFERENTIAL RATES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lync moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, correspondence, petitions, and other documents in reference to the origin and continuation of differential rates upon the railways.
Question put and passed.
6. LIGHTING PARLIAMENTARY BUILDINGS WITH ELECTRIC LIGHT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all recommendations, tenders, offers, minutes, correspondence, and all other documents in connection with the lighting of the Parliamentary buildings with the electric light.
Question put and passed.
7. LAND RESUMED FOR RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY PURPOSES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing :—
(1.) The amount of compensation paid by the Government for land resumed for any purposes connected with Railways and Tramways (for any period not less than the last seven years), to be in the form of annual statements.
(2.) The persons or companies to whom such compensation has been paid, and the amount paid in each individual case.
Question put and passed.
8. ROCKDALE MUNICIPALITY RE-NAMING BILL :—
(1.) Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Carruthers, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the designation of the Municipal District of West Botany.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Cameron presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to alter the designation of the Municipal District of West Botany*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 29th November.
9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) State House.—Houses of Parliament; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill ;—*until Tuesday, 29th November*.
(2.) Centenary Celebration Act Amendment Bill; second reading ;—*until Tuesday, 29th November*.
(3.) Partnership Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill ;—*until Tuesday next*.
10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McElhone rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to call attention to the language used yesterday by the Secretary for Public Instruction, namely, ‘a small opposition, as contemptible for its smallness as for its quality, &c.,’ “to two or three notorious characters,’ and his calling Members notorious and contemptible “characters.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That, after October the 28th, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Friday be a Sitting Day of this House, that the House meet at three o'clock, p.m., and that Government Business take precedence of General Business after Seven o'clock, p.m., on that day.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

12. **BANKRUPTCY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That the report 2^o from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
13. **DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Thursday, 10th November.
14. **COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT EXTENSION 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 the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes the report was adopted.
Ordered that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
15. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at half-past Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lewisham, Harris Park, and Wentworth Railway Platforms:—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What have been the average monthly receipts from Lewisham Platform since its opening?
 (2.) The average monthly receipts from Harris Park and Wentworthville Platforms respectively during the same period?

Mr. Burns answered,—On behalf of my honorable colleague I have to state:—

- (1.) £204 9s. 9d.
 (2.) Harris Park, £59 3s. 7d.; Wentworthville, £3 16s. 9d.

- (2.) Royalty on Oysters:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Seaver, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Bill to abolish the present royalty on oysters be introduced?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This Bill will be introduced without loss of time.

- (3.) Mr. E. Cannell:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has Mr. E. Cannell received any money from the Roads Department for the work he did as part completion of a contract for making a road at Stone-quarry Creek Crossing; if so, how much?
 (2.) Under what conditions was it paid?
 (3.) Is there any money now due to him; if so, how much?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes—£20 5s. in cash; £8 4s. 5d., blasting powder provided; £3 17s. 6d., rations supplied.
 (2.) Under the usual conditions of the Department.
 (3.) No money is due to him.

- (4.) Jardine Spar Torpedo:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What has become of certain papers and plans *in re* the Jardine Spar Torpedo, left in the Colonial Secretary's Office by Mr. D. O'Connor, or his representative?
 (2.) Is it true that the same have been lost?
 (3.) If so, what steps do the Government intend to take in the matter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I recollect Mr. Jardine being introduced to me by Mr. O'Connor, and, I think, some other gentleman. I do not recollect particulars about the papers. If they were left in our office they certainly are not lost, but will be restored to him. They may possibly be mislaid.

- (5.) Gold-mining and Mineral Leases:—*Mr. Toohey*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the total area of land held under gold-mining and mineral leases in the Colony?
 (2.) What is the total annual rent of the same?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) The area of land held under gold-mining leases is 2,932 acres 3 roods 22 perches and 2,300 yards, and under mineral leases 66,400 acres 1 rood 1 perch.
 (2.) The annual rent of gold-leases is £2,729 10s., and of mineral leases £13,075 19s.

- (6.) Pastoral and Homestead Leases, Western Division:—*Mr. Toohey*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the number of pastoral leases in the Western Division on which the rents have not yet been fixed?
 (2.) What is the number of homestead leases in the Western Division on which the rents have not yet been fixed?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Nil.
 (2.) Eighty-six.

(7.)

- (7.) "Gulcher" Electric Light Apparatus:—*Mr. Toohy*, for *Mr. Wall* asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Is the "Gulcher" electric light apparatus referred to in Question 9 of the 13th October now in use; if so, where?
 - (2.) If not in use, where is it stored, and why is it lying idle?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—On behalf of my honorable colleague I have to state:—The Superintendent of Telegraphs states that the "Gulcher" electric light apparatus referred to is not at present in use. It is stored at the Clarence-street Telegraph Store, was intended for the lighting of the Arcade at the General Post Office, and that when it is decided whether the Arcade is to be permanently lighted by gas or electricity it will be possible to say to what purpose the "Gulcher" apparatus will be devoted.
- (8.) Croydon Railway Station:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to the present accommodation provided for the travelling public at Croydon railway station?
 - (2.) Does he intend to take any steps to provide better accommodation at that station?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—Yes; and directions were given some weeks ago for plans to be prepared for increasing this accommodation. The plans have recently been completed, and the work will be carried out at once.
- (9.) Australian Gas-light Company:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In what year was the Australian Gas-light Company's Bill, incorporating them as a company, passed?
 - (2.) Has the time expired under which the above Company was constituted; if so, when?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—
- (1.) 1837.
 - (2.) No; there is no specified time in the Act.
- (10.) Randwick Road:—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. Trickett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the City Council have taken steps in the direction of discontinuing the collection of tolls on the Randwick Road?
 - (2.) Is he aware that a sum of £3,000, or thereabouts, is owing by the Trustees charged with the management of the road?
 - (3.) Will he take steps to have a sum provided to pay off the said debt, and have the road converted into a Military Road, and maintained at the Government expense?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) No intimation of the kind has been made to the Works Department.
 - (2.) The Minister is not aware of the financial position of the bodies who have control of this road.
 - (3.) Inquiry will be made.
- (11.) Rations for the "Unemployed" at the National Park:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Who was the successful tenderer for supplying rations to the unemployed at the National Park?
 - (2.) What was his tender price per day's ration?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that he is receiving 13d. for day's ration instead of the price he tendered at?
 - (4.) If so, who received the extra amount charged to the men per day's ration, and is it paid to the successful tenderer or to the Government?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—The answer put into my hands just as I was leaving the office was as follows:—"James Kidman. Thirteen pence." What I understand from this last answer is that the tender was 13d., that the contractor is receiving 13d., and that there is no extra amount to be distributed.
- (12.) Sea-wall, Coogee Bay:—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. Trickett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- In view of the importance of Coogee Bay as a watering-place, will he cause a sum of money to be placed on the Estimates to complete the sea-wall round the Bay?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—My honorable colleague will cause the necessary inquiries to be made, and when the report is before him he will come to a determination on the subject, and communicate the result to the Honorable Member.
2. GRATUITIES AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES TO CIVIL SERVANTS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Frank Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amounts voted and paid each year out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund as gratuities, retiring or superannuation allowances, or as compensation for loss of office—(1) For the ten years prior to the passing of the Civil Service Act of 1884; (2) since the passing of the Civil Service Act of 1884.
- Question put and passed.
3. BANKRUPTCY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Wise*, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Wise* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Insolvency and Bankruptcy and to provide for the due collection administration and distribution of Insolvent and Bankrupt Estates and for the prevention of frauds affecting the same.*"
- Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Insolvency and Bankruptcy and to provide for the due collection administration and distribution of Insolvent and Bankrupt Estates and for the prevention of frauds affecting the same*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st November, 1887.*

4. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
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| (1.) Ministerial Election Bill; second reading;— | } <i>until Tuesday, 15th
November.</i> |
| (2.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading;— | |
| (3.) Seduction Punishment Bill; second reading;— | |
| (4.) Original Grants of Land Boundaries Bill; second reading;— | |
| (5.) Perpetual Trustee Company Bill; to be considered in Committee;— | |
| (6.) Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill;— | |
| (7.) Fuel delivery Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill;— <i>until Tuesday, 6th December.</i> | |
| (8.) Trades Conciliation Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill;— <i>until Tuesday next.</i> | |
| (9.) Contractors Debts Act Extension Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill;— <i>until Tuesday next.</i> | |
5. **LEICHHARDT COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MORTGAGE) BILL**:—Mr. Hawthorne presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough or Municipal District of Leichhardt, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Leichhardt to mortgage certain land for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall or Council Chambers thereon.
And Mr. Hawthorne having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Leichhardt and Petersham Guardian*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
6. **WENTWORTH ELECTORATE SUB-DIVISION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abbott 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. Abbott, 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 to-morrow.
7. **LIENS ON WOOL BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abbott, 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 preferable liens on wool and mortgages of stock.
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 preferable liens on wool and mortgages of stock.
On motion of Mr. Abbott, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
8. **CHURCH AND PERKINS STREETS, NEWCASTLE, BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Fletcher, 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. Fletcher, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
9. **DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Walker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
On motion of Mr. Wise, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
10. **REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL**:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cortis, 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 enable the public to distinguish registered medical practitioners.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to enable the public to distinguish registered medical practitioners.
On motion of Mr. Cortis, the Resolution was read second time, and agreed to. (2.)

(2.) Mr. Cortis presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Public to distinguish Registered Medical Practitioners,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 29th November.

11. PROSPECTING FOR GOLD AND OTHER MINERALS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1888, a sum not exceeding £50,000 to promote the prospecting for gold and other minerals, to be disbursed in accordance with Regulations to be laid upon the Table of this House.

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 an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1888, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to promote the prospecting for gold and other minerals, to be disbursed in accordance with Regulations to be laid upon the Table of this House.

On motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abigail, Mr. Burns, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Day, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Gornly, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Jones, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Melville, Mr. R. Burdett Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Toohey, and Mr. Walker,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at five minutes before Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Consolidated Revenues :—Mr. Stephen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he in possession of data showing separately the amount of the Consolidated Revenues, exclusive of Loans, of the Great Powers of Europe, of America, including Canada, and also of the Australasian Colonies; if so, will he state the amount of the Consolidated Revenues for the year 1885 or 1886, and also the amount per head of the population, expended separately, in governing—(1) Great Britain, (2) Germany, (3) France, (4) Russia, (5) Italy, (6) United States of America, (7) Canada, (8) New South Wales, (9) New Zealand, (10) Victoria, (11) Queensland, (12) South Australia?

Mr. Burns answered,—Although it is not usual for the Government to supply this kind of information, I have pleasure in stating that the Government Statistician has prepared a statement which I hope to lay upon the Table on Friday. The statement requires to be checked before it is laid upon the Table.

(2.) Illawarra Railway :—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the railway between Wollongong and Kiama be opened for traffic?
- (2.) Is it his intention to extend the above line into Kiama; if so, when will the extension be carried out?

Mr. Burns answered,—On behalf of my honorable colleague I have to say :—

- (1.) If possible, the line will be opened on the 9th instant, as intimated by the Secretary for Public Works to the Members for the districts.
- (2.) Yes; when Parliament approves of the plan.

(3.) Tramway—Bridge-street to Railway Station :—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) For what distance from the Bridge-street Terminus were stronger rails laid for the tram-line?
- (2.) Have they answered the purpose for which they were laid?
- (3.) What was the total cost of laying them?
- (4.) What has been the cost of repairing the tram-line between Hunter-street and the Railway Corner during the past two years respectively?
- (5.) Has he considered whether there would ultimately be a considerable saving by relaying the line on a better system between Hunter-street and the Railway Corner?
- (6.) How many accidents have occurred through motors or cars running off the line between those points in the last two years, and what have these accidents cost the Department?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) 21 chains.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) £2,263.
- (4.) The cost of repairing the line between Hunter-street and the Railway corner cannot be given, as it is included in the cost of maintaining the section Redfern to Macquarie-street. The cost of this, from 20th October, 1885, to 21st October, 1886, was £4,443; and from 22nd October, 1886, to 20th October, 1887, £3,111 8s. 5d.
- (5.) Yes, and heavier rails have been ordered for relaying this portion of the line; they are expected daily from England.
- (6.) There have been twenty-seven derailments in two years out of 6½ million journeys over this portion of the road. The approximate cost of repairs arising from these derailments has been £150.

(4.)

- (4.) Manufacture of Locomotives :—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it true that machinery of the most modern and best designs has been erected at the Eveleigh Locomotive Workshops to facilitate the manufacture of locomotives?
 - (2.) Will it require any further outlay for additional machinery to build locomotives; and, if so, what is the probable amount?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) The machinery has been provided primarily for the purpose of repairing and renewing locomotives. Little or no difficulty would be experienced in building new locomotives in these extensive shops.
 - (2.) It would be found that the present machinery is ample for all purposes.
- (5.) Fisheries Act :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce an Amending Fisheries Bill; if so, when?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—I fear it will not be practicable this Session to introduce a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act, except to the extent of the abolition of the royalty on oysters.
- (6.) Naval Brigade :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to supply the Naval Brigade with boats?
 - (2.) Is he aware that, although they are called a Naval Brigade, not a single boat is provided for them?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—I am informed that the Naval Brigade have several small boats which lately belonged to H.M.C.S. "Wolverche." I may perhaps add that it is the intention of the Government to make considerable changes in the organization of this force, which consists, as I think will be generally admitted, of a body of very valuable men.
- (7.) Seaweed Nuisance, Double Bay :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has his attention been drawn to a nuisance which exists through the accumulation of seaweed on the southern shore of Double Bay; if so, is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to have the nuisance abated?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—Yes; and my honorable colleague has directed that the matter be inquired into by one of the officers of his Department, but until his report is received, my colleague will be unable to give any decision respecting it.
- (8.) Tramway, Belmore Park :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the danger which exists in people crossing the tram-line at centre of Belmore Park?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to provide for safety by keeping a flag-man permanently there, or is it his intention to have an overbridge constructed, whereby the public will be afforded better protection?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) With the concurrence of the Trustees of the Park, which had first to be obtained, one of the crossings has been closed, and a flagman has been stationed at the other.
- (9.) Charge for Subpœnas :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) What is the authorized charge to be paid by the public for a subpoena?
 - (2.) Are Clerks of Petty Sessions allowed to depart from the authorized scale of charges; if so, under what circumstances?
- Mr. William Clarke* answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that under 4 William IV. No. 5, Schedule A, 1s. 6d. is charged for the original subpoena, and 4d. for each copy; and that under the "Small Debts Recovery Act," 10 Vic. No. 10, Schedule A, 6d. is charged for each subpoena.
 - (2.) No.
- (10.) Customs Department :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has any reduction been made in the staff of the Customs Department since the abolition of the *ad valorem* duties; if so, in what way?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—The services of nine temporary officers of the Customs have been dispensed with, and one officer has been transferred to the Excise Branch.
- (11.) Charles v. Commissioner for Railways :—Mr. Abbott asked the Attorney-General,—Referring to the answer given on the 27th October last, in reference to the case of Charles against the Commissioner for Railways, have the costs been taxed, and at what sum have they been allowed?
- Mr. Wise* answered,—The costs were taxed and allowed at £209 9s. 8d., which sum included the fees of the umpire and the Commissioner's arbitrator, *i.e.*, Mr. F. A. Brock, the umpire, £55 13s. 10d., and Mr. R. J. M'Kenzie, the arbitrator, £55, which amounts have been paid by the Commissioners. It was understood that the arbitrator appointed by Captain Charles did not claim fees.
- (12.) The Office of Attorney-General :—Mr. Abbott asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Will he state the names of each of the gentlemen who have held the office of Attorney-General from the formation of the first Government under Responsible Government up to the present time?
 - (2.) The Ministry in which each of them held the office?
 - (3.) The duration of the time for which each of them held the office in each Ministry?
 - (4.) The amount of patent fees received by each of them whilst holding the office in each Administration?
- Mr. Wise* answered,—I shall be obliged if the Honorable Member would postpone these questions. Portion of the information will require reference to records of thirty years back, but it will be furnished as soon as practicable.

- (13.) Dredging in front of Mr. Ellis's Property at Pymont:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Was application made by Mr. J. C. Ellis, M.P., to the Works Department for the use of a dredge in front of his property at Pymont?
 - (2.) Was the application granted?
 - (3.) The number of days the dredge was employed, and the cost of the same?
 - (4.) Has the work done been paid for by Mr. Ellis, and what is the amount?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes, on the usual terms.
 - (3.) The dredge was employed two days within the recognized 60 feet boundary line—the charge being the authorized rate of £20 per diem.
 - (4.) Yes; the amount paid was £40.
- (14.) Diseases in Districts of Waterloo and Alexandria:—Mr. Schey asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is he aware that measles and typhoid fever are very prevalent in the Districts of Waterloo and Alexandria?
 - (2.) Will he send an Inspector to inquire into this matter?
 - (3.) Will he take steps to temporarily close the Public Schools in these districts, or otherwise endeavour to prevent the spread of such diseases?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—On behalf of my honorable colleague I have to say:—
- (1.) It has been reported that measles are prevalent in these localities, but no information has reached him as to the prevalence of typhoid fever.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) My colleague does not think that any benefit would result from the closing of the schools; the existing regulations for the exclusion of the members of infected families are sufficient. Were the schools closed, most of the children would play about the streets and lanes, and run more risk than if in school.
- (15.) Railway—Sydney to Hurstville:—*Mr. Henson*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What has been the passenger traffic at each station (to and from) between Sydney and Hurstville during the past six months?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—The information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.
- (16.) Mr. Charles Cowper, Sheriff:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to a telegram appearing in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 10th ultimo, wherein Mr. Cowper, Sheriff of New South Wales, is reported to have convened a public meeting as Managing Director of the Coal Cliff Colliery Company; and does he consider it contrary to the Civil Service Act for the head of a Government Department to act as Managing Director for a public Company?
 - (2.) Has his attention been called to a report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of a meeting held at Clifton on the 8th October ultimo, convened by Mr. Chas. Cowper, Sheriff of New South Wales, at which he denounced the action of the Postal Department in removing the Post and Telegraph Office to Government premises; and is it a fact that the Government formerly paid the Coal Cliff Company, with which Mr. Cowper is connected, £33 per annum for post-office accommodation in their premises?
 - (3.) Has his attention been called to a public meeting convened by Mr. Chas. Cowper, Sheriff of New South Wales, at Clifton, on 8th October, to denounce the action of the Postal Department in removing postal and telegraphic business to the Government premises specially erected for the purpose at the Clifton Railway Station; and is it usual for heads of Departments to call public meetings to denounce the organization of other Departments of the Civil Service?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—The old post-office was in a building belonging to the Coal Cliff Company, at a rent of £33 per annum. It has been removed to the railway station, a mile away from the population, and where there is only one public-house. The residents have petitioned against the removal, which petition is signed by every one, including clergymen, storekeepers, &c. Mr. Cowper did not convene the meeting, but on his informing them that the post-office authorities were prepared to consider the matter, they convened the meeting and adopted a petition to the Minister. Nothing was said against the Government, and Mr. Cowper told them unless they wished the post-office restored they need take no action. I may add that Mr. Cowper is not, and never has been, Managing Director of the Coal Cliff Colliery Company, or Director in any way. He is simply the proprietor of a share which he inherited from his father.
- (17.) Mr. Leeson, Telegraph Department:—Mr. Hassall asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a clerk in the Telegraph Department named Leeson has been suspended; if so, on what grounds?
 - (2.) Has he been paid his salary for the last month; if not, why has such payment been withheld?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) On behalf of my honorable colleague I have to say:—The Superintendent of Telegraphs states—“It is a fact that a clerk in the Telegraph Department named Leeson has been suspended. Mr. Leeson accepted a certain sum as a retiring allowance under the provisions of the Civil Service Act; notwithstanding that, a decision to re-employ him was made, upon condition that he forfeited all claim to such allowance. As it appears, Mr. Leeson is unable to refund the retiring allowance; and, as he cannot continue to be paid a salary and at the same time retain that allowance, his suspension from duty has been ordered, pending the decision of the Executive Council.”
 - (2.) No; and for the reason set forth in the previous question.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 13th October, 1887—“Examiners of Titles under Real Property Act.”
- (2.) Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year ended August, 1887.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 27th September, 1887—“Civil Service Act.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

3. JEREMIAH SHEA :—Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from Jeremiah Shea, of Hanging Rock, near Nundle Gold-mines, representing that he was sent to this Colony in the year 1818; that he is now 88 years of age, and has always borne a good character; that he was the discoverer of gold in the Northern Gold-fields in 1852, but has not received any acknowledgment for that important discovery; that he is now, through age and infirmity, unable to earn his living;—and praying the House to take his case into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

4. NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Act, and to re-vest all lands resumed under the authority thereof in the persons theretofore entitled to the same.
Question put and passed.

5. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT EXTENSION 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 define and extend the operation of certain provisions of the ‘Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,’ and to amend the said Act in other respects.*”

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 define and extend the operation of certain provisions of the ‘Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,’ and to amend the said Act in other respects,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd November, 1887.*

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be granted to David Alexander Ferguson, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Wellington, during the remainder of the Session, he being detained on urgent private business.
Question put and passed.

7. CHURCH AND PERKINS STREETS NEWCASTLE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fletcher, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fletcher then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to alter the levels width and direction of Church-street and Perkins-street at and near their meeting or intersection.*”

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 Council of the Borough of Newcastle to alter the levels width and direction of Church-street and Perkins-street at and near their meeting or intersection,*”—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 plan showing the alterations proposed to be made.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd November, 1887.*

8. NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION ACT REPEAL BILL :—Mr. Abigail presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to repeal the Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Act and to re-vest all lands resumed under the authority thereof in the persons theretofore entitled to the same,*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail moved, That the second reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day “week.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. O’Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “week,” with a view to the insertion in its place of the words “six months.”

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

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Walker then moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “week,” with a view to the insertion in its place of the words “three weeks.”

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Wise,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stevenson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Kelly,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Penzer,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. McFarlane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Street,	
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. Gordon.
Mr. Gormly,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hassall.
Tellers,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Toohey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the second reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day week,—put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Bill; reported; adoption of report;—*until Friday next.*
- (2.) Common Lodging-houses Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill;—*until Tuesday, 6th December.*

10. ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS 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 authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Albury within the Borough of Albury,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd November, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd November, 1887.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 3, line 15. *After "thousand" insert "five hundred"*
- Page 2, clause 4, lines 30 and 31. *Omit "of all persons buying or selling therein or resorting thereto" insert "for determining the fees and charges to be paid as hereinafter provided and the times and modes of collecting the same and enforcing the payment thereof"*
- Page 2, clause 6, lines 51 and 52. *Omit "nothing in this or any succeeding section contained shall deprive the proprietor of" insert "the said Council shall have only the power to levy one-half the same rates and charges which are chargeable in the Municipal Sale-yards for a period of five years from the passing of this Act for"*
- Pages 2 and 3, clause 6, lines 55 to 1. *Omit "of his right to continue to hold such sales at such yards or premises nor shall anything in any such section contained operate to prohibit under the penalty therein prescribed the sale of cattle at any such yards. But the privilege and exemption hereby provided shall not in any case continue for a period longer than five years from the passing of this Act and" insert "but the said privilege"*
- Page 3, clause 6, line 2. *Omit "such"*
- Page 3, clause 6, line 2. *After "proprietor" insert "of any such last mentioned yards or premises"*
- Page 3, clause 6, line 2. *Omit "fourteen days" insert "one month"*
- Page 3, clause 6, lines 4 to 6. *Omit "to continue the right of using such yards or premises whereupon such proprietor shall be entitled to the benefit of the said privilege and exemption" insert "the said privilege"*
- Page 3, clause 6, line 6. *After "such" omit "benefit" insert "privilege"*
- Page 3, clause 6, line 7. *Omit "for all purposes"*
- Page 3, clause 6, line 8. *Omit "yarded" insert "shall have taken place"*
- Page 3, clause 6, line 9. *Omit "shall"*
- Page 3, clause 6, line 9. *After "months" omit remainder of clause.*

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday next.

11. CENTENARY OF THE COLONY :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended with the consent of the House*), That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—That, in order to mark in a special manner the anniversary of the foundation of the Colony in January, 1888, the following proposals be approved:—

(1.) That a Grand Intercolonial Banquet be given, to which State invitations shall be issued in the name of the Colony—(a) From His Excellency the Governor to the Governors of the other Australasian Colonies; (b) from the Advisers of the Crown in this Colony to the Ministers of the other Colonies; (c) from the President of the Council and the Speaker of the Assembly, on behalf of the two Houses of Parliament of this Colony, to the Parliaments of the other Colonies. Such other persons of distinction residing in the Colonies, or who may be visiting the Colonies, to be also specially invited.

(2.) That the Agricultural Society of New South Wales be aided to the amount of £7,000 to enable them to hold a Grand Intercolonial Exhibition of live stock, pastoral, agricultural, and horticultural produce, including botanical and floral productions, and of manufactures in metals, timbers, fibres, stone, and clay, confined to the products of Australasia.

(3.) That steps be taken to render the usual Regatta more of an intercolonial character, and that a Challenge Cup, of the value of 500 guineas, to be called "The Hundred Years Cup," together with £300 in prizes, be given in the name of Parliament.

(4.) That new postage stamps be issued, commemorative of the Centennial of the Colony.

Question put and passed.

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 Resolutions.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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 follow:—

Resolved,—That, in order to mark in a special manner the anniversary of the foundation of the Colony in January, 1888, the following proposals be approved:—

(1.) That a Grand Intercolonial Banquet be given, to which State invitations shall be issued in the name of the Colony—(a) From His Excellency the Governor to the Governors of the other Australasian Colonies; (b) from the Advisers of the Crown in this Colony to the Ministers of the other Colonies; (c) from the President of the Council and the Speaker of the Assembly, on behalf of the two Houses of Parliament in this Colony, to the Parliaments of the other Colonies. Such other persons of distinction residing in the Colonies, or who may be visiting the Colonies, to be also specially invited.

(2.) That the Agricultural Society of New South Wales be aided to the amount of £7,000 to enable them to hold a grand International Exhibition of live stock, pastoral, agricultural, and horticultural produce, including botanical and floral productions, and of manufactures in metals, timbers, fibres, stone, and clay, confined to the products of Australasia.

(3.) That steps be taken to render the usual regatta more of an intercolonial character, and that a Challenge Cup, of the value of "500" guineas, to be called "The Hundred Years Cup," together with "£300" in prizes, be given in the name of Parliament.

(4.) That new postage stamps be issued, commemorative of the Centennial of the Colony.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, that the Resolutions be now read a second time.

Mr. Garrard moved, That Resolution (3) be amended, by the omission of the figures "500," in line 2, with a view to the insertion in their place of the figures "100"; and by the omission of the figures "300," in line 3, with a view to the insertion in their place of the figures "700."

Question proposed, That the figures 500, proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Ball,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Dibbs,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. R. Burdett Smith,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Cooke.
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Stevenson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Brunker.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Moore.

Tellers,

Mr. Ryrice,
Mr. Haynes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the Resolutions be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Resolutions read a second time,—and, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, agreed to.

12. NORTH SHORE BOROUGHS WHARVES BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Abbott (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on the North Shore Boroughs Wharves Bill during the last Session, be laid upon the Table of this House, with a view to being referred to the Committee now sitting on the Bill.

Question put and passed.

(2.) And the Clerk having laid the Documents upon the Table,—

Mr. Abbott (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on the North Shore Boroughs Wharves Bill, just laid upon the Table by the Clerk, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.

Question put and passed.

13. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a secone time,"—

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

14. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill postponed until to-morrow.

15. PUBLIC WORKS 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 provide for the constitution of an authority to investigate and report upon proposals for public works submitted to Parliament, to make better provision for the acquisition of land for carrying out such works, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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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 constitution of an authority to investigate and report upon proposals for public works submitted to Parliament, to make better provision for the acquisition of land for carrying out such works, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

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

The House adjourned at five minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Centenary of the Colony—Celebration at Botany:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Seeing that Botany is the first place discovered in Australia, will he include some form of celebration to take place at that historic spot in the Government proposals for the celebration of the Centenary of the Colony?
 (2.) Will he grant any assistance to a local committee organizing a demonstration for such purpose?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—All I can say at this moment is that I will not overlook the matter to which my attention is called.

- (2.) Supreme Court Appeals:—Mr. Gale asked the Attorney-General,—
 (1.) Of the sixteen cases mentioned in the Schedule to the Supreme Court Appeals Act, how many have been argued before the authority constituted by that Act?
 (2.) In how many cases have judgments been delivered?
 (3.) In how many cases have judgments been reserved?
 (4.) What are the names of the cases in which judgments have been reserved; (a) when was the judgment reserved in each case; (b) when will judgment be delivered?
 (5.) Since the appointment of His Honor Mr. Justice Deffell, under the Act 51 Vict. No. 12, how many days have elapsed?
 (6.) On how many of those days has he sat for the purpose of hearing appeals?
 (7.) What salary has he been paid since his appointment?
 (8.) Is it a fact that Mr. Deffell is relieved of his duties as Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates until all the appeals mentioned in the Supreme Court Appeals Act shall have been disposed of?
 (9.) Is there any reason for the delay which has taken place in dealing with these applications?

Mr. Wise answered,—

- (1.) Seven.
 (2.) Four.
 (3.) Two.
 (4.) *Stockton Coal Company v. Fletcher* and others; *Stokes v. Hiote* and others. (a) 26th August and 2nd September, 1887, respectively; (b) as soon as ready.
 (5.) Eighty-one days.
 (6.) Twenty-one days.
 (7.) At the rate of £2,600 per annum.
 (8.) Yes.
 (9.) Yes; and the necessity for the delay is obvious. Sir William Manning has retired from the Bench since Mr. Justice Deffell was appointed, Mr. Justice Windeyer is absent from the Colony, and three of the other Judges are debarred from sitting to hear the appeals in consequence of having been previously engaged as Counsel in connection with the cases to which they refer. Mr. Justice Deffell has therefore been unable to sit in the majority of cases owing to the impracticability, for the reasons above stated, of obtaining a full Court of three Judges. I may state that the necessity of a full Court of three Judges has been caused by what I cannot help thinking is the ill-advised Act passed by the last Parliament, prohibiting Judges from sitting in cases which had been heard before them at *nisi prius*.

(3.)

(3.) Refractory Ores:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has any firm or private company made the Government any offer to supply complete and proper machinery and appliances for the treatment of refractory and obnoxious ores?
- (2.) If so, what are the conditions of such offer?
- (3.) If satisfactory arrangements should be made, what length of time will be required for the completion of such works?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Theodore Raufft wrote to me stating that if works for the mechanical treatment of ores were about to be erected he would be prepared to supply details of the method of dressing or concentrating ores patented by Mr. Kayser, of Mount Bischoff. In a subsequent letter Mr. Raufft suggested that if the Government decided that the proposed scheme should include other operations for the final treatment of ores competitive plans should be called for. Messrs. Parke and Lacey made an offer to supply a plant for "the treatment of gold, silver, tin, and other ores," such plant to include crushing, concentrating, and amalgamating machinery.
- (2.) Messrs. Parke and Lacey offered to supply and erect the plant (except the building) for the sum of £2,397.
- (3.) The time required to complete the works was not stated.

(4.) Bridge over Eugowra Creek:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the bridge over the Eugowra Creek, in the Forbes and Molong Districts, is rotten, and unsafe for the heavy wool traffic at this time of the year?
- (2.) Will he call for tenders at the earliest convenience for the construction of a new bridge, the money being already voted?

Mr. Burns answered,—On behalf of my honorable colleague I have to state:—A sum was granted in the last Estimates for a new bridge, for which tenders will be invited in a week. Care will be taken to keep the present one safe until it is replaced.

(5.) Railway Sleeping-cars:—Mr. Penzer asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the price paid by the Government for No. 2 sleeping-car and No. 4 sleeping-car respectively?

Mr. Burns answered,—For No. 2 the cost was £1,780; for No. 4, £1,720.

(6.) Reserve Corps:—Mr. Penzer asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to form the following Companies into a Regiment under the partial-pay system, namely:—Lithgow, Bathurst, Blayney, Orange, Mudgee, Wellington, and Dubbo?
- (2.) If so, when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is impossible for me to give an answer to this question at the present time. I have stated repeatedly that changes to a considerable extent are intended in the organization of the Military Forces, and as soon as these are ready for being effected they will be made known to Parliament.

(7.) Railway Accident at Peat's Ferry:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is there any objection to lay all papers connected with the Peat's Ferry accident upon the Table of this House?
- (2.) If not, when will they be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Burns answered,—The papers are very voluminous, and it is considered that if they are to be laid upon the Table of the House and printed, it should be by Resolution of the House; and of this the Honorable Member has given notice.

(8.) Blasting in connection with Sewerage Works:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the powerful blasts used in the city portion of the sewerage works has had the effect of shaking the ceiling and breaking the windows of many houses and offices on the route, as well as alarming women and children?
- (2.) Will he communicate with the contractors for these works, and warn them of the dangers likely to arise from the use of such strong blasting charges?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Complaints have been made as to the blasting. The greatest care is taken. However, the blasting in all but the northern part of the city is nearly over.
- (2.) Frequent communications and warnings have been made to the officers and contractors, who are careful on their own account, as they are liable for any damage.

2. ADDRESSES AND ORDERS FOR PAPERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing what Resolutions of this House concerning the production of departmental papers, returns, correspondence, &c., have not been attended to since the present Government took office.
Question put and passed.

3. APPLICATION OF MR. J. F. CONNOLLY TO MINE IN PARISH OF CURRAJONG (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stokes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, and correspondence having reference to the application of Mr. Jno. F. Connolly, of Parkes, between the years 1884 and 1887, to mine upon portion 423, parish of Currajong, county of Ashburnham.
Question put and passed.

4. PARRAMATTA RIVER AND IRON COVE BRIDGES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, together with minutes thereon, in connection with the construction of the Parramatta River and Iron Cove Bridges.
Question put and passed.

5. SUPREME COURT APPEALS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Supreme Court Appeals Act of 1887.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Melville rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to consider the unsatisfactory answer of the Minister for Mines *re* deputation from Newcastle *re* sand-drift.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Melville moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—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.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

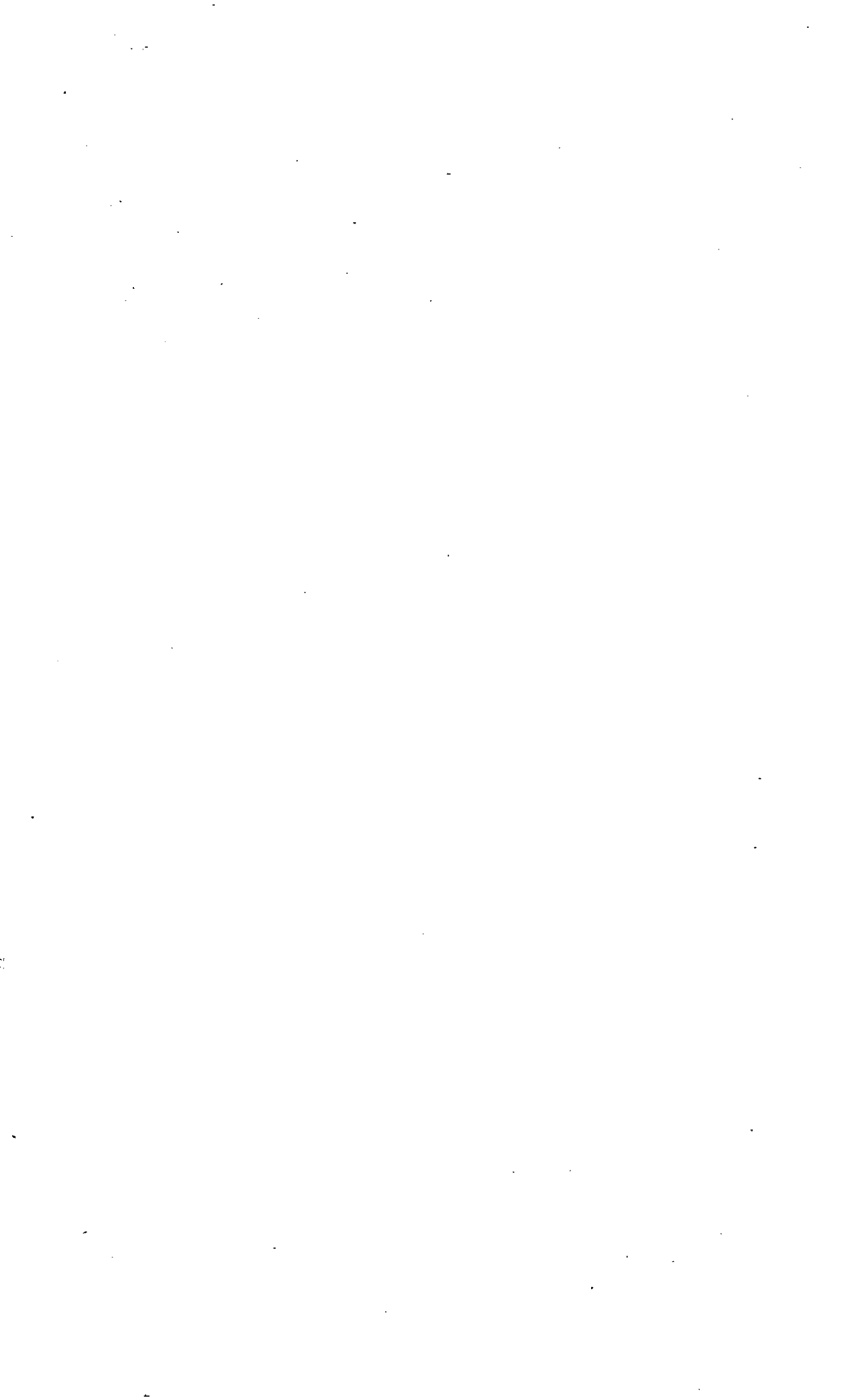
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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-seven minutes after twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Major Taunton:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was a free pass to travel over any or all of our railways granted to a Major Taunton; if so, is he still allowed to travel on this pass?

(2.) If so, will he state why he was granted this pass, and is he aware whether this person occupies any distinguished position; if so, what is that position?

Mr. Burns answered,—On behalf of my honorable colleague I have to say:—

(1.) A free pass is not granted, but an annual ticket is granted to Major Taunton, the cost of which is charged to the Military Vote, to be used by him when travelling on duty in connection with the examination of the Volunteer Force.

(2.) The position held by Major Taunton is that of Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General to the Military Forces.

(2.) Postal Accommodation, Gladesville:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Postmaster-General,—Has his attention been drawn to the alleged deficient postal accommodation at Gladesville; if so, is it his intention to have any alteration made, by leasing or erecting buildings more suitable to the requirements of the district?

Mr. Burns answered,—In reply for my honorable colleague, I have to state that in February last representations were made on this subject, and a report was obtained from an Inspector, after visiting the district. This report was to the effect that so far as the postal work is concerned, the present office affords ample accommodation—the annual revenue from the post office being only £140 a year.

(3.) Trustees of Recreation Grounds at Maclean and Brushgrove:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have Messrs. W. R. Baker, Allan Cameron, and A. J. Hood been gazetted Trustees for the recreation ground at Maclean?

(2.) Have Messrs. A. Campbell, T. C. Davis, C. Yager, T. Henderson, and J. Chisholm been gazetted Trustees for recreation ground and common at Brushgrove?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) The appointment of Trustees rests with the Mines Department, who have not, however, taken action in the matter, as the land is used solely as a racecourse.

(2.) Trustees have not yet been appointed for the Brushgrove recreation reserve. The papers in the case are with the District Surveyor, who has been instructed to mark the boundaries of the land. His attention was on 8th ultimo invited to the matter. The gentlemen mentioned were appointed Trustees of the Brushgrove common on 28th September, 1886.

(4.) The Torpedo Corps:—*Mr. Thompson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the members of the Torpedo Corps have not received their pay for last quarter?

(2.) If so, what reason can be given for the delay?

(3.) Is it not a fact that all other corps have been paid up to 30th September last?

(4.) Will he cause inquiry to be made as to whether any official is blameworthy in the matter, if the delay has occurred?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 3.) Yes.

(2 and 4.) There has been no unreasonable delay in the payment of these salaries. The vote for the Torpedo Corps was reduced by the sum of £700 last Session, and it is a matter for consideration how this amount is to be ratably apportioned in reducing the Estimate, so as to deal fairly with all parties. The matter will be decided in a few days. (5.)

- (5.) Land Revenue, District of Inverell:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Lands,—Can he say when the Return relating to Land Revenue, &c., Inverell District, ordered by this House on 17th May last, will be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The preparation of this Return is in the hands of the Treasury Department, and cannot be completed for some time to come, as there are five other difficult Returns also in hand.

- (6.) Railway Locomotives:—Mr. Hawthorne, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Which of the two types of locomotives now in use on our railways—the Yankee or the English made locomotive—require the greatest amount of repairs, compared with the number of miles run and work performed?
 (2.) Which consumes the largest quantity of fuel, and what is the difference in haulage and cost?
 (3.) Which requires the largest quantity of sand in travelling over the mountain line and on heavy gradients?

Mr. Burns answered,—This information will be obtained and laid upon the Table of the House at an early date.

- (7.) Lamps on Murray Bridge, at Moama:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Have any steps yet been taken to have the lamps on the Murray Bridge, at Moama, lit with gas?
 (2.) If so, when will the lighting take place?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Owing to great pressure of business, it has been quite impossible to take the matter in hand hitherto. It shall, however, receive early attention.

- (8.) Aboriginals at Moama:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is he aware that His Excellency Lord Carrington, when at Moama, received a petition from the aboriginals praying that they might be allowed to occupy separate portions of land on the Moira forest reserve?
 (2.) Has his attention been called to the request made?
 (3.) If so, has he any objection to state what are his intentions regarding the request?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The matter has been referred to the District Surveyor. The Aborigines Protectorate Board are desirous of facilitating in every way the occupancy by the aborigines on the station of separate allotments on the Maloga reserve, and the matter will be dealt with as promptly as possible.

- (9.) Railway Locomotives:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House, copies of all letters, papers, minutes, and reports that may have been received or prepared in connection with the locomotive question since the date of last Return?

Mr. Burns answered,—There will be no objection to the papers being laid upon the Table, and my honorable colleague, Mr. Sutherland, has given directions that they be got ready for that purpose.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return to an Order made on 12th July, 1887—"Railway Sleeping Berth—Nash v. Copeland."
 (2.) Return to an Order made on 27th September, 1887—"Osric-street, Gunnedah."
 (3.) Return to an Order made on 24th June, 1887—"Alleged Railway Frauds."
 (4.) Return to an Order made on 5th October, 1887—"Blue Metal for Railways and Tramways."
 Ordered to be printed.
3. PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY AT MACLEAN:—Mr. McFarlane (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition from Presbyterian Residents of the Lower Clarence, in reference to the Presbyterian Cemetery at Maclean, presented on 11th May, 1887, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Trustees of Presbyterian Cemetery at Maclean."
 Question put and passed.
4. NEW TRIALS LIMITATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the granting of new trials in civil causes.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Hassall presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to limit the granting of New Trials in Civil Causes,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 18th November.
5. LEICHHARDT COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MORTGAGE) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Hawthorne moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Leichhardt to mortgage certain land for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall or Council Chambers thereon.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Hawthorne having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Leichhardt to mortgage certain land for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall or Council Chambers thereon,"—read a first time.
6. DRUMMOYNE PARK WHARF (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Carruthers, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all leases, letters, tenders, contracts, and other documents relating to the leasing of the Drummoyne Park Wharf.
 Question put and passed.
7. ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill postponed until Tuesday, 29th November.

8. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—Sir Henry Parkes made a Statement, in the course of which he informed the House of the intentions of the Government in dealing with the business of the Session.
9. **CROWN LANDS BILL** :—Mr. Ewing presented a Petition from Robert Page, Chairman of the Casino Political League, praying the House to cause certain amendments, suggested by them, to be made in the Crown Lands Bill.
Petition received.
10. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Melville rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to consider the Statement of the Colonial Secretary as to the dealing with the measures now before Parliament, and other matters relating to the Government of the Colony.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Melville moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. **BARRISTERS BILL** :—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to define the power and authority of barristers, and to regulate payment for their services.
Question put and passed.
12. **THE CASE OF ROBERT COYLE** :—Mr. Walker 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 treatment of Robert Coyle, whilst a prisoner in Berrima and other gaols.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Garland, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Hurley, Mr. O’Sullivan, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Levien, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Ewing, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o’clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th October, 1887.

13. **SUPREME COURT APPEALS ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wise, 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 extend the provisions of the Supreme Court Appeals Act of 1887. 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 extend the provisions of the Supreme Court Appeals Act of 1887.
On motion of Mr. Wise, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Wise presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Supreme Court Appeals Act of 1887*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
14. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS 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.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1887, A.M.

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

15. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes before One o’clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o’clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Alfred Braine, Timber Inspector:—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) How long has Alfred Braine, Timber Inspector on No. 3 section, Goulburn to Cooma Railway, been in the Government service?
(2.) Is he the same person who inspected the timber used in Molonglo Bridge, and has such timber been found to have been efficiently inspected?
(3.) Is it intended by the Department that he will have the supervision of Bredbo and Umaralla Bridges now in course of erection?
(4.) Is it not a fact that many men of longer service and experience can be found for the position of Timber Inspector?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Since the 2nd February, 1886.
(2.) Braine inspected the timber work of the Molonglo River Bridge for a short time before its completion. His inspection was considered efficient.
(3.) No; another Inspector has been appointed for one of these bridges.
(4.) Men of longer service and experience could possibly be found, but as he is considered an efficient Inspector, there is no intention to supersede him.
(2.) Whaling Road, North Shore:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What has been done in the Whaling Road obstruction?
(2.) Was the said road gazetted a public road in July, 1873, and notice given to the Borough Council, East St. Leonards?
(3.) Did not a Select Committee, presided over by the late Mr. Holtermann, declare the road, and that it ought to be opened?
(4.) Has any question concerning the road referred to been submitted to the Attorney-General?
(5.) Will the Government take action to protect the people's rights in having the road at once opened?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Nothing has been done towards opening a road.
(2.) Preliminary notification was made in the *Government Gazette*, but it was not followed by confirmation; and the supposed road, spoken of as the Whaling Road, was not established by Proclamation.
(3.) The Select Committee, in their Report, expressed the opinion that the road known as the Whaling Road should be dedicated and proclaimed a public thoroughfare.
(4.) The whole matter has been referred to the Attorney-General for his opinion.
(5.) It is not proposed to deal further with the Whaling Road until the Attorney-General advises the Crown.
(3.) The Casual Labour Board:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Gale, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What is the present weekly expenditure of the Casual Labour Board?
(2.) Can the heads of the gangs of contractors among the unemployed draw rations for their mates without each man applying personally for rations on his own account?
(3.) Is it a fact that some of the gangs are only working half-time to keep the price of their contract work down to 4s. per diem, while the rations are drawn to make the superintendents believe the men are working full time?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Chairman of the Casual Labour Board:—

- (1.) Approximately, £2,180 per week.
 - (2.) Any member can, on production of the "gang" ticket, draw rations for all the gang, the amount for same being deducted from their fortnightly earnings.
 - (3.) There is no rule limiting the earnings of the men employed on contract work to 4s. per diem, and it is presumed that the men would draw full rations, whether working half or full time.
- (4.) Bondi Sewerage and Nepean Water Supply:—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When will the Board to manage the Bondi Sewerage and the Nepean Water Supply be appointed?
 - (2.) Who are the persons now authorized to supply the Nepean water to the inhabitants of the western suburbs, and under what conditions is the water being so supplied?
 - (3.) Will the money charged for the said water be paid into the Colonial Treasury; and, if not so paid, who receives it, and for what purpose?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The whole subject referred to is now under the consideration of the Government.

- (5.) Mr. Anthony Hordern's Establishment:—Mr. Garland asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Little Bay Hospital now contains no less than eleven typhoid fever patients from the establishment of Mr. Anthony Hordern, Haymarket?
 - (2.) Is it true than nine cases from the same establishment have been sent to St. Vincent's Hospital, and that many others are absent from the same warehouse suffering from the same complaint, some of whom are at Prince Alfred Hospital?
 - (3.) Is it true that four of the said persons have died of typhoid at Little Bay?
 - (4.) Is it in the power of the Government to interfere by temporarily closing this establishment, so as to prevent, if possible, the spread of the disease therefrom.

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No; five employés of Messrs. Hordern have been admitted to the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, suffering from typhoid fever.
 - (2.) No; only one has been sent to St. Vincent's Hospital, who is now convalescent. Three similar cases (severe) are at present under treatment at the Prince Alfred Hospital. Messrs. Hordern state that all their employés suffering from typhoid of late have been treated at one or other of the above three hospitals.
 - (3.) No; three have died and two are still there.
 - (4.) There is no law giving the Government this power.
- (6.) Indian and Colonial Exhibition:—Mr. Garland asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the total sum paid by this Colony in connection with the Indian and Colonial Exhibition?
 - (2.) How much of the amount was expended in Sydney, and how much in London respectively?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) £27,582 19s. This amount will be reduced by receipts amounting to £3,411 16s. 3d., being proceeds of minerals, &c., sold in London.
 - (2.) In Sydney, £18,784 6s. 7d.; in London, £8,798 12s. 5d.
- (7.) Mr. Leeson, Telegraph Department:—Mr. Hassall asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Upon the recommendation of what officer was Mr. Leeson appointed to the position from which he is now suspended?
 - (2.) By whom has he been suspended, and on the recommendation of what officer?
 - (3.) What was the date of Mr. Leeson's appointment to this office?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) The Superintendent of Telegraphs recommended that Mr. Leeson might be employed in his present position.
 - (2.) By the Postmaster General, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Telegraphs.
 - (3.) 9th June, 1887.
- (8.) Dredging in front of Mr. Ellis's Property at Pymont:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What dredge was employed in the work of dredging at wharf, the property of Mr. Ellis, M.P., at Pymont?
 - (2.) The number of days the dredge was employed?
 - (3.) The number of punts, and the estimated quantity of silt removed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The "Samson."
 - (2.) Two.
 - (3.) Six punts, the estimated quantity of silt removed being 2,100 tons.
- (9.) Conditional Purchases, Richmond River District:—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that selectors in Richmond River District are much inconvenienced in consequence of certificates of conformity not being obtainable?
 - (2.) Will he kindly take steps to remedy this?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I am not aware of this, but the Chairman of the Land Board will be at once communicated with, and urged to hasten local action on any cases that may prove to be in arrear.

(10.) Electric Telegraph Department :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) When will the Return as to material supplied to the Telegraph Department by H. H. Kingsbury & Co., promised on 5th October to be laid upon the Table in about a week, be forthcoming?
- (2.) When will the Return as to iron telegraph poles, which was promised in a similar way on 12th October, be laid upon the Table?
- (3.) Has he (as promised) forwarded to England the samples of cable for use on the frieze-work, in order to ascertain the opinion of experts as to its value?
- (4.) What experts were suggested by the Telegraph authorities here as the best to be consulted?
- (5.) How long a time will probably elapse before the information as to the value of this cable can be obtained?
- (6.) How far has the work proceeded, as to fittings, towards bringing into use the frieze-work in George-street, and when will it be put in use?
- (7.) If the fittings are not yet completed, will he ascertain and state reasons for delay?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) I will lay this Return upon the Table presently.
- (2.) I am informed that it has been found impossible to complete this Return, which covers a period of eighteen years, as soon as was expected; but I hope to be able to lay it upon the Table in about another fortnight, or sooner, if possible.
- (3.) Not yet; but it will be forwarded to the Agent-General by the next mail steamer.
- (4.) None have been suggested.
- (5.) I am inclined to think that we shall have the information in about four months.
- (6 and 7.) I am informed that the iron fittings referred to are now being cast, and will probably be placed in position during next week; afterwards, the frieze-work will be brought into use with as little delay as possible.

(11.) Farm Produce received by Railway :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What has been the largest number of trucks loaded with farm produce that have at any time arrived at Darling Harbour, and also what is the average number that arrive daily.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The largest number, 239; the average daily number, 122.

(12.) Garden Island :—Mr. Withers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware that the view of the harbour from Hyde Park is very seriously interfered with, through the Imperial Naval Authorities erecting buildings on Garden Island?
- (2.) Will the Government take steps to induce the Imperial Authorities, in any future building operations, to build more to the north, so as to preserve the view of the harbour from Hyde Park?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have not noticed whether these buildings on Garden Island interfere with the view of the harbour or not. In any case, I do not think I should be disposed to ask the Naval Authorities to build more to the north, because I notice that the northern part of the island is still undisturbed; and I do not think I would be a party to giving to it the same barbarous appearance as the southern portion presents. I desire to say also, as I have the opportunity of saying it, that I think a grave mistake was made in handing over this beautiful island to the Naval Authorities at all.

(13.) Drainage of Darling Point :—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware that the Woollahra Municipal Council have decided to convey a portion of the drainage of Darling Point into Double Bay?
- (2.) Is it not intended that the drainage referred to should be turned into the Bondi Sewer, to prevent the pollution of the Harbour?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes; a project to that effect is now being prepared.

(14.) Barcom Glen Estate :—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Government resumed a portion of Barcom Glen Estate for a roadway?
- (2.) If so, is it a fact that the Government has reserved 2 feet on each side of the road?
- (3.) What amount was paid by the Government for the land resumed?
- (4.) What amount is asked by the Government for the 2 feet reserve referred to?
- (5.) Were the original owners of the land aware that the remnant of the land would not have a frontage to the road?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) £5,123 was recommended, of which amount £1,414 15s. has been paid.
- (4.) This is to be arranged by the Municipal Councils.
- (5.) This was arranged according to general custom in all land sales, and the proprietors were fully aware. The locality referred to, which was justly called a "Valley of Abominations," will, on completion of the work, be a handsome street.

2. FRUIT-GROWING :—*Mr. Frank Farnell* presented a Petition from the Chairman and Members of the "New South Wales Fruit-growers Union," stating that they have agreed on certain principles for the protection of the Fruit-growing Industry, which principles they consider should be embodied in an Act of Parliament; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration. At the request of Mr. Farnell, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.

3. PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY AT MACLEAN:—Mr. Barbour presented a Petition from the Rev. William Bain, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, praying that leave may be given to him to be represented by Counsel or Solicitor before the Select Committee now sitting in connection with a Petition received by this House on the 11th May, 1887, respecting the Trustees of the Presbyterian Cemetery at Maclean.
Petition received.
Mr. Barbour (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.
Question put and passed.
4. PAPERS:—
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Broughton Creek and Bomaderry.
(2.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Marrickville.
(3.) Report respecting Theatres and other Public Places of Amusement.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 31st May, 1887—"Articles supplied to the Electric Telegraph Department by Kingsbury & Co."
(2.) Return to an Order made on 18th October, 1887—"Letter-sorters and Letter-carriers."
Ordered to be printed.
5. REVENUE DERIVED FROM ELECTORATES OF GRAFTON AND THE CLARENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The entire revenue from all lands sold, including town allotments, since 1861, in the Electoral Districts of Grafton and The Clarence.
(2.) The entire revenue from the payments on conditional purchase selections, pre-leases, and conditional leases, since same date, in said districts.
(3.) The entire revenue from rents on pastoral leases, since same date, in said districts.
(4.) The entire revenue from mineral leases, mineral licenses, miners rights, and business licenses, since same date, in said districts.
Question put and passed.
6. THE CASE OF W. A. HOPKINS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with the case of W. A. Hopkins, of Bingera, who was sentenced to six weeks imprisonment for assault.
Question put and passed.
7. LEICHHARDT COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MORTGAGE) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hawthorne moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Leichhardt Council Chambers (Mortgage) Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrard, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Day, Mr. Colls, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stevenson, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Schey, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
8. RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT PEAT'S FERRY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all reports, letters, correspondence, evidence, opinions, findings, recommendations, and all and every attainable information relating to or connected with the late Peat's Ferry accident.
Question put and passed.
9. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend and modify the rights of barristers, attorneys, solicitors, and proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Walker presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend and modify the rights of Barristers Attorneys Solicitors and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th December.
10. 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.
11. NUISANCE ON NORTH SHORE OF BOTANY BAY:—Mr. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision in the Estimates for 1888 for the abatement of a nuisance which exists, and has existed for years, on the north shore of Botany Bay.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
12. ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDER NO. 5:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Additional Standing Order No. 5, adopted and approved May 1887, being in contravention of the 23rd section of the Constitution Act, is *ultra vires*.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Lync,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Gormly.

Tellers,

Mr. Moore,
Mr. Dawson.

Noes, 41.

Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Burns, Mr. Roberts, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wise, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Cameron, Mr. R. Burdett Smith, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Teece, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Lee, Mr. Ives, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Colls, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Haynes, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Lees, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Cortis, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Foster, Mr. Street, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Bowes.
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Tellers,

Mr. Bowman,
Dr. Wilkinson.

And so it passed in the negative.

13. PLACES OF PUBLIC AMUSEMENT OR RESORT:—Mr. Dowel moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at an early date, bring in a Bill,—

(1.) For the purpose of effecting the further necessary legislation to place under proper control all places of public amusement or resort.

(2.) To extend such control to places not now under direct statutory control.

(3.) To provide for immediate improved construction, where necessary, of all buildings used for public concourse, so as to insure greater immunity from risk from fire or panic.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14. ABORIGINES OF THE COLONY:—Mr. Dowel moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1888 a sum not exceeding £10,000, for the purpose of supplying the aborigines throughout the Colony with rations, clothing, and shelter.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

15. FREE RAILWAY PASSES TO EX-MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Resolution arrived at by this House on 12th July, 1887, affirming that, "in the opinion of this House, all ex-Members of the Legislative Assembly who have been returned to three Parliaments, either successively or collectively, shall, on ceasing to be a Member of the Legislature, be entitled to a permanent free pass on the Railways," be and the same is hereby rescinded.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Haynes then moved, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for this day "fortnight."

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "fortnight," with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "six months."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. R. Burdett Smith, Mr. Burns, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Trickett, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Schey, Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Moore, Mr. Ives, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Bowes, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Lees, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Cooke.
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Tellers,

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Cortis.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Dawson, Mr. Melville, Mr. McElhone, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Riley, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Dulton, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. See,	Mr. Colls, <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Gormly, Mr. Garland.
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight,—put and passed.

16. FOREIGN MARKETS FOR WOOL AND MEAT.—APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Commission of two or more competent persons be appointed for the following purpose:—

(1.) To proceed to India, China, and Japan, thence to Europe, and obtain all possible information that will assist in opening up fresh markets for our wool, frozen and tinned meat, and to gain the latest knowledge with reference to freezing and otherwise preserving beef and mutton for export.

(2.)

(2.) To return by way of America, and acquire a thorough knowledge of the conditions wool growing is carried on under in the countries there, which are now competing with Australia for the supply of wool to the London and Continental markets.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Dangar.

Tellers,

Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Matheson.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. K. Burdett Smith,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Inglis,

Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. See,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Riley,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Sehey,
Mr. Melville.

Tellers,

Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Ives.

And so it passed in the negative.

17. **PARRY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES ON CURRUGUNDI AND WARREN SOUTH RUNS:**—Mr. Hassall 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 cases of James N. Parry, Reuben Parry, and Richard O. Parry, conditional purchasers on the Currugundi and Warren South Runs, in the Land District of Morce, as to the loss sustained by them in consequence of the division of the runs having been dealt with in the Lands Office prior to dealing with the application of James N. Parry for an additional selection, and the applications of Reuben and Richard O. Parry for conditional leases under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Moore, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Gale, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Ryrrie, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

18. **COMBINATION TRUCKS:**—Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the question of the Combination Trucks offered to the Government.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Black, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Carruthers, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

19. **MR. ADDISON, STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE:**—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed, to inquire into and report upon certain charges of misconduct alleged against Mr. Addison, Stipendiary Magistrate, by a meeting of licensed cabmen and drivers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Allen, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Melville, Mr. Gale, Mr. Chanter, and the Mover.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

20. **MC SHARRY v. COMMISSIONER FOR RAILWAYS:**—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, correspondence, documents, including copy of arbitrators award (exclusive of evidence), in the case *McSharry v. Commissioner for Railways*.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

21. **ROBERT MACKRELL'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT FORBES:**—Mr. Vaughn 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 case of a selection at Forbes, made in 1878 by Robert Mackrell, and now recommended for forfeiture, and all circumstances connected with the fulfilment of conditions.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Day, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Barbour, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this subject during the last Session, be laid upon the Table of this House, with a view to being referred to the Committee.

Question put and passed.

22. **RESUMPTION OF LAND FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, PARISH OF HOLDSWORTHY:**—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Gibbes, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with the reservation from sale for Public School purposes of two acres of land, being part of 40 acres measured portion 133, county of Cumberland, parish of Holdsworthly.

Question put and passed.

23. MR. JOHN GARSEED:—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the letters addressed to the Attorney-General by Mr. John Garsed, on dates 8th June and 21st July, 1887; also, the departmental reply from the Attorney-General's Department, dated 14th September, 1887, having reference to Mr. John Garsed.
Question put and passed.
24. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 22nd November:—
(1.) Trades Conciliation Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill.
(2.) Contractors Debts Act Extension Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill.
(3.) Case of Robert Coyle; resumption of Debate.
25. WENTWORTH ELECTORATE SUB-DIVISION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Abbott 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 on Thursday next.

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Thursday* next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

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No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Captain Frederick:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did Captain Frederick of the steamship "Lillian," stranded at Port Macquarie, in his protest state that the decision of the Marine Board was against the evidence produced; and, with regard to the abandonment, that he was prevented from doing anything for the good of the ship, and that the ship was not abandoned by him, but was taken out of his hands by the agent of the Underwriters?

(2.) Under what clause of the Navigation Act is the Marine Board of New South Wales empowered to suspend any certificate, irrespective of the authority by whom it was issued?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Under the powers conferred by the 81st and 87th clauses of the Act.

(2.) Sydney Commission for Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition:—*Mr. Frank Smith*, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What sums have been paid to the Sydney Commission for the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition?

(2.) How many exhibits were sent in by private persons?

(3.) How many Government or Public Institution exhibits were sent in?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The following sums have been paid to the Finance Committee of the Sydney Commission for the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition, namely:—1887: 21st February, £500; 2nd May, £500; 13th May, £1,000; 8th June, £2,500; 25th July, £1,000; 20th August, £1,000, and £207 9s. 4d.; 1st November, £600; total payments, £7,307 9s. 4d.

(2.) There were 322 private exhibitors.

(3.) Eleven Public Departments exhibited, as well as eight Public Schools, and the students of the Sydney Technical College.

(3.) Trials in District Courts:—*Mr. Toohey*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that some of the District Court Judges, in their arrangements for trials in the country, give precedence to civil business over criminal, as in the case of the Orange District Court and Quarter Sessions, fixed for the 10th and 11th of this month?

(2.) Will he take measures to amend this by insisting that District Court Judges shall, in future, give precedence to criminal business, which involves the liberty of the subject?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I find that in reference to certain questions put by Mr. Cameron to one of my predecessors on the 29th January, 1884, in connection with the same subject, a Return of correspondence, with Judges Docker and Murray was laid upon the Table of this House and ordered to be printed on the same date, to which Return I would invite the attention of the Honorable Member. This correspondence deals exhaustively with the subject, and appears to me to furnish reasons which justify the District Court Judges in certain instances in holding District Courts before Courts of Quarter Sessions.

(4.)

- (4.) **Thefts of Workmen's Tools:**—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) How many complaints have been made to the police of thefts of workmen's tools during the last two years?
 - (2.) How many prosecutions have been initiated by the police during a like period for such offences?
 - (3.) How many convictions have been obtained?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the police authorities that it would occupy a considerable time to obtain a Return of this nature throughout the Colony, but if the Honorable Member will be satisfied with a Return limited to the City of Sydney, I will endeavour to have it prepared.
- (5.) **Buoy off Dobroyd Point:**—*Mr. Lees*, for Mr. Withers, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many miles distant is the buoy fixed from Dobroyd Point to warn boating parties from that dangerous part of the harbour?
- Mr. Burns answered,—The buoy to warn boating parties from the dangers of Dobroyd point is as near the breakers as practicable—that is, 2 cables (400 yards) from the point.
- (6.) **Dobroyd Point:**—*Mr. Lees*, for Mr. Withers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many persons are known to have lost their lives at Dobroyd Point?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Inspector Donohoe reports:—"I beg to state, in reply to above question, that on careful examination of records kept at this Station, I find that during the last fourteen years five boating accidents have occurred at or near to Dobroyd Point, by which eight persons are reported to have lost their lives."
- (7.) **Salaries of Clerks of Petty Sessions:**—*Mr. Trickett*, for Mr. McMillan, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Minister of Justice to lay upon the Table of the House a list showing alterations in salaries of Clerks of Petty Sessions arising out of the stoppage of fees?
- Mr. William Clarke answered,—No; this information will be sufficiently disclosed when the Estimates of the Department are submitted to Parliament.
- (8.) **Tramway Extension, Marrickville to Dulwich Hill:**—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the survey of the proposed tramway extension, Marrickville to Dulwich Hill, been completed?
 - (2.) Has any decision yet been arrived at by the Government as to the construction of the said tramway extension?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No.
- (9.) **Public School, Arncliffe:**—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the alleged danger caused to over 300 children attending the Public School, Arncliffe, by reason of the cutting and excavation recently done under the Roads Department at the "Pinch," Rocky Point Road, in front of the entrance gates to the Public School?
 - (2.) Will he give instructions for the erection of some proper fence or wall, in order to avoid the possibility of accidents to the children attending the school?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) A fence is being erected, although the danger cannot be admitted.
- (10.) **Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P.:**—*Mr. Toohy*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has Mr. J. C. Neild yet furnished a detailed statement of the money spent by him in his capacity as Executive Commissioner to the Adelaide Exhibition; and, if not, will he request the same to be supplied without delay and laid upon the Table of the House?
- Mr. Burns answered.—The Auditor-General reports that no detailed statements of expenditure have yet been received from Mr. J. C. Neild. He will be requested to furnish them to that officer at an early date.
- (11.) **Major Staunton:**—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Was a free pass to travel over our railways granted to a Major Staunton (not Taunton, as put in answer to questions on 4th November); if so, is he still allowed to travel on this pass?
 - (2.) If so, will he state why he was granted this pass, and is he aware whether this person occupies any distinguished position; if so, what is his position?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) A visitor's free pass was issued to Captain (not Major) Staunton in November, 1885, available till the 31st December of the same year.
 - (2.) The pass was issued to him as a military officer on a visit to the Colony, upon the introduction of the Agent-General.
- (12.) **Foreshores of Waverley and Bondi:**—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have any of the foreshores at Waverley or Bondi been leased or sold?
 - (2.) If so, to whom?
 - (3.) If not, has any promise been made to lease or sell the said foreshores?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—
- (1 and 2.) No.
 - (3.) No.

(13.) First-class Tram-car, Sydney and Woollahra:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many days has the first-class tram-car been running between Sydney and Woollahra?
- (2.) What has been the average number of passengers per trip of such car?
- (3.) What has been the average earning per day of such car?
- (4.) What is the total cost per day in connection with the running of such car?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Thirty-two days.
- (2.) Slightly over two.
- (3.) 6s.
- (4.) 11s. 6d. I may say that the tram was simply run as an experiment, and has been withdrawn.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Despatch respecting Foreign Deserters Act, 1852.
 - (2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1887.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. CHARLOTTE BRENNING:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Fletcher, presented a Petition from Charlotte Brenning, representing that she served as a Teacher for three years under the Department of Public Instruction, and that in consequence of having been sent to places where great hardships had to be endured her health was greatly affected, and having applied for removal from the School of which she had the charge, she received a reply from the Department that her resignation as Teacher had been accepted; and praying for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into her case.
Petition received.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Gormly rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of discussing the neglect of the Lands Department in not providing roads to give access to railway stations, to towns, and to main roads."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Gormly moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

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

(1.) Supreme Court Appeals Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

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 extend the provisions of the "Supreme Court Appeals Act of 1887."

Government House,
Sydney, 9th November, 1887.

(2.) Public Works Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

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 constitution of an authority to investigate and report upon proposals for public works submitted to Parliament, to make better provision for the acquisition of land for carrying out such works, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th November, 1887.

Ordered, that the Messages be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the respective Bills.

6. THE JOACHIM FAMILY:—Mr. Garvan presented a petition from William Joachim, Annie Joachim, Sophia Joachim, Selina Joachim, and John Thomas Joachim, representing that, with a deceased brother, they came to this Colony in the year 1873, and conditionally purchased land in the vicinity of Moama, and took possession of the same; that, on alleged ground of non-residence and other grounds, they were subjected to long and severe litigation, ending in an appeal to the Privy Council; that, notwithstanding the fact that they have been undisturbed in their possession of the land, their title has in no way been recognized by the Crown;—and praying the House to take the whole of the circumstances into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

Mr. Garvan (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That the Petition of the Joachim family be referred to the Committee of the House appointed to inquire into, examine, and report upon the Conditional Purchases Validating Bill.

Question put and passed.

7. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. Garrett (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the applications or recommendations to the Minister for Lands for the validation of the conditional purchases enumerated at end hereof be referred to the Select Committee now sitting upon "the Bill to legalize certain Conditional and other Purchases of Crown Lands," for its consideration and report as to whether the said cases should be added to the Schedules to the said Bill, viz.:—

Name.	Area.	Portion.	District.	Section.
	acres.			
Bate, Henry Jefferson, now Edward P. Simpson	40	404	Bega	21
Do. do. do.	49½	405	do.	21
Evans Rees, now Edmund Walsh	40	145	Queanbeyan	14
Gillespie, Charles	500	89 & 91	Molong	13
M'Naught, Alexander	80	.....	Bega	13
Do.	40	.....	do.	21
Riley, Daniel	40	161	Mudgee... ..	13
Rolfe, Edmund	100	62	Queanbeyan	22
Do.	60	155	do.	22
Do.	40	156	do.	22
Do.	50½	157	do.	22
Do.	40	158	do.	22
Ryrie, Alexander	40	58	Cooma	21

Question put and passed.

8. THE REV. H. H. BRITTEN, OF RYDE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. J. S. Farnell, 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 documents, papers, and depositions, in the case of alleged arson, preferred against the Rev. H. H. Britten, of Ryde; also copies of any letters which may have passed between the Minister of Justice and the Colonial Secretary on the matter, and in respect to the conduct of Mr. Manning, Coroner at Ryde.
Question put and passed.
9. CENTENARY OF THE COLONY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garvan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—That, in the opinion of this House, in connection with the Centennial Celebration, there should be offered a sum of £500 as a prize for a champion rowing race; £300 for an allegorical picture typical of the seven Colonies, and commemorative of the first hundred years of colonization in Australia; £200 for a historical picture illustrative of some event in the early years of Australian colonization; £200 for a landscape picture illustrative of some similar event; £200 for the best commemorative poem; £200 for the best essay commemorative of the centennial of the Colony; £200 for the best musical composition.
Question put and passed.
10. PURCHASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PROPERTY FROM THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all claims, correspondence, deeds, transfers, valuations, and documents connected with the purchase by the Government from the Australasian Steam Navigation Company of property on the western side of Circular Quay.
Question put and passed.
11. WENTWORTH ELECTORATE SUB-DIVISION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Abbott read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "An Act to sub-divide the Electoral District of Wentworth."
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 sub-divide the Electoral District of Wentworth,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th November, 1887.
12. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS 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.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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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 to-morrow.

13. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until to-morrow :—
(1.) Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Act Repeal Bill ; second reading.
(2.) District Government Bill ; second reading.
14. **CROWN LANDS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on motion of Mr. Garrett, “ That this Bill be now read a second time,”—
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.
Question put and passed.
Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Bill be withdrawn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
15. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reserve on Stock Road from Jerry's Plains to Homebush:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it intended to alienate the reserve on the stock road from Jerry's Plains, *via* Bulga, to Homebush, thereby considerably interfering with stock traffic?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The information supplied by the Honorable Member is too vague to admit of the identification of the reserve referred to. If the Honorable Member will give me a more accurate description, I will have proper inquiries made, and an answer given.

- (2.) Prosecutions before Juries:—*Mr. McElhone*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) After the committal of any person for trial for an offence amounting to a felony or a misdemeanour, is the prosecutor allowed to decide whether there shall be a prosecution before a jury or not?

(2.) Does the final decision in any such matter rest with the person who was prosecutor in the inferior Court, or with the Attorney-General?

Mr. Wise answered,—These are both abstract questions of law, upon which it is not the duty of any Minister of the Crown to advise a solicitor. However, out of respect to the Honorable Member, and with the permission of the House, I will attempt to answer them. And I have to say, in answer, that "after the committal of any person for trial for an offence amounting to a felony or misdemeanour, the Attorney-General only, and not the prosecutor, can decide, whether finally or otherwise, whether a Bill shall or shall not be found, so as to lead to a prosecution before a Jury." I am told that further information upon these points can be obtained on page 8 of the "Articled Clerk's Manual."

- (3.) Road through E. K. Crace's Estate, Gungahleen:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What steps (if any) have the Government taken to open the public road across Gungahleen, near Queanbeyan, now closed by Mr. E. K. Crace?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Lands Department to insist upon this road being thrown open to the public?

(3.) Is he aware that Mr. E. K. Crace is now obstructing traffic across the road in question?

Mr. Garrett answered,—If the reserved boundary road separating portions of Mr. Crace's property is meant, there is no present intention of opening it, a road having been proclaimed in November, 1884, to be in lieu of the boundary road. There have been no complaints of obstruction of the proclaimed road; but it is known that it is not approved of by the residents, who desire to have another road opened—one that was mutually agreed upon by Mr. Crace and the persons interested—and the case will now receive further consideration on that point.

- (4.) Steamers Propellers:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the loss of the steamer "Cheviot" was caused through that vessel being worked with a cast-iron propeller?

(2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made, in order to ascertain how many sea-going steamers registered in New South Wales are furnished with cast-iron propellers?

(3.) To avoid the danger dependent upon the using of cast-iron propellers, will he give instructions to the Marine Board to insist upon propellers being made of bronze or other durable material?

Mr. Burns answered that the following replies had been received by him from the Marine Board:—

(1.) The actual cause of the loss of the "Cheviot" was not elicited at the official inquiry. The vessel had a cast-iron propeller; but whether it broke from coming into contact with something, or whether it became detached, or whether the propeller-shaft broke, was not ascertained.

(2.) Ninety-five per cent. of the sea-going iron steamships registered in New South Wales are fitted with cast-iron propellers.

(3.) Cast-iron propellers are as safe as those made of bronze or other material. All screws, of whatsoever nature, are equally liable to accident.

(5.)

- (5.) Produce Dépôt at Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the number of stalls (or partitions) in the proposed plan for the Produce Dépôt at Darling Harbour?
Mr. Burns answered,—Twenty-five.
- (6.) Road through E. K. Crace's Estate, Gungahleen:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he give the date when the Government Surveyor crossed the parish road in dispute on Gungahleen Estate, near Queanbeyan, and declared the road open to the public?
Mr. Garrett answered,—The road was surveyed in March, 1884; proclaimed in July, 1884; and confirmed in November, 1884. Formal opening by a surveyor was not considered to be necessary, as public gates had been granted to Mr. Crace upon his application, and these were the only known obstructions. I suppose that is on the alternative road.
2. ROYALTY ON OYSTERS ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Burns*, for Sir Henry Parkes, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the royalty on oysters. Question put and passed.
3. ROBERT MACKRELL'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT FORBES:—The Clerk having laid upon the Table the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on "Robert Mackrell's Conditional Purchase at Forbes" during the last Session,—*Mr. Vaughn* (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on Robert Mackrell's Conditional Purchase at Forbes, just laid upon the Table by the Clerk, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the subject. Question put and passed.
4. COUNSEL'S FEES TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL:—*Mr. Dibbs* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of the Government paying counsel's fees to the Attorney-General, in addition to the salary provided in the Schedule of the Constitution Act, is fraught with danger, and, being contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, ought to be discontinued forthwith.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. Debate ensued.
Mr. Lyne moved, That this Debate be now adjourned. Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th October, 1887.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Dibbs* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to speak upon "the condition of Public Business."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—*Mr. Dibbs* moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1887, A.M.

- Question put, That this House do now adjourn,—
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*.
6. CLAIM OF MRS. BUTTERLEY:—*Mr. Schey*, 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 21st September, 1887. Ordered to be printed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next:—
(1.) Government Railways Bill, reported; adoption of report.
(2.) Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
(3.) District Government Bill; second reading.
8. SUPREME COURT APPEALS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. William Clarke* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time.
On motion of *Mr. Clarke*, *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 an amendment. On motion of *Mr. Clarke* (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. ROYALTY ON OYSTERS ABOLITION BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish the Royalty on Oysters*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fifteen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Iron-plate for Defence Works :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) The name of the iron plate imported by the Government for defence works?
 (2.) The cost per plate landed in Sydney?
 (3.) The cost per plate for forging?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is reported to me that the necessary information to answer this question cannot be obtained for some time—probably ten days or a fortnight; why, I do not pretend to understand.

- (2.) Church of England Chaplains, Rookwood and Waverley Cemeteries :—Mr. Cooke asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What are the names of the Church of England Chaplains who officiate at the Rookwood and Waverley Cemeteries?
 (2.) What amounts have been paid to each Chaplain respectively for the years 1886 and 1887 for services at the said cemeteries?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will, during the afternoon, lay a Return upon the Table giving the required information.

- (3.) The Office of Attorney-General :—Mr. Day, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Attorney-General,—
 (1.) Will he state the names of each of the gentlemen who have held the office of Attorney-General from the formation of the first Government under Responsible Government up to the present time?
 (2.) The Ministry in which each of them held the office?
 (3.) The duration of the time for which each of them held the office in each Ministry?
 (4.) The amount of patent fees received by each of them whilst holding the office in each Administration?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—A Return, in answer to this question, will be laid upon the Table this week.

- (4.) The Jardine Torpedo :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Have the papers and plans *re* the Jardine Torpedo been returned to Mr. Alfred Jardine?
 (2.) Have the Government any intention of giving any compensation to Mr. Jardine for depriving him of the use of his papers for nearly four months?
 (3.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that the Jardine Torpedo has been sold to the Government of New Zealand, and that Mr. Jardine has been deprived of his chances to negotiate with the Governments of Victoria and Tasmania in consequence of the retention of his papers in the Colonial Secretary's Office?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I can give no information about these papers. I have not the slightest recollection of any papers on the subject being laid before me. I remember the gentleman coming to see me on his invention, but I cannot tax my recollection with the production of any papers at the time; and I cannot understand how any papers were necessary, seeing that he came personally to introduce the matter. I recollect that when Mr. Jardine, or his friend, called upon me, I appointed to see him on an occasion when I could have Colonel Cracknell present; and whatever took place about the torpedo was simply referred to himself and his friend and Colonel Cracknell. They retired from the room, and I never heard any more about the matter. I have no recollection of any papers whatever, and I can find no trace of any, neither can the Under Secretary; but I will search again.

(5.)

- (5.) Railway Station, Whittingham :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a petition was received from several electors of Patrick's Plains *re* the erection of a crane, goods-sheds, luggage-platform, waiting-room, and ticket-office at Whittingham?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that there are about 100 farmers who would be benefited by a crane and goods-shed?
 - (3.) Have the Government erected a waiting-room and ticket-office only?
 - (4.) Are there more than three families who will be benefited by the buildings erected?
 - (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to employ a station-master at Whittingham, and to build him a house to live in?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) There is no record of such a petition.
 - (2.) The Traffic Manager reports that he does not think so many as 100 farmers would be benefited by such provision.
 - (3.) The platform has been extended and an inexpensive waiting-room, ticket-office, and urinal accommodation provided.
 - (4.) The traffic shows that a good number of people will be benefited by the accommodation provided. The passenger traffic for six months amounted to 2,335 persons.
 - (5.) The question is being considered of placing a man in charge of the platform.
- (6.) Royalty on Oysters :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amount has been received for royalty on oysters for the years 1884, 1885, and 1886, showing the amounts in each year?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—1884, £1,098 3s. 6d.; 1885, £1,920 3s.; 1886, £2,216 2s.
- (7.) Purchase by Mr. White of Roads near Timor and Isis River :—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has he received a petition from Mr. Allan McDonald and other residents near Timor and the Isis River, requesting him not to allow Mr. Frederick White to purchase a number of roads in the district?
 - (2.) Has he also received a letter from Mr. McElhone, protesting against Mr. White being allowed to buy any of these roads?
 - (3.) If so what decision (if any) has he come to on the subject?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) The papers, including the petition and letter in question, have been referred to the Land Boards at Maitland and Tamworth for report, but will be at once recalled for consideration by me.
- (8.) Mr. T. R. Smith :—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has Mr. T. R. Smith, late a Member of this House, been appointed to any office under the Government?
 - (2.) If so, what office has he been appointed to, and what salary does he receive per annum?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—I am not aware that Mr. T. R. Smith has been appointed to any office under the Government.
- (9.) Mr. Quodling.—Mr. Barling :—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) In what year did Mr. Quodling enter the Civil Service?
 - (2.) In what year did Mr. Barling enter the Civil Service?
 - (3.) Is Mr. Quodling senior in the Service to Mr. Barling, and is it a fact that the Civil Service Board recommended Mr. Quodling for the position of Chief Clerk in the Works Department?
 - (4.) Was not provision made in the Civil Service Act, or the Regulations under the Act, providing that all officers should be entitled to promotion in the Civil Service according to seniority?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—Mr. Quodling entered the Service in the year 1857, Mr. Barling in 1860, the one being an officer of the Railway Department, the other of the Works. It is evident, however, that important appointments of the nature referred to cannot be determined on a question of mere seniority, especially as in this case where the difference is comparatively trifling. To make matters more clear, I will presently lay upon the Table all the papers in connection with this appointment.
- (10.) Messrs. Matheson and Arnhiem's Tin Lease, Silverton :—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) If any complaint has been lodged against Messrs. Matheson and Arnhiem's tin lease, Silverton, Nos. 41, 42, 43, and 44, parish Byjerkerno, county Farnell, for non-fulfilment of labour conditions?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Minister promised Mr. Matheson, M.P., that he would not forfeit his leases if he put labour after complaint lodged?
 - (3.) Was Mr. Matheson informed of the complaint lodged against his leases; if so, when, and by whom informed?
 - (4.) Is it his intention to hold an inquiry into the complaint, and find out if the conditions were fulfilled or not?
 - (5.) If not fulfilled, will he forfeit these leases?
- Mr. Abigail answered,—
- (1.) A complaint has been lodged in regard to portion 41. The lessees have been called in the usual way to show cause; and they have done so. The papers have in due course been referred to the Warden for inquiry.
 - (2.) No, certainly not; I do not treat Members of Parliament differently from other people.
 - (3.) He was, on the 28th September last, called upon to show cause by the Under Secretary for Mines.
 - (4.) The papers were forwarded to the Warden on the 24th October last, in order that he may hold an inquiry and furnish a report.
 - (5.) When the report is received the case will be dealt with on its merits.
- (11.)

- (11.) William Skene's Pre-lease at Conargo:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Return to Order, made on the 11th of October last, in reference to Wm. Skene's pre-lease at Conargo, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Garrett answered,—In the course of next week.

- (12.) Police Buildings, Moama:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any tender been accepted for the erection of a lock-up and caretaker's quarters at Moama?

(2.) If so, will he state the name of the successful tenderer, and the contract price?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Cawsey & Son, £1,062 7s. 9d.

- (13.) Customs Department:—*Mr. Thompson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the number of tide-waiters on the Staff in Sydney?

(2.) What salary or emolument did each of them receive in the month of October?

(3.) To what position was *Mr. Powell, jun.*, appointed when he joined the Service?

(4.) What was his salary?

(5.) What was his age then?

(6.) Has he been promoted; if so, when, and for what reasons?

(7.) What is his present salary?

(8.) Was such promotion (if made) over the heads of others in the Service more entitled to promotion by service and merit?

(9.) Has this gentleman passed the Civil Service Board?

(10.) How many relations of the Collector are now in the Department?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Sixty-four.

(2.) I have a Return on this subject which can be laid upon the Table.

(3.) Eighteenth Clerk.

(4.) £175 per annum.

(5.) Twenty-five.

(6.) Yes; I have here a full statement, showing that he was only promoted in the order of merit, as vacancies arose from resignations or deaths.

(7.) £200 per annum, which includes £40 statutory increment for 1885 and 1886.

(8.) No; the promotion in each case was in the usual order of seniority to fill up vacancies.

(9.) The Civil Service Board was not in existence when *Mr. Powell* was appointed.

(10.) I do not conceive that it is any part of my duty to inquire what relatives any one may have in the Public Service.

- (14.) Gun-cotton:—*Mr. Thompson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What quantity of gun-cotton was received on board the Store-hulk "Behring" from the Torpedo authorities during August and September, 1886?

(2.) Where had it been stored previously?

(3.) Was there at any time any other store for gun-cotton, the property of the Government, other than this hulk?

(4.) If so, what was the store, and where was it?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) On the 19th August, 1886, 247 boxes, containing about 10,003½lb. of gun-cotton, were conveyed from Berry's Bay store and received on board the "Behring," the only store for this purpose under the control of the Department.

(2.) The gun-cotton was stored under the control of the Torpedo authorities.

(3 and 4.) Under the 48th clause, sub-section 4, of the Gunpowder Act, 1876, 40 Vic. No. 1, all explosives or explosive substances supplied to or used by Her Majesty's Colonial and Volunteer Forces are exempt.

- (15.) Audit of Railway Accounts:—*Mr. Thompson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is the system of a departmental audit of the railway accounts still carried on, as well as the audit of the same accounts in the Treasury Department?

(2.) If so, what is the object attained by this seemingly unnecessary and expensive process?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The departmental audit of the railway receipts is indispensable.

(2.) The object aimed at by a double audit of the railway accounts is an assurance by an authority independent of the Railway Department that the departmental audit is correct.

- (16.) State Aid to Religion:—*Mr. Thompson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government considered the advisability of dealing with the clergy still receiving State aid, by arranging to pay to each a sum calculated upon the value of each life, or by introducing a Bill to deal with the subject, so that the principle of State aid may be finally and quickly abolished?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot say at this time that the Government are prepared to introduce any such Bill as this, but the matter shall receive due consideration.

- (17.) Government Steam Launches:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Melville*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government steam launches "Carrington," "Nea," and "Premier," were steaming round the Harbour on Friday morning, 11th November?

(2.) For whose pleasure, or for what purpose, were they so engaged?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) These steam launches were engaged on their respective duties, but they were not steaming round the harbour.

(2.) None of them were employed for any person's pleasure. The "Carrington" took the pilot from the mail steamer "Parramatta" to Watson's Bay. She afterwards brought a pilot up to Sydney to take the mail steamer "Thames" to sea, and she was subsequently engaged in watering the light-ship and pilot steamer. The "Nca" took stores to the battery at Middle Head for shot practice of the Naval Brigade. The "Premier" was moved from the wharf at the boatshed, where she was coaled and watered, to her moorings in Farm Cove.

(18.) Railway Locomotives :—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many locomotives have been supplied to the Government for use on our railway lines by local manufacturers?

(2.) Is it known if such locomotives were in every part thereof made in the Colony?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Fifty-four.

(2.) They are not.

(19.) Railway Sheds, Darling Harbour :—Mr. Hawken asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will tenders be called for the railway sheds at Darling Harbour?

(2.) When is it expected the sheds will be ready for use?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Tenders have been invited for the Produce 'Depôt, to be received on the 22nd instant, but the question of the Sales-shed has not yet been decided, as it is said the farmers are not in favor of it.

2. COMBINATION TRUCKS :—Mr. Frank Smith presented a Petition from George T. Evans and Ambrose Thornley, of Sydney, representing that they are directly interested in the results of an inquiry now being made respecting the Combination Trucks offered to the Government; and praying to be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before the Select Committee now inquiring into the subject, with liberty to adduce such evidence as may be advised.

Petition received.

Mr. Frank Smith (*by consent*) moved, without notice, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Information respecting the Church of England Chaplains at the Rookwood and Waverley Cemeteries.

(2.) Further Return to an Address adopted on the 6th July, 1877—"Immigration"—Steamship "Liguria."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Copies of Papers in connection with the appointment of Mr. Joseph Barling to the position of Chief Clerk in the Ministerial Branch of the Public Works Department.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—A Return showing the names of the gentlemen who have held the office of Attorney-General under Responsible Government, with the amount of patent fees received by each.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 5th July, 1887—"The late Acting Police Magistrate at Corowa."

4. MR. GEORGE MATCHAM PITT, JUNIOR :—Mr. Bowman presented a Petition from George Matcham Pitt, the younger, of North Richmond, representing that in the year 1884, when the present Land Act was passed, he was the owner of two stations—one known as Bunaba North, and the other known as Curragundi; and that, by the division of the said stations, injustice has been done to him, and that he has suffered pecuniary loss; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to relief.

Petition received.

5. THE REV. DANIEL P. M. HULBERT :—Mr. Ives presented a Petition from the Rev. Daniel P. M. Hulbert, stating that for thirty-nine years he has been in the direct pay of Her Imperial Majesty, and for over thirty years occupied the position of Stipendiary Pastor in Goulburn Church District, but has not received the revenues attaching to the office; and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration, and appoint a Select Committee to investigate the matter.

Petition received.

6. SUPREME COURT APPEALS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wise, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the Supreme Court Appeals Act of 1887.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered

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 and extend the provisions of the Supreme Court Appeals Act of 1887*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th November, 1887.*

7. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Eight Hours Bill ; second reading ;—*until Tuesday, 3rd January, 1888.*
 - (2.) Seduction Punishment Bill ; second reading ;—*until Tuesday next.*
 - (3.) Original Grants of Land Boundaries Bill ; second reading ;—*until Tuesday next.*
 - (4.) Contagious Diseases Bill ; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in a Bill ;—*until Tuesday, 3rd January, 1888.*
8. **NORTH SHORE, MANLY, AND PITTWATER TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY BILL** :—
- (1.) Mr. Day presented a Petition from Residents at St. Leonards and North Shore, in favour of the passing of this Bill, but respectfully submitting that the charging of tolls on the Bridge to be constructed over the Spit at Middle Harbour would be vexatious and contrary to ordinary usage ; and praying that provision be made so that the said Bridge, when made, shall be free of toll to the public.
At the request of Mr. Day, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—and received.
 - (2.) Mr. Day presented a similar Petition from Residents at Manly.
Petition received.
9. **LEIGHARDT COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MORTGAGE) BILL** :—Mr. Hawthorne, 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 8th November, 1887, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Hawthorne then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 13th December, 1887.
Question put and passed.
10. **HAY AND DENILQUIN TRAMWAY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put, That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Street,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Jeanneret.

Tellers,

Mr. Colls,
Mr. Lakeman.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cooke,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Ives,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Gibbes.
Mr. Chapman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Hawkon,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. **PRIVILEGE (Seat of John Haynes, Esquire)** :—Mr. Melville moved, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire and report to this House whether the Seat of John Haynes, Esquire, one of the Members for Mudgee, has not and is not now vacant, by reason of his becoming a bankrupt or an insolvent debtor within the meaning of the laws in force within the said Colony relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
12. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Davis, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
13. **PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Inglis moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stokes,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Garran,
Mr. See,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Bowman,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Carruthers,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Frank Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Day,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. McMillan.
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Stevenson,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Want,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Dalton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. De Courcy Browne.
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Cooke,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Kethel,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Dangar,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 13th December.

14. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Haynes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. O'Mara.

Tellers.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Moore.

Noes 33.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Colls,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Barbour,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Dangar,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Burns.
Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Ives.
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Matheson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Haynes, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

15. NORTH SHORE, MANLY, AND PITTWATER TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Day moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1887, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Abigail,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Stokes.
Mr. Wise,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Thompson.
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. O'Connor,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. O'Sullivan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Street.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

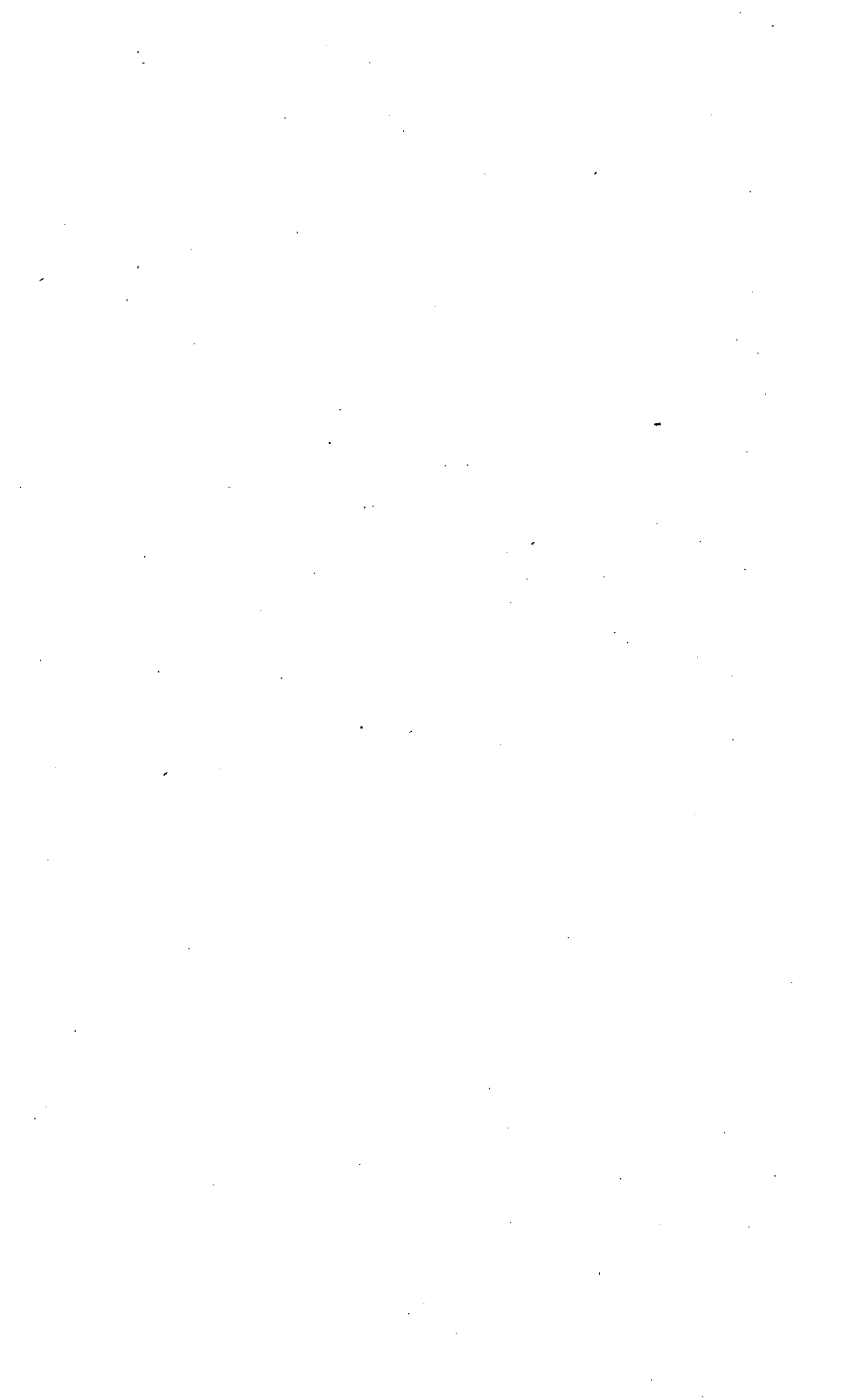
On motion of Mr. Day, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 13th December.

16. **YASS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Colls moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Colls, 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. Colls, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
17. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Ministerial Election Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 13th December.*
(2.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading;—*until to-morrow.*
(3.) Perpetual Trustee Company Bill; to be considered in Committee;—*until Tuesday, 13th December.*
(4.) Mr. Addison, Stipendiary Magistrate; adjourned debate;—*until Tuesday, 13th December.*
(5.) Centenary of the Colony; consideration in Committee of Resolution:—*until Friday next.*
(6.) Partnership Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill;—*until to-morrow.*
18. **BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL:**—
(1.) Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a tramway from the terminus, on the western boundary of the Colony of New South Wales, of the South Australian Railway, by way of Thackaringa, the Pinnacles, and Broken Hill to "Mount Gipps Hotel."
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. O'Connor having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum 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 from the terminus on the western boundary of the Colony of New South Wales of the South Australian Railway by way of Thackaringa the Pinnacles and Broken Hill to 'Mount Gipps Hotel,'*"—read a first time.
19. **THE CASE OF DANIEL CORKERY:**—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all reports, letters, papers, &c., in connection with the suspension, dismissal, and reinstatement of Daniel Corkery, Locomotive Engineer in the Railway Department.
Question put and passed.
20. **THE "GULCHER" ELECTRIC MACHINE:**—Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, documents, correspondence, minutes, and memoranda relating to the Gulcher Machine for electric lighting, purchased by the Electric Telegraph Department, recently referred to in the answers of the Postmaster-General to questions asked by the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Wall.
Question put and passed.
21. **RESUMPTION OF EDWARD IRBY'S LAND AT BLUFF RIVER:**—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Lee, 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 all the circumstances attending the resumption of the land of Edward Irby, at Bluff River, on the railway extension from Glen Innes to Tenterfield.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Tecce, Mr. Dawson, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Day, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at three minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Arrears of Rent for Runs:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have the arrears of rent for runs brought under the Land Act of 1884 to be paid?
- (2.) If they are not paid, what will be the result?
- (3.) Will the Government sell off the property of lessees who have failed to pay the rents referred to?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Arrears can be recovered, as provided by the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (3.) Whatever course is necessary will be taken in accordance with the law.

(2.) The Rabbit Pest:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How many inventions for the extermination of rabbits have been received by him?
- (2.) The nature of each invention?
- (3.) The dates on which they were received?
- (4.) The names of the authors of these inventions?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) 386.
- (2.) A promise has been given not to divulge the nature of any scheme until they have been dealt with by a Board to be appointed to report upon them.
- (3.) They have been received between the 27th of July, 1885, and the 15th of November, 1887.
- (4.) Answered, in reply to No. 2.

(3.) The Civil Service:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it intended that the Regulation fixing the hours of attendance of Civil Servants should apply alike to all Government Departments the officers of which come under the provisions of the Civil Service Act?
- (2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view to make this Regulation apply, as far as practicable, to all Civil Servants coming under the Civil Service Act?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am afraid that it will be impossible to establish any hard and fast rule. Some officers of the Government must perform duties when they are specially required to do so, as in the case of the Post Office, for example. I will cause the inquiry to be made which is suggested in the second section of the Honorable Member's question.

(4.) Bridges over Mangrove Creek, Hawkesbury River:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the amount of the lowest tender sent in for the erection of the two bridges over Mangrove Creek, on the Hawkesbury River?
- (2.) What is the name of the successful tenderer, and the amount of his tender?

Mr. Sutcliffe answered,—The tenders of Thos. Woodbury, £118 15s. and £184 10s., for the above bridges respectively were the lowest in each case, and have been accepted.

(5.) Millgate v. the Hon. John Smith:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers moved for by Dr. Ross in October last, in the case of Mr. G. F. Millgate v. the Hon. John Smith, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I have had some search made for this order, to ascertain if it has ever been made; but I can find no trace of it. I will, however, have an independent search made again. The honorable gentleman in his question mentions that papers were moved for in October last, but I cannot find any record of it. As I have said, I will have a further search, and if an order has been made it will be complied with as soon as possible.

(6.)

(6.) Land Act of 1884:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In how many cases have runs and homestead leases been abandoned since the Land Act of 1884 came into operation owing to the rental being too high?

(2.) Will he state the quantity or area of improved land taken up under the Land Act of 1884 within resumed areas, and the amount paid for the same?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Pastoral leaseholds cannot be surrendered until the end of the first term of five years, and even then only upon receipt of notice not less than three months prior thereto, as provided by Regulations under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) I cannot possibly answer this question.

(7.) Railway, Narrabri to Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will copy of the final survey of the railway route, Narrabri to Walgett, with plans, reports, and fullest information, ordered by the House on 4th October last, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Papers are now being copied, and will probably be laid upon the Table of the House next week.

(8.) Holt-Sutherland Estate:—Mr. Walker, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the unemployed been engaged in clearing streets, &c., on the Holt-Sutherland Estate; and, if so, what extent of roads and streets have been so cleared, and the cost of the work done to date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Various proclaimed streets and roads running through the Holt-Sutherland Estate (the whole of which lead to other main roads, the National Park, or the local railway stations) have been, and are now being cleared by the men working under the Casual Labour Board. When finished, a Return will be laid upon the Table of the House.

2. PUBLIC WORKS BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the constitution of an authority to investigate and report upon proposals for public works submitted to Parliament to make better provision for the acquisition of land for carrying out such works and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

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

3. 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 from the 1st January, 1881, to the present date; also, a Return showing the area of land so conditionally purchased, together with the area and number of conditional purchases transferred during the same period.

Question put and passed.

4. YASS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Colls, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Colls then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Reverend Patrick Dunne and Morgan O'Connor Trustees of certain allotments in the Town of Yass granted to Henry O'Brien and others as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass to sell the said lands and to provide for the application of the proceeds 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 Right Reverend William Lanigan the Reverend Patrick Dunne and Morgan O'Connor Trustees of certain allotments in the Town of Yass granted to Henry O'Brien and others as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass to sell the said lands and to provide for the application of the proceeds 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.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1887.*

5. COMBINATION TRUCKS:—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from W. B. Wilkinson, of Dubbo, representing that he is directly interested in the result of an inquiry now being made respecting the Combination Trucks offered to the Government; and praying to be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before the Select Committee now inquiring into the subject, with liberty to adduce such evidence in his interests as may be advised concerning the subject matter of the said inquiry.

Petition received.

Mr. Waddell (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Question put and passed.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 28th April, 1887—"The Rabbit Pest."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.)

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

7. JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Tuesday, 13th December.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Mara rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "in order to call attention to the facts disclosed in the papers laid upon the Table in connection with the case of *Regina v. Pruen*."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. O'Mara moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. COMBINATION TRUCKS:—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Hassall* (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That the correspondence respecting the Evans Combination Truck, laid upon the Table on 14th October, 1886, and the further correspondence relating to Combination Trucks, laid upon the Table during October, 1887, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on Combination Trucks.
Question put and passed.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Borough of Balmain Wharves Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of Balmain to lease and acquire lands and to erect thereon Wharves and to levy rates on all Wharves in its possession*,"—with the amendments indicated in the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

BOROUGH OF BALMAIN WHARVES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th November, 1887.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Preamble, line 9. Omit "said"
 Page 1, Preamble, line 9. After "Government" insert "of New South Wales"
 Page 1, Preamble, line 15. After "Governor" insert "with the advice of the Executive Council"
 Page 2, clause 1, line 6. After "thereof" insert "hereinafter styled the Borough"
 Page 2, clause 1, line 10. Omit "said"
 Page 2, clause 1, line 13. Omit "said"
 Page 2, clause 1, line 13. Before "Government" insert "said"
 Page 2, clause 1, lines 13 and 14. Omit "of New South Wales"
 Page 2, clause 1, line 22. Omit "said"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 30. Omit "Municipal Council of the said"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 31. Omit "said"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 34. Omit "said"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 35. Omit "Council of the said"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 45. Omit "so borrowing"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 47. Omit "said"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 51. Omit "said Municipal Council" insert "Borough"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 56. Omit "said"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 57. Omit "said"
 Page 3, clause 4, line 7. Omit "said Council" insert "Borough"
 Page 3, clause 4, line 15. After "Governor" insert "as aforesaid"
 Page 3, clause 6, line 30. Omit "said"
 Page 3, clause 6, lines 34 and 35. Omit "Municipal Council of the said"
 Page 3, clause 6, line 36. After "if" insert "any"
 Page 3, clause 6, line 37. Omit "said"
 Page 3, clause 6, line 38. Before "wharf" omit "the said" insert "any such"
 Page 3, clause 6, line 38. Omit "said" second occurring
 Page 3, clause 6, line 39. Omit "or for a limited time"
 Page 3, clause 6, line 40. After "lease" omit remainder of clause insert "Provided that no such lease demise grant or permission shall give exclusive use of such wharf to any Ferry Company"
 Page 3, clause 7, line 45. After "Act" omit remainder of clause.

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.)

(2.) Church and Perkins Streets, Newcastle, Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to alter the levels width and direction of Church-street and Perkins-street at and near their meeting or intersection,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.) Kent-street Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Very Reverend John Felix Sheridan the Reverend Peter Young Thomas Cooper Makinson John Bridge and Michael Landers as Trustees of certain land situated in Kent-street in the City of Sydney to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 29th November.

11. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Garrett 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 regulate the sale, disposition, dedication, and management of Crown Lands; to repeal existing Acts relating to Crown Lands; to establish Land Boards and a Land Court, and to provide for their procedure, and to confer on them certain powers; to make provision for the destruction of noxious animals and plants; for payment for improvements to the outgoing tenant, and enabling a preferential charge for such payment to be given; for the granting of loans to persons engaged in agricultural or pastoral pursuits, and for securing the repayment of such loans by preferential mortgages; for granting to the Crown the right of entry on land for certain purposes, and the right to resume land for approaches to water, roads, railways, canals, and other purposes; for regulating dividing fences between adjoining lands; for providing and enforcing penalties for various offences against the provisions of this Act; for enabling certain duties of the Surveyor-General to be performed by other officers; for validating certain Crown grants and conditional purchases made prior to the passing of this Act; and generally for the encouragement of agricultural and pastoral pursuits, and other purposes.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Burns 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 purpose of reconsidering clauses 24, 27, 40, 42, 73, and the Schedule, and for considering certain new clauses."

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, for the purpose of reconsidering clauses 24, 27, 40, 42, 73, and the Schedule, and for considering certain new clauses,—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 accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1887, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before two o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Thomson, Chief Inspector of Accounts:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Did Mr. Thomson, Chief Inspector of Accounts, resign his position in the Civil Service several months ago, and when?
 - (2.) Was his resignation accepted, and when?
 - (3.) Is he now acting as Under Secretary, notwithstanding his retirement from the Service?
 - (4.) Has he declared his intention to take the post of Under Secretary in case Mr. Eagar should be unable to resume or continue his duties?
 - (5.) Will other Civil Servants be allowed to act in the same way in the Service?
 - (6.) How many sons and other relatives has Mr. Thomson in the Service?
 - (7.) How many of them qualified by examination, and what is the whole amount per annum drawn by the Thomson family from the State in the way of salaries?

Mr. Burns answered,—Mr. Thomson tendered his resignation in the month of March last, to take effect from the 17th of May following, but continued his services as Consulting Accountant at my request. His resignation was consequently not accepted. Mr. Thomson is at present acting as Under-Secretary to the Treasury, in the absence of Mr. Eagar, on sick leave; and so far from wishing to succeed Mr. Eagar, in the event of that gentleman's retirement, has intimated to me that his health would not permit of his accepting the permanent office if it should be offered to him. I know nothing of Mr. Thomson's relatives in the Public Service.

- (2.) Local Option:—Mr. Hutchison asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Does he propose giving effect to the Local Option Resolution passed by the House?
 - (2.) If so, can he say when he will be likely to do so?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not prepared to give any direct answer to this direct question. The amendment of the present Licensing Act has received attention, and will receive further attention; and whenever that question is decided, the Government will decide upon the course we shall take with regard to local option. My own views, I think, are pretty well known.

- (3.) Robertson's Point, Cremorne:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Trickett, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he given the proprietors of Robertson's or Cremorne Point, North Shore, any promise of title to the 100 feet reserve round the shores of that point?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No; in consequence of reports—called for at my instance—from the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways and the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, to the effect that in their opinion the 100 feet reservation should be retained by the Government, I caused the applicants to be informed that no further steps will be taken towards surrendering the reservation applied for.

- (4.) Mail Service between Menindie and Silverton:—Mr. Jones, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to discontinue the mail service between Menindie and Silverton?
- (2.) If so, upon what grounds, and how is it proposed to serve the people between Menindie and Silverton?

Mr. Roberts answered,—It is not my intention to discontinue the mail service between Menindie and Silverton, and I have directed that tenders be invited for the service for next year.

(5.)

(5.) Ferry at Menindie :—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. Abbott*, asked the Secretary for Public Works —

- (1.) When was the lease of the ferry at Menindie offered for sale ?
- (2.) Why was it offered for sale at Wentworth instead of at Menindie ?
- (3.) What is the distance from Menindie to Wentworth ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Friday, 4th November.
- (2.) On account of the Clerk of Petty Sessions being stationed at Wentworth, and as the population is larger there, it was considered more likely a bid would be obtained. There was no bid, and tenders have been invited to be opened at Sydney on the 13th December.
- (3.) About 150 miles.

(6.) Bridge on Road from Menindie to Kinchega :—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. Abbott*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Why were the plans and specifications of the bridge to be erected on the road from Menindie to Kinchega not exhibited at Menindie before tenders were sent in ?
- (2.) Where were they exhibited, and for how long ?
- (3.) How far is the place they were exhibited at from Menindie ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) As it was considered more contractors would see the plans at the larger places. In future, as a desire seems to exist to that effect, plans, &c., of works in the vicinity will also be sent to Menindie.
- (2.) Plans and specifications were forwarded to the Court-houses, Wilcannia and Wentworth, on the 23rd September. Tenders were opened on 1st November.
- (3.) Wilcannia is about 90 miles, and Wentworth about 150 miles, from Menindie.

(7.) Conditional Purchases at Yarralumla :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many selections exceeding 80 chains frontage have been taken up in the parish of Yarralumla, county of Murray ?
- (2.) How many of these selections were granted ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—In response to the Honorable Member's question, I telegraphed to the District Surveyor for the desired information. The reply to hand states that under the repealed Acts two series of conditional purchases with frontage in excess of 80 chains were applied for, and that the area claimed included the only vacant land.

(8.) Purchase of Land at Captain's Flat :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he considered the applications made to him by a number of residents at Captain's Flat to purchase the land on which they reside or carry on business ; if so, will he state what decision has been arrived at ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No decision has been, or can be, given until the plan of the township survey is received. The District Surveyor has been urged to expedite the necessary action.

(9.) Transfers of Conditional Purchases :—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the great delays which take place in his Department in registering transfers of conditional purchases at the Registrar-General's Office after same have been noted in the books of the Lands Department ?
- (2.) Will he take steps to avoid such delay ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No unnecessary delay in the registration of conditional purchase transfers is permitted ; but, in consequence of the large number received lately (about 8,000 have been lodged this year), and of the illness of the officer whose duty it was to attend to this particular work, some delay has recently occurred. Steps have, however, been taken to prevent a recurrence thereof. In many instances the parties concerned, and not the Department, are responsible for delays, as numbers of transfers are lodged in an imperfect state.

(10.) Bondi Sewer :—*Mr. Toohy*, for *Mr. Henson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the total sum paid by the Government for sewerage works in connection with the Bondi scheme to the 30th June last ?
- (2.) When will the Bondi sewer be completed and available for use ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) £336,941 10s. 3d.
- (2.) Arrangements are being made to fill the sewer with clean water from Busby's Bore, which arrangements will be completed in a few days. When the sewer is thus tested it can be opened from Riley-street to Bondi to receive sewage, and from the Prince Alfred Hospital to Bondi, in three months.

(11.) Nepean Waterworks :—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Henson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What amount has been expended by the Government on the Nepean Water Works to 30th June, 1887 ?
- (2.) What was the amount paid to Hudson Bros. for temporary supply to Sydney ?
- (3.) Has any portion of this latter sum been repaid by the Municipal Council of Sydney ; if so, how much ?
- (4.) What was the date upon which the Nepean water, conveyed through Hudson Bros.' pipes, was first delivered at Botany ?
- (5.) Have not the Municipal Council of Sydney contracted to pay a portion of the cost of bringing the Nepean water into Sydney ?

Mr. Burns answered,

- (1.) £1,982,278 10s. 5d.
- (2.) £67,084 3s. 7d.
- (3 and 5.) With regard to these questions, I have to inform the Honorable Member that the matter is at present under the consideration of the Government.
- (4.) 30th January, 1886.

(12.) Designs for the State House :—Mr. Colls asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true that certain competing architects in the late State House Competition have sent their mottoes to Mr. Barnet, the Colonial Architect, asking him (should he consent to become one of the judges) to give their drawings his special consideration?
- (2.) Is Mr. Barnet (after receiving the mottoes and names of these competitors) acting as one of the Select Committee chosen to decide the merits of the many drawings submitted?
- (3.) If this be true, what is the reason these architects should not have their plans rejected without the consideration of the Committee?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Colonial Architect that there is no foundation whatever for the supposition which these questions embody.

(13.) Mineral Leases at Captain's Flat :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has he received a petition or memorial from a number of residents at Captain's Flat, calling upon him to enforce the labour covenants in the mineral leases at that place?
- (2.) What decision has been arrived at upon the matter?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) It has been ascertained that there are three mineral leases and one gold lease the labour conditions of which do not appear to be observed, and the lessees are being called upon to show cause why such leases should not be cancelled.
- (14.) Phylloxera :—Mr. Day asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to prevent the spread of phylloxera in vineyards; if so, when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill of this character, and it will be introduced in a day or two.

(15.) Mr. Abigail, Minister for Mines :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is the Minister for Mines, the Honorable Francis Abigail, the owner of 400 acres (or thereabouts) of land in the vicinity of the proposed line of tramway between St. Leonards and Pittwater?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—With all due respect to the position which the Honorable Member occupies in this House, I desire to inform him that it is not part of my duty to ascertain what property Mr. Abigail owns in any part of the country.

(16.) Claim of James H. Husband :—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. Barbour, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the papers connected with the claim of James H. Husband, ordered on 29th June last, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have ascertained that these papers will not be ready for some few days—perhaps a week.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulations, under the Industrial Schools Act of 1866, for Industrial School for Girls at Parramatta.
 - (2.) Notification of Resumption of Land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes at Cawdor.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation No. 182, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Ordered to be printed.

3. COMBINATION TRUCKS :—Mr. Hassall (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on Combination Trucks be authorized to make visits of inspection to, and hold inquiries at Redfern and Homebush.
Question put and passed.
4. BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Broken Hill Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Black, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Davis, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Melville, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
5. WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, minutes, letters, vouchers, and other papers relating to expenditure by the Water Conservation Commission lately expired.
Question put and passed.
6. LANDS HELD BY THE HON. JOHN SMITH IN THE DISTRICT OF MOLONG (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing all the lands held by the Hon. John Smith in the district of Molong under the Orders in Council, and the area of each portion, and in virtue of what holding, lease, or run the said portions are held, or had been granted.
Question put and passed.
7. WHITTINGHAM RAILWAY PLATFORM (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, petitions, minutes, and other documents having reference to desired additional accommodation at Whittingham Platform, on the Great Northern Railway, since the year 1882.
Question put and passed.
8. MR. JOHN ROCHE ARDILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, letters, correspondence, petitions, claims, or other documents, in connection with any claim for compensation for work and labour done as a Licensed Surveyor made by John Roche Ardill, of Molong.
Question put and passed.

9. NAVAL FORCE:—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 payment by the Colony of New South Wales of a proportional part of the cost of the establishment and maintenance of an additional Naval Force to be employed for the protection of the floating trade in Australasian waters.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Disorder.—The House being in division, the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Walker, rose to address the House, and refusing to resume his Seat, was "named" by Mr. Speaker for wilfully interrupting the orderly conduct of the business of the House.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved,—That Mr. Walker, the Honorable Member for Northumberland, is guilty of having wilfully and vexatiously interrupted the orderly conduct of the business of this House, wherefore this House adjudges him guilty of a contempt of this House.

And disorder arising, Mr. Speaker ordered the Bars to be opened.

Question again put, That the Question be now put.

The Honorable Member for South Sydney, Mr. Toohey, persisting in addressing the Chair, notwithstanding Mr. Speaker's repeated request that he would resume his Seat,—

Mr. Speaker called upon the Honorable Member by name.

Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved,—

(1.) That Mr. Toohey, the Honorable Member for South Sydney, is guilty of having wilfully and vexatiously interrupted the orderly conduct of the business of this House, wherefore this House adjudges him guilty of a contempt of this House.

(2.) That, for the contempt aforesaid, Mr. Toohey be committed by the Warrant of Mr. Speaker to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House, and by the said Sergeant-at-Arms safely kept in custody during the pleasure of the House.

And Mr. Speaker having proposed the Question to the House,—

Point of Order.—Mr. Dibbs submitted that it was not competent for the House to entertain two questions at the same time.

And Mr. Speaker having given his opinion that the course taken was the correct one,—

Mr. Dibbs moved, That Mr. Speaker, having put from the Chair a motion in terms of the 5th Additional Standing Order (new)—That the question be now put—and a subsequent motion having been made by Sir Henry Parkes, asking the House to commit the Honorable Member for South Sydney (Mr. Toohey) into the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms,—and Mr. Speaker having ruled that the latter motion may be put while already a motion was before the House, and had been put from the Chair,—this House dissents from such ruling of the Honorable the Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Haynes moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Scaver,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Woodward.
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Brunker.
Mr. Carruthers,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Croer,
Mr. O'Mara
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Lovien,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Chanter.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Walker.

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

Question put,—That Mr. Speaker, having put from the Chair a motion in terms of the 5th Additional Standing Order (new)—That the question be now put—and a subsequent motion having been made by Sir Henry Parkes, asking the House to commit the Honorable Member for South Sydney (Mr. Toohey) into the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms,—and Mr. Speaker having ruled that the latter motion may be put while already a motion was before the House, and had been put from the Chair,—this House dissents from such ruling of the Honorable the Speaker.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Lync,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Chanter.

Tellers.

Mr. Gale,
Mr. Barbour.

Noes, 47.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Lees,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Hutchison.
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Ives.
Mr. Wilson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again proposed,—

(1.) That Mr. Toohey, the Honorable Member for South Sydney, is guilty of having wilfully and vexatiously interrupted the orderly conduct of the business of this House, wherefore this House adjudges him guilty of a contempt of this House.

(2.) That, for the contempt aforesaid, Mr. Toohey be committed by the warrant of Mr. Speaker to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House, and by the said Sergeant-at-Arms safely kept in custody during the pleasure of the House.

The Honorable Member for South Sydney, Mr. Toohey, was then heard in his place,—and withdrew.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Toohey having re-entered the Chamber, expressed his regret for having taken a course that led to disorder, and apologised to the House.

The House having accepted the apology made by the Honorable Member,—

Sir Henry Parkes, by leave, withdrew the motion submitted by him regarding Mr. Toohey.

Mr. Taylor, by leave, withdrew the motion made by him, "That the Question be now put."

Original Question again stated,—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 payment by the Colony of New South Wales of a proportional part of the cost of the establishment and maintenance of an additional Naval Force to be employed for the protection of the floating trade in Australasian waters.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

10. **NAVAL FORCE**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

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 payment by the Colony of New South Wales of a proportional part of the cost of the establishment and maintenance of an additional Naval Force to be employed for the protection of the floating trade in Australasian waters.

*Government House,
Sydney, 17th November, 1887.*

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

11. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) **Supreme Court Appeals Act Amendment Bill**:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the 'Supreme Court Appeals Act of 1887,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th November, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.
(2.)

(2.) Bankruptcy Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to Insolvency and Bankruptcy and to provide for the due collection administration and distribution of Insolvent and Bankrupt Estates and for the prevention of frauds affecting the same,"—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 November, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

BANKRUPTCY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 17th November, 1887.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 6. Omit final "8" insert "7"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 1. Omit "personal," insert "person and"
- Page 3, clause 3, lines 20 and 21. Omit "'Gazette' means published in the *Government Gazette* of the Colony of New South Wales."
- Page 3, clause 3, line 24. Omit "of the Colony"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 27. Omit "bankruptcy"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 36. Omit "ordinarily so called"
- Page 3, clause 3, lines 44 and 45. Omit "as a security for a debt due to him from the debtor"
- Page 4, clause 4, line 13. Omit "or whereby he has become unable to pay his debts"
- Page 4, clause 4, line 27. Omit "same," insert "debt"
- Page 4, clause 4, line 37. Omit "s" from "creditors"
- Page 4, clause 4, lines 38 to 40. Omit "within seven days after service of the notice, in case the service is effected in New South Wales; and in case the service is effected elsewhere, then"
- Page 4, clause 4, line 50. After "jurisdiction," insert "in or"
- Page 5, clause 4, line 9. Omit "shall," insert "may"
- Page 5, clause 4. At end of clause, add—
 "(5) Upon the affidavit of any creditor who would be entitled to present a bankruptcy petition that a debtor being a trader, has committed an act of bankruptcy and is diminishing his assets to the prejudice of his creditors, whether voluntarily or for consideration, by conveyance, gift, delivery, assignment, pledge, mortgage, transfer, or execution, upon a collusive judgment, the Judge may grant an injunction restraining such debtor and all other persons from disposing of or dealing with such assets or any part thereof until the hearing of the bankruptcy petition against such debtor. Provided that before such injunction be granted the creditor applying shall give security to the satisfaction of the Registrar to present a bankruptcy petition forthwith, and to be responsible for all damages which may be occasioned by issuing such injunctions."
- Page 5, clause 5, line 29. After "him," insert "or the order for sequestration be discharged or annulled"
- Page 5, clause 5, line 40. After "petition," insert "Provided that if the alleged act of bankruptcy is one of those mentioned in sub-section (i) of section four, the petition may be presented within three months after the alleged act came to the knowledge of the petitioning creditor"
- Page 5, clause 6, line 46. Omit "clause," insert "section"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 10. Omit "to," insert "and"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 11. Omit "why the petition should not be dismissed," insert "for the dismissal of the petition"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 11. Omit "unless," insert "if"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 13. Omit "shall," insert "may"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 16. After "service," insert "of the prescribed notice"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 19. After "petition," first occurring omit remainder of sub-section (iv)
- Page 6, clause 8, lines 34 and 35. Omit "and may compel payment thereof by summary process against the petitioner"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 41. Omit "is pending," after "judgment," insert "or a motion for a new trial is pending"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 47. Omit "him," insert "the debtor"
- Page 7, clause 8, line 2. After "discharge," insert "or stay of proceedings"
- Page 7, clause 8, line 13. Omit "the revival of the petition," insert "a sequestration order upon such act of bankruptcy"
- Page 7, clause 9, line 15. After "Judge," insert "or Registrar."
- Page 7, clause 9. At end of clause, add "or Registrar."
- Page 8, clause 12, line 23. Omit "under this Act"
- Page 9, clause 14, line 7. Omit "Court," insert "Judge or Registrar"
- Page 9, clause 16. At end of clause add "Provided that other business may also be transacted at such meeting, and that the business specified in this section may be transacted at any other meeting as well as at the first meeting."
- Page 10, clause 18, line 31. Omit "representative;" insert "manager, clerk, or accountant"
- Page 10, clause 18, line 33. After "tendered," insert "a proof"
- Page 10, clause 18, line 34. Omit "representative;" insert "manager, clerk, or accountant"
- Page 10, clause 18, line 37. Omit "shall," insert "may"
- Page 10, clause 18, line 48. Omit "examination;" insert "evidence"

- Page 10, clause 18, line 51. *Omit "they;" insert "it"*
- Page 10, clause 18, line 51. *Omit "also"*
- Page 11, clause 19, line 48. *Omit "shall;" insert "may"*
- Page 12, clause 21, line 36. *After "at," insert "the first or"*
- Page 12, clause 21, line 39. *Before "such," insert "every"*
- Page 13, clause 23. *Omit sub-section (3).*
- Page 13, clause 23, line 18. *After "voting," insert "or that the majority in number and value of the creditors dissent from his appointment"*
- Page 13, clause 24, lines 39 and 40. *Omit "including in that term the official assignee when he fills the office of trustee"*
- Page 15, clause 27. *Omit sub-section (6).*
- Page 15, clause 28, line 32. *After "of," insert "the prescribed notice of"*
- Page 16, clause 30, line 12. *Omit "so brought before him"*
- Page 16, clause 30, line 17. *After "trustee," insert "forthwith"*
- Page 16, clause 30, line 27. *After "trustee," insert "forthwith"*
- Page 17, clause 37, line 49. *After "assignee," insert "or trustee"*
- Page 18, clause 38, line 55. *After "injury," insert "or for damages or costs under any laws relating to divorce"*
- Page 19, clause 40, line 21. *After "assignee," insert "or trustee"*
- Page 19, clause 40, line 57. *Omit "have been confirmed;" insert "not have been varied"*
- Page 20, clause 42, line 28. *Omit "Treasury;" insert "Colonial Treasurer"*
- Page 20, clause 42, line 28. *Omit "their;" insert "his"*
- Page 20, clause 42, line 29. *Omit "an order;" insert "a certificate"*
- Page 20, clause 42, line 41. *Omit "occurred;" insert "accrued"*
- Page 22, clause 45, line 5. *Omit "on," insert "or"*
- Page 23, clause 50, line 20. *After "rent," insert "which has accrued due before the date of the sequestration order"*
- Page 23, clause 50, line 20. *After "levied," insert "or proceeded with"*
- Page 23, clause 50, line 22. *After "due," insert "or accruing due"*
- Page 23, clause 50, line 22. *After "provable," insert "but"*
- Page 23, clause 52, lines 56 and 57. *Omit "in his trade or business or occupation"*
- Page 24, clause 53, line 18. *After "seizure," insert "and sale"*
- Page 24, clause 54, line 20. *Omit "goods of a debtor are;" insert "property of a debtor is"*
- Page 24, clause 54, line 23. *Omit "goods," insert "property"*
- Page 24, clause 54, line 24. *Omit "goods," insert "property"*
- Page 24, clause 54, line 25. *Omit "goods," insert "property"*
- Page 24, clause 54, line 27. *Omit "goods of a debtor are," insert "property of a debtor is"*
- Page 24, clause 54, line 38. *Omit "goods;" insert "property"*
- Page 24, clause 54, line 40. *Omit "goods;" insert "property"*
- Page 24, clause 54, line 41. *Omit "them;" insert "it"*
- Page 25, clause 56, line 18. *After "and" omit remainder of sub-section (1) insert "whether fraudulent or not, having the effect in any such case of preferring any then existing creditor to another, shall be absolutely void"*
- Page 25, clause 57, line 48. *After "time," insert "and provided that the burden of proving that the above conditions have been complied with shall be upon the person who relies upon their having been complied with"*
- Page 26, clause 59, line 17. *After "to," insert "be assignable and to"*
- Page 26, clause 59, line 18. *After "assignee," insert "and the official assignee or the trustee or trustees, in the event of the estate of the official assignee vesting in a trustee or trustees, may sue in any court in the name of the bankrupt, or continue any action or suit begun by the bankrupt at the date of the sequestration order"*
- Page 26, clause 61, line 54. *Before "trustee," insert "official assignee or"*
- Page 27, clause 61, line 3. *After "the," insert "official assignee or"*
- Page 27, clause 62, line 14. *Omit "consignee," insert "assignee"*
- Page 29, clause 64. *At end of clause, add—*
 "(12) Sell all or any part of the property of the bankrupt (including the goodwill of the business, if any, and the book-debts due or growing due to the bankrupt) by private sale."
- Page 30, clause 67, line 4. *Before "assignee," insert "official"*
- Page 30, clause 67, line 12. *After "submitted," omit remainder of clause, insert "from time to time as the Judge may direct"*
- Page 30, clause 68, line 14. *Omit "Accountant in Bankruptcy;" insert "Registrar"*
- Page 30, clause 68, line 16. *After "approved of," insert "by the Judge"*
- Page 31, clause 74, line 10. *Omit "assignees;" insert "assignee"*
- Page 31, clause 75, line 14. *Omit "assignee;" insert "official assignee or trustee"*
- Page 31, clause 76, line 17. *After first "the," insert "official"*
- Page 31, clause 76, lines 17 and 18. *Omit "periods fixed by the General Rules filed in the office of the Accountant;" insert "prescribed periods file with the Colonial Treasurer and the Registrar"*
- Page 31, clause 76, line 25. *Omit "assignee;" insert "official assignee or trustee"*
- Page 31, clause 77, line 27. *Omit "or Registrar"*
- Page 31, clause 77, line 29. *Omit "Accountant;" insert "Colonial Treasurer or Registrar"*
- Page 31, clause 77, line 30. *Before "assignee," insert "official"*
- Page 31, clause 77, line 32. *Omit "or Registrar"*
- Page 31, clause 78, line 34. *After "bankrupt," insert "or"*
- Page 31, clause 78, line 36. *Omit "or," insert "be"*
- Page 32, clause 82. *At end of clause, add—*
 "(c) The smallness of the amount realizable in the estate"
- Page 33, clause 83, line 20. *After "do," insert "so"*

- Page 34, clause 86. At end of clause, *add* —
 “ (2) For the purpose of affidavits, verifying proofs, petitions, or other proceedings under
 “ this Act, an official assignee may administer oaths”
- Page 34, clause 88. *Omit* sub-section (2), *insert* the following new sub-section :—
 “ (2) The Judge may remove any official assignee or trustee for misconduct or neglect or
 “ omission in the performance of his duties under this Act, or for absence from the Colony, or for
 “ any other reasonable cause; but if the creditors by ordinary resolution disapprove of the removal
 “ of a trustee, he or they may appeal against it to the Court.”
- Page 35, clause 93, line 42. *Omit* “ Accountant,” *insert* “ Colonial Treasurer”
- Page 36, clause 98, line 25. *Omit* “ Accountant,” *insert* “ Registrar”
- Page 36, clause 98, line 27. *Omit* “ Accountant,” *insert* “ Registrar”
- Page 36, clause 98, line 31. *Omit* “ Accountant,” *insert* “ Registrar”
- Page 36, clause 98, line 38. *Add* “ s” to “ creditor”
- Page 36, clause 98, line 39. *Omit* “ Accountant,” *insert* “ Registrar”
- Page 36, clause 98, at end of clause, *add*—
 “ (5) All payments out of moneys standing to the credit of the Registrar in the Bank-
 “ ruptcy Estates Account shall be made by the Registrar or other prescribed officer in the prescribed
 “ manner.”
- “ (6) The Judge or the Colonial Treasurer may at any time require the production of
 “ and inspect any books or accounts kept by the Registrar, and the Colonial Treasurer shall cause
 “ the accounts of the Registrar to be audited once at least every quarter, and for the purpose of
 “ such audit the Registrar shall furnish the Colonial Treasurer with such vouchers and information
 “ as he shall require.”
- Page 38, clause 102, lines 6 and 7. *Omit* “ upon application made at the trial, for good cause shown”
- Page 38, clause 102, lines 7 and 8. *Omit* “ before whom such issue is tried”
- Page 39, clause 109, line 9. *Omit* “ in Bankruptcy”
- Page 39, clause 111, line 19. *Omit* “ herein,” *insert* “ therein”
- Page 39, clause 113, line 26. *Before* “ assignee,” *insert* “ official”
- Page 40, clause 119, line 9. *After* “ Court,” *insert* “ or a majority of them”
- Page 40, clause 119, line 10. *After* “ Act,” *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* “ And such Rules
 “ shall, within fourteen days after the making thereof, be laid before both Houses of Par-
 “ liament if then sitting, and if not sitting, then within fourteen days after the next
 “ meeting of Parliament”
- Page 40, clause 121, line 25. *Omit* “ or Accountant in Bankruptcy”
- Page 43, clause 127, line 20. *After* “ mentioned,” *insert* “ or signified”
- Page 43, clause 128, line 29. *After* “ whatsoever,” *insert* “ and may sit as such in any jurisdiction
 “ of the said Court”
- Page 43, clause 128, line 47. *Omit* “ but,” *insert* “ only”
- Page 44, clause 130. *Omit* “ sub-sections (2) and (3),” *insert* the following new sub-sections—
 “ (2) If, in any proceeding in Bankruptcy, there arise any question of fact which either
 “ of the parties desires to be tried by a jury, or which the Judge thinks ought to be tried by a
 “ jury, then a trial may be directed to be had before the said Judge, or before any other Judge of
 “ the Supreme Court and a jury, or before any Judge of the District Court and a jury, and the
 “ trial may be had accordingly in the Supreme Court in the same manner as if it were a trial of an
 “ issue of fact in an action, and in the District Court in the manner in which jury trials in ordinary
 “ cases are by law held in that Court. In every such case, the Judge may grant a new trial if he
 “ thinks fit, provided that the decision of the Judge as to the granting of a new trial shall be
 “ subject to appeal.”
- “ (3) No such issue of fact shall be tried as above in the District Court unless all parties
 “ to the proceeding consent thereto, or the money, money’s worth, or right in dispute does not in
 “ the opinion of the Judge exceed in value two hundred pounds.”
- Page 44, clause 130, line 31. *After* “ estate,” *insert* “ or claims any right against any person,
 “ whether such person is or is not a party to the bankruptcy”
- Page 45, clause 133, line 14. *Omit* “ in Bankruptcy”
- Page 45, clause 133, line 15. *Omit* “ or to the Accountant”
- Page 45, clause 134, line 23. *After* “ Registrar,” *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 45, clause 135, line 26. *After* “ as,” *insert* “ is”
- Page 45, clause 135, line 32. *After* “ appeal,” *insert* “ But save as aforesaid, the Judge in Bank-
 “ ruptcy may exercise any jurisdiction, preside at any trial, civil or criminal, or sit in Equity
 “ or Banco, in like manner as any other Judge of the Supreme Court”
- Page 45, clause 136, line 39. *After* “ Governor,” *insert* “ with the advice of the Executive Council”
- Page 45, clause 136, lines 48 and 49. *Omit* “ and to the Accountant”
- Pages 45 and 46, clause 137. *Omit* clause 137.
- Page 46, clause 138, line 11. *Add* “ s” to “ limit”
- Page 46, clause 142, line 37. *After* “ have,” *insert* “ in addition to the powers conferred by this
 “ Act and to the powers which may be delegated to him by the Judge, in virtue of section
 “ one hundred and thirty-three of this Act”
- Page 46, clause 142, line 46. *Omit* “ orders,” *insert* “ certificates”
- Page 46, clause 142. At end of clause, *add*—
 “ (i) To administer oaths where necessary in all proceedings within his jurisdiction under
 “ this Act”
- Page 47, clause 143, line 45. *After* “ deceased,” *insert* “ or absconding”
- Page 48, clause 153, line 32. *After* “ or of the,” *insert* “ official assignee or”
- Page 49, First Schedule, line 5. *After* “ Judge,” *insert* “ or Registrar”
- Page 49, First Schedule, line 7. *Omit* “ official assignee,” *insert* “ Registrar”
- Page 49, First Schedule, line 8. *After* “ paper,” *insert* “ the official assignee shall also, whenever
 “ practicable, give notice of the time and place thereof to each proved creditor”

- Page 50, First Schedule, line 15. *Omit* "the proving of debts"
- Page 50, Second Schedule, line 37. *Omit* "official assignee or if a trustee has been appointed to the trustee;" *insert* "Registrar"
- Page 50, Second Schedule, line 44. *Before* "official" *insert* "Registrar and"
- Page 51, Second Schedule, line 22. *After* "order," *omit* remainder of rule.
- Page 52, Second Schedule, line 2. *Omit* "official assignee or trustee" *insert* "Registrar"
- Page 52, Second Schedule, line 9. *Omit* "official assignee or trustee" *insert* "Registrar"
- Page 52, Second Schedule, line 14. *After* "debtor," *omit* remainder of Schedule.
- Page 52, Third Schedule, line 31. *Omit* "Supreme"
- Page 52, Third Schedule, line 31. *Omit* second "Court," *insert* "Judge"
- Page 52, Third Schedule, line 36. *Omit* "Supreme"
- Page 52, Third Schedule, line 37. *Omit* second "Court," *insert* "Judge"
- Page 52, Third Schedule, line 46. *Omit* "Supreme"
- Page 52, Third Schedule, line 46. *Omit* second "Court," *insert* "Judge"
- Page 52, Third Schedule, line 49. *Omit* "Court of Commissioners," *insert* "Judge or Registrar"
- Page 54, Fifth Schedule. *Between* lines 3 and 4 *insert* "In the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in Bankruptcy"
- Page 54, Fifth Schedule, line 5. *Omit* "fourteen," *insert* "seven"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

12. **MINING ON CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS**:—Mr. Inglis 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 mining on Church and School Lands.
Question put and passed.
13. **CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL**:—Mr. Abbott (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That the papers printed by the order of this House in reference to the conditional purchases of the Joachim family, be referred to the Select Committee sitting on the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill.
Question put and passed.
14. **CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL**:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Petition from Martin Tully, the younger, of Kilenawello, near Wheeo, representing that he is directly interested in a certain selection in the name of one Thomas Millane, mentioned in Schedule A to the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill, the purchase of which has been found to be wholly or in part illegal, and that it is proposed by the said Bill to legalize such purchase in the name of the said Thomas Millane; and praying that he may be heard by Counsel, or Attorney, or Agent, or in person, before the Select Committee to which the said Bill has been referred, in opposition to the Bill, so far as the same relates to the said selection, with liberty to adduce such evidence as he may be advised in opposition thereto, or in support of his Petition.
Petition received.
Mr. Carruthers (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.
Question put and passed.
15. **CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2)**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, 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 regulate the sale, disposition, dedication, and management of Crown Lands; to repeal existing Acts relating to Crown Lands; to establish Land Boards and a Land Court, and to provide for their procedure, and to confer on them certain powers; to make provision for the destruction of noxious animals and plants, for payment for improvements to the outgoing tenant, and enabling a preferential charge for such payment to be given; for the granting of loans to persons engaged in agricultural or pastoral pursuits, and for securing the repayment of such loans by preferential mortgages; for granting to the Crown the right of entry on land for certain purposes, and the right to resume land for approaches to water, roads, railways, canals, and other purposes; for regulating dividing fences between adjoining lands; for providing and enforcing penalties for various offences against the provisions of this Act; for enabling certain duties of the Surveyor-General to be performed by other officers; for validating certain Crown grants and conditional purchases made prior to the passing of this Act; and generally for the encouragement of agricultural and pastoral pursuits, and other purposes.
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 regulate the sale, disposition, dedication, and management of Crown Lands; to repeal existing Acts relating to Crown Lands; to establish Land Boards and a Land Court, and to provide for their procedure, and to confer on them certain powers; to make provision for the destruction of noxious animals and plants, for payment for improvements to the outgoing tenant, and enabling a preferential charge for such payment to be given; for the granting of loans to persons engaged in agricultural or pastoral pursuits, and for securing the repayment of such loans by preferential mortgages; for granting to the Crown the right of entry on land for certain purposes, and the right to resume land for approaches

approaches to water, roads, railways, canals, and other purposes; for regulating dividing fences between adjoining lands; for providing and enforcing penalties for various offences against the provisions of this Act; for enabling certain duties of the Surveyor-General to be performed by other officers; for validating certain Crown grants and conditional purchases made prior to the passing of this Act; and generally for the encouragement of agricultural and pastoral pursuits, and other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Garrett, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Mr. Garrett, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 9.

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 regulate the sale, disposition, dedication and management of Crown Lands; to repeal existing Acts relating to Crown Lands; to establish Land Boards and a Land Court, and to provide for their procedure, and to confer on them certain powers; to make provision for the destruction of noxious animals and plants, for payment for improvements to the outgoing tenant, and enabling a preferential charge for such payment to be given; for the granting of loans to persons engaged in agricultural or pastoral pursuits, and for securing the repayment of such loans by perpetual mortgages; for granting to the Crown the right of entry on land for certain purposes, and the right to resume land for approaches to water, roads, railways, canals, and other purposes; for regulating dividing fences between adjoining lands; for providing and enforcing penalties for various offences against the provisions of this Act; for enabling certain duties of the Surveyor-General to be performed by other officers; for validating certain Crown grants and conditional purchases made prior to the passing of this Act; and generally for the encouragement of agricultural and pastoral pursuits, and other purposes.

Government House,

Sydney, 16th November, 1887.

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

16. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS 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 2^o with further amendments. Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
17. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the sale disposition dedication and management of Crown Lands to repeal existing Acts relating to Crown Lands to establish Land Boards and a Land Court and to provide for their procedure and to confer on them certain powers to make provision for the destruction of noxious animals and plants for payment for improvements to the outgoing tenant and enabling a preferential charge for such payment to be given for the granting of loans to persons engaged in agricultural or pastoral pursuits and for securing the repayment of such loans by preferential mortgages for granting to the Crown the right of entry on land for certain purposes and the right to resume land for approaches to water roads railways canals and other purposes for regulating dividing fences between adjoining lands for providing and enforcing penalties for various offences against the provisions of this Act for enabling certain duties of the Surveyor-General to be performed by other officers for validating certain Crown grants and conditional purchases made prior to the passing of this Act and generally for the encouragement of agricultural and pastoral pursuits and other purposes.*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
18. POSIPONEMENTS:—
(1.) The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, postponed until to-morrow.
(2.) The remaining Notices of Motion of General Business postponed until to-morrow.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1887, A.M.

19. BOROUGH OF BALMAIN WHARVES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrard, 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. Garrard, 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 Borough of Balmain to lease and acquire lands and to erect thereon Wharves and to levy rates on all Wharves in its possession.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 18th November, 1887. A.M.

The House adjourned at five minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Broken Hill:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What is the height of Broken Hill township, as shown by the railway surveys of the Silverton Tramway Company, above the sea?
 - (2.) What is the height of the River Darling at Menindie, as shown by the surveys of Mr. Orr, or otherwise, above the level of the sea?
 - (3.) What is the distance from Menindie to Broken Hill as the crow flies?
 - (4.) What is the present estimated population of Broken Hill?
 - (5.) Have they any water supply; and, if so, how long is it estimated that it will last, should no rain fall?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Broken Hill Railway Station is 1,032 feet above low water, Port Adelaide.
 - (2.) Mr. Orr's levels, taken in 1866, were destroyed in the Garden Palace. The level supplied the Royal Commission *re* Conservation of Water by the Harbours and Rivers Department make Menindie 200 feet above sea level.
 - (3.) Sixty-four miles.
 - (4.) Information obtained from the office of the Inspector-General of Police gives the population at the end of September, 1887, 3,000 whites and 9 Chinese for the township. The total for the district is variously estimated at from 4,000 to 5,000.
 - (5.) The local officer of the Public Works Department reports as follows:—Soakage water will last about three months. 10,000 gallons per day of what I consider drinkable water, running to waste from Victoria Cross Mine. Would recommend that it be drawn into a small excavated receiving tank with a M'Comas' hand-lift erected over it to fill water-carts. Found yesterday what I think will make good site for tank and dam within a mile and a-half of Broken Hill. Cost will be comparatively small.
- (2.) Railway Traffic, Narrabri Station:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The tonnage carried by rail to Narrabri from 1st January, 1887, to 31st October last?
 - (2.) The number of bales of wool carried from Narrabri to Morpeth and Newcastle during the same period?
 - (3.) A like return of quantity of live-stock and other produce forwarded from Narrabri during these dates?

Mr. Burns answered,—The information is being obtained, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

- (3.) Reserves on Travelling Stock Road, Jerry's Plains to Homebush:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any application been made, or is it intended to sell, the several stock reserves situated on the travelling stock road from Jerry's Plains *via* Bulga to Homebush?
- Mr. Garrett* answered,—Nothing has yet been decided in this matter. An application by stock-owners to have the reserve extended, and a representation to the effect that this is unnecessary, and that the reserve should be revoked, are now being considered by the Local Land Board, sitting at Wollombi.

- (4.) Licensing Magistrates:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he consider the advisability of recommending appointment of all Licensing Magistrates to Magisterial Bench?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—It is assumed that the Honorable Member refers to the permanent appointment of all members of Licensing Courts; and, if so, I may state that I will consider the matter as early as practicable.

(5.)

- (5.) Centenary of the Colony—Release of Prisoners:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of next year being the Centenary of the Colony, will he take into consideration the question of releasing all short-sentenced prisoners who are now in the gaols of the Colony on or before the 26th January, 1888?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—My honorable friend asks me whether the Government is prepared, as one means of celebrating the Centenary of the Colony, to release short-sentenced prisoners. I am afraid the Government cannot see their way to interfere with the sentences of the Courts. The only ground on which we could take that step would be with the authority of this House to put a similar number of prisoners in their place.

- (6.) Tug Service, Richmond River:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Has the pilot at the Richmond River any control over the tug service at the same river?
 (2.) Can the Richmond River pilot obtain the use of the tug-boat when he requires to sound the Bar?
 (3.) Would there be any objection to supply a copy of the terms of agreement between the Marine Board and Mr. Fenwick of the tug service?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1 and 2.) The pilot at the Richmond River can exercise control over the tug service, as set out in the conditions of contract for the service.

(3.) I shall presently lay upon the Table copies of the conditions for the carrying out of the tug services.

- (7.) Claim of Terry & Co. on Railway Department:—Mr. Lakeman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did P. B. Terry & Co., of Hay, send in a claim for goods burned at the railway accident at Petersham?

(2.) Has that claim been settled; if not, when will it be?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) No application has been made to the Railway Department by this firm.

(2.) The Department does not admit any liability for loss through this accident.

- (8.) Moama Common:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have any trustees been yet appointed for the Common at Moama?

(2.) If so, how many, and what are the names of the trustees so appointed?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Five; E. P. Berryman, G. Redman, J.P., James Malone, J. W. Chanter, and James Carlyon.

- (9.) Centennial Agricultural Show:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it by the desire of the Colonial Secretary that the Council of the Agricultural Society of New South Wales intend to hold the Centennial Show in January?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I think I had better explain what has taken place between myself and the members of the Council of the Society. At different interviews, perhaps amounting to two or three altogether, I have pointed out that the Exhibition would be likely to receive more *éclat* if it could be held in January, on account of the numerous visitors who are expected to be in the Colony in that month; and that if it were held in any other month the Council could not expect the same assemblage of visitors from the other Colonies. I have stated further, that I desired the members of the Council of the Society to consider all the circumstances of the case, and especially the circumstances of this Exhibition, as not for the producers and the products of this Colony alone, but for the producers and the products of the Australasian Colonies, including New Zealand. I said that, in considering the matter, it appeared to me that the Council should consider whether it was a proper time, not only for New South Wales, but whether on the whole it would be a suitable time for all of the Colonies; also whether, under the disadvantages which are admitted to a certain extent, they could get together an exhibition that would fairly represent the productive capacities and the different specimens of manufactures of all the Australasian Colonies. Beyond expressing that opinion, I have stated that I do not desire to interfere with the judgment and free action of the Council of the Society, and that I trusted to their knowledge of the subject, and their consideration of the interests involved, to do what was best in their judgment. The answer I received from them was that they felt confident that they could bring about an Exhibition in January next which would be in an eminent degree creditable to the Colony. This information was confirmed by a member of the Council who saw me to-day. I refer to the Honorable Member for Bourke, Mr. Alexander Wilson, who is a pretty fair judge of the capabilities of the country. The long and short of the matter is this—that beyond expressing the views which I have now again expressed, I have left the matter in the hands of the Council; and if they desire to hold the Exhibition in February or March, or even in April, I shall raise no objection. At the same time, I consider that if it can be done in a creditable way, it will be better to do it in January.

- (10.) Sewerage of Eastern Suburbs:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What progress is being made in the direction of laying the sewage pipes in the Eastern Suburbs, to connect with the main Bondi sewer?

Mr. Burns answered,—The scheme in preparation is not yet matured, as the dedication of the Lachlan Swamp as a park has caused alterations in the details. When approved, it will be necessary to provide funds by a Loan Vote for the Service, as pipe reticulations were not included in Mr. Clarke's estimate.

(11.) Watering Tramway Routes:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the motor which is used to draw the watering tank on the tram-lines of the western suburbs has been of late employed on other work, the consequence of which has been that travelling in the tram-cars has been almost unbearable through the clouds of dust which are raised through the non-watering of the said tram routes?

(2.) Is there any Regulation to guide the employés of the Tram Department as to the number of times the tram route should be watered?

(3.) If so, will he state the number?

(4.) Is it not possible to introduce some system so that each motor drawing a passenger tram could carry sufficient water to, in dusty weather, keep down the dust, and so render travelling more endurable than it is at present?

Mr. Burns answered,—My honorable colleague, *Mr. Sutherland*, states,—

(1.) I find that recently the motor has occasionally been taken off the water service for passenger service. The necessity for so employing this motor will shortly cease.

(2 and 3.) No special number of times are named, as wet weather would render such a Regulation inoperative; but the instructions are that the lines are to be watered as often as required.

(4.) It is proposed that, by arrangement with the Municipal Councils, the streets should be watered by hydrants.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Resumption of certain land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, required in connection with the Supply of Water to the Western Suburbs of Sydney and Districts North of Parramatta River.

(2.) Return of Passenger Traffic at each Station (to and from) between Sydney and Hurstville, for the six months ended 30th September, 1887.

(3.) Conditions respecting the Employment of Steam Tugs on the Richmond River.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting the proposed Reduction of Telegraph Rates between the Colonies of New South Wales and Queensland.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 26th October, 1887—“Juvenile Offenders.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. *MR. LEESON*, TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. Hassall*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers or other documents having reference to the case of *Mr. Leeson*, of the Telegraph Department.
Question put and passed.

4. PRIVATE BARS IN PUBLIC HOUSES:—*Mr. Henson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the private bar system in connection with public-houses is an evil the Government should at once take steps to suppress.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Abbott moved the Previous Question.

Question proposed, That that Question be now put.

Debate continued.

Previous Question,—That that Question be now put,—put and negatived.

5. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—*Mr. Creer* presented a Petition from *Robert Barclay Wallace*, of Newcastle, representing that, conjointly with *James Robert Millar Robertson*, of Sydney, and others, he purchased certain conditional purchases in the Newcastle District; and that it appears that the original selectors had, at the time of making these selections, other selections which had been converted into mining selections, and that it is matter of doubt whether the last made selections are made in contravention of the Act 42 Vic. No. 29; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.

Petition received.

Mr. Creer (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill.

Question put and passed.

6. CLAIM OF ISAAC BARCLAY:—*Mr. Martin* 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 claim of *Isaac Barclay*, Cambewarra, for compensation for losses sustained by loss in defending his title to land held under Crown grant.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Hawken*, *Mr. Kethel*, *Mr. Stevenson*, *Mr. Wilson*, *Mr. Kelly*, *Mr. Waddell*, *Mr. Garrett*, *Mr. Chapman*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th October, 1887.

7. AUSTRALASIAN NAVAL FORCE 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 payment by the Colony of New South Wales of a proportional part of the cost of the establishment and maintenance of an additional Naval Force to be employed for the protection of the floating trade in Australasian waters.

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 payment by the Colony of New South Wales of a proportional part of the cost of the establishment and maintenance of an additional Naval Force to be employed for the protection of the floating trade in Australasian waters.

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 payment by the Colony of New South Wales of a proportional part of the cost of the establishment and maintenance of an additional Naval Force to be employed for the protection of the floating trade in Australasian waters*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. MINING ON CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Inglis, 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 mining on Church and School Lands.

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 make better provision for mining on Church and School Lands.

On motion of Mr. Inglis, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Inglis, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 10.

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 Mining on Church and School Lands.

Government House,

Sydney, 18th November, 1887.

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

9. BANKRUPTCY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Wise, 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 some and disagreed to others of the Council's amendments.

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

10. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

11. ROYALTY ON OYSTERS ABOLITION 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 the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the report was adopted.

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

The House adjourned at two minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Mr. Addison, Stipendiary Magistrate :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many complaints have been made as to the conduct of Mr. Addison in his capacity of Stipendiary Magistrate since his appointment to Sydney?
 (2.) Will he lay the papers in these cases upon the Table of the House?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Five.
 (2.) There will be no objection to copies of the papers being laid upon the Table of the House, if moved for in the customary manner.

- (2.) Road through Australian Agricultural Company's Land, Warrah :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the road through the A. A. Company's land (Warrah) was in a very bad state during last winter, and that the value of stock using it was seriously deteriorated from that cause?
 (2.) Is it not the case that an arrangement has been made with the A. A. Company for the widening and improvement of the road; and, if so, will he take the necessary steps for an amount being placed on this year's Estimates to meet the expense?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) We have no reports to this effect.
 (2.) Supposing the Honorable Member to mean that part of the road from Merriwa to Breeza, within the A. A. Company's estate, I have to say that the estimated cost of fencing required is £1,300. Whether this amount will be on this year's Estimates will be decided in a few days.

- (3.) Barraba Temporary Common :—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has a petition been presented to the Honorable the Minister for Lands by Mr. Levien, M.L.A., from the residents of Barraba, asking that the townspeople be allowed the use of the temporary common?
 (2.) On what date was the petition presented?
 (3.) Has any determination been arrived at; and, if so, what is the result?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1 and 2.) In October, 1885, a petition was presented to the Chairman of the Local Land Board, Tamworth, praying that water reserve No. 191, in the parish of Barraba, county of Darling, including part of the Barraba temporary common, be thrown open to settlement. In November, 1886, a petition was presented to Mr. Secretary Copeland by Messrs. Levien and Burke, M's.P., praying that the land measured in connection with the first-mentioned petition be not thrown open.
 (3.) The District Surveyor recommended that an area of 352 acres be withdrawn from the common and reserve No. 191, and declared special areas. Pending legislation, the matter is being held in abeyance.

- (4.) Colonial Iron :—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that colonial iron stood recent tests undertaken by Railway Department more satisfactorily than any other iron submitted?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The tests have not been completed. When they have been, the result will be made known.

- (5.) Railway from Tarana to Jenolan Caves :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to include in their next Railway Policy the construction of the first section (to Oberon) of the proposed line from Tarana to the Jenolan Caves?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This question has not yet been determined.

(6.)

(6.) Belar Creek Road :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the District Surveyor reported (and, if so, the nature thereof) on the application from S. Turner, John Blackburn, and others, for the opening up of a road through portion No. 71 and 160 acres, Belar Creek, county Gowen, parish of Deringullen, Misc. 87-4,449?
- (2.) Is it intended, and when, to open up such road for public use?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The District Surveyor has not yet reported on this application. He will be reminded in the course of a day or two.

(7.) Court-house for Eastern Suburbs :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Having reference to the answer recently given by the Minister of Justice, will he state when the erection of the Court-house for the Eastern Suburbs will be commenced?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A tender for erection of this building was accepted on the 10th instant, and the work will be commenced at once.

(8.) Clerks in Roads Department :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he place on the Estimates a sum sufficient to pay those clerks in the Roads Department, referred to in papers 85-2,613, the amounts due to them under the Civil Service Act?
- (2.) Have not certain clerks in the Sewage Branch been paid the amounts due to them under circumstances similar to those of the clerks referred to in question (1.)?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The matter will receive attention when the Estimates are under the consideration of the Cabinet.
- (2.) No; all will be dealt with on the same basis.

(9.) Technical College Students :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that students attending the Technical College who live in tram suburbs have to pay full fares, while those who live in the railway suburbs are allowed to travel at half fares?
- (2.) Will he at once alter this practice, so that the former will be placed on the same footing as the last-named students?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The students attending the Technical College are allowed to travel on the tramways at half fare from Monday to Friday evenings, on production of a certificate signed by the master under whom they study.

2. SUPREME COURT APPEALS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intitled "*An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the 'Supreme Court Appeals Act of 1887,'*"—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, 22nd November, 1887.

3. CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE BILL :—Mr. Allen presented a Petition from Joseph Stimson, John Black, William Walker, and Charles Grocock, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands, situated in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on which is erected the Christian Chapel, to sell such lands and to apply the proceeds for the benefit of the said Trust.

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

4. PAPER :—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 21st September, 1887—

"Volunteer Land Orders."

Ordered to be printed.

5. RAILWAY FROM ST. LEONARDS TO PEARCE'S CORNER (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all claims, letters, and papers in connection with any claims for compensation made in respect of any lands, or improvements thereon, on the railway line from St. Leonards to Pearce's Corner; also, copies of any official reports or valuations on any lands or improvements on said railway line. Question put and passed.

6. PARISH ROADS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing what parish roads which the public have asked to be opened are still kept closed, giving the counties in which such roads are situated. Question put and passed.

7. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL, No. 2 (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Davis 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 in a Bill to repeal the 163rd and 175th clauses of the Municipalities Act of 1867, to provide for the rating of property, to provide for appeals from assessments and rates, and to provide for the payment of costs in certain cases. Question put and passed.

8. ROYALTY ON OYSTERS ABOLITION 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 abolish the Royalty on Oysters.*"
 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 abolish the Royalty on Oysters,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd November, 1887.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—
 (1.) Seduction Punishment Bill; second reading.
 (2.) Original Grants of Land Boundaries Bill; second reading.
10. NEW HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT:—Mr. R. Burdett Smith moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no further delay should take place in the erection of new Houses of Parliament.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
11. IMPORT DUTIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS:—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to give encouragement to the agricultural interest similar to that now given to dairy farming through the maintenance of import duties on butter, cheese, and bacon, and that such encouragement should take the form of import duties, at the following rates:—On grain and pulse of all kinds, not otherwise bearing duties, 6d. per bushel; beans, peas, barley, and oats, 4d. per bushel; hay and chaff, 6d. per cwt.; flour and meal, 20s. per ton; bran, pollard, and sharps, 2d. per bushel; potatoes, 10s. per ton.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Reid moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1887, A.M.

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

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 13th December, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*), take precedence of all other business on that day.

The House adjourned at two minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Church and Perkins Streets, Newcastle, Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to alter the levels width and direction of Church-street and Perkins-street at and near their meeting or intersection*,"—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 November, 1887.

- (2.) Borough of Balmain Wharves Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of Balmain to lease and acquire lands and to erect thereon Wharves and to levy rates on all Wharves in its possession*,"—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 November, 1887.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Seed Potatoes:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he furnish the names of persons in the Clarence Electorate who received from the Government relief seed potatoes during the months of August and September last?

(2.) The quantity supplied to each applicant?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I think the Honorable Member will, on reflection, see that I could not very well give these names. It must be assumed that the persons accepting this kind of relief are in circumstances of misfortune, and I do not think it is a right thing to make their names known to the world.

(2.)

(2.) Conservation of Water :—Mr. Cooke asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for the ensuing year to carry out surveys for any of the proposals of the late Royal Commission for the conservation of water?
- (2.) Will the Lachlan and Bogan Rivers and tributaries be included among the first of such surveys?
- (3.) Is the Government aware that by making timely surveys, securing information of all water-courses, lakes, lagoons, and depressions, from, through, and in which water may be conveyed and stored, that a great saving may be made to the Colony by reserving such lands as may be required for water conservation purposes?
- (4.) Is the Government aware that the present cycle of moist seasons is a fitting, if not the best, time to carry out such surveys?
- (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill into Parliament to give effect to any or all of the elaborate recommendations of the late Royal Commission; and, if so, when?

Mr. Abigail answered—The Government are fully aware of the importance of the question of water conservation, and as soon as public business will allow they will devote their best attention to the matter.

(3.) The "Unemployed" :—Mr. See asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The total number of men employed by the Government upon relief works, including National Park?
- (2.) The name of the works upon which they are employed?
- (3.) The number of men employed upon each?
- (4.) The area of land cleared upon each?
- (5.) What area of land has been sold, and what sum has been realized?
- (6.) The total cost of the relief works up to date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In the course of the evening I will lay a Return upon the Table, giving the required information.

(4.) Mr. H. T. Wilkinson,—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is Mr. H. T. Wilkinson in any way officially connected with Norfolk Island; if so, how?
- (2.) Is he an official of the Mines Department; and, if so, what time has he been absent from the office during the past two years?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Mr. Wilkinson alluded to was requested or appointed by the late Governor to visit Norfolk Island, and he also was empowered (not by us, but by our predecessors), to visit Lord Howe Island. He still visits these two dependencies of the Colony, and it takes him pretty well all his time. I do not know very much about the matter, but I will cause inquiry to be made for my own satisfaction without any loss of time. I may mention that it has been suggested to us by the Imperial Government that we should take over the entire government of Norfolk Island as a dependency of this Colony. That question is now pending, and awaits consideration and decision.

(5.) Communication with Officials on Railway Trains while in Motion :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have Inspectors Crawford and Close reported upon the invention of Messrs. Clark and Hall, of the Junee railway workshops, for facilitating communication with officials on railway trains while in motion?
- (2.) If so, what is the nature of the report?
- (3.) Is he aware that similar appliances for stopping trains, or calling attention of the drivers, are at work upon railway trains in England, and have never been misused by the passengers?
- (4.) Is he prepared to afford Messrs. Clark and Hall an opportunity of testing their invention on the lines near Sydney?
- (5.) In view of the many preventible accidents which have happened in the Australian Colonies of late, is he prepared to adopt the invention patented by Messrs. Clark and Hall?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) That the invention is ingenious, but its use would be injudicious.
- (3.) I am aware it has been stated that these means of communication have been misused on English Railways, and that their utility is denied by railway managers.
- (4.) Such an apparatus would be less required on the suburban lines than it would be on country lines, and already the passengers of the mail trains and express trains have the means of communication, by electric wire, with those in charge of the trains; but though this appliance has been furnished for some years, in no single instance has it been used.
- (5.) I cannot remember one single instance of late of an accident in any of the Australian Colonies where, by the use of this or any other appliance giving communication between the passenger and the train men, the accident would have been averted.

(6.) Transfers of Conditional Purchases :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have any transfers of conditional purchases been allowed before their confirmation by the Local Land Boards?
- (2.) Have such transfers been granted to banks or monetary institutions?
- (3.) Will he cause instructions to be issued to the Crown Lands Agent at Queanbeyan to ascertain from his books if such transfers have ever been granted in that district?

Mr.

Mr. Garrett answered,—In a few instances transfers of additional conditional purchases were received and registered in error prior to confirmation of the conditional purchase applications. Six purchases were so transferred in the Queanbeyan district, two of which were to the Bank of New South Wales. Instructions to refuse all transfers which included conditional purchases not confirmed at date of transfer were issued to each Crown Land Agent on 24th September, 1886.

(7.) Mr. Scott, Police Magistrate, Deniliquin.—Mr. Evans, Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, Moama :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Mr. Scott, lately appointed to act as Police Magistrate at Deniliquin, has not yet commenced his duties?
- (2.) When will Mr. Scott commence his duties?
- (3.) When will Mr. Evans, lately appointed as Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions at Moama, commence his duties?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Mr. Scott has received instructions to proceed to Deniliquin and enter upon his duties there at once.
- (3.) Mr. Evans was allowed to remain in Sydney until the 21st instant, after which he was to proceed to Moama.

(8.) Mr. Addison, Stipendiary Magistrate :—Mr. Moore asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Addison, Stipendiary Magistrate, put 128 cases through in seventy-five minutes at the Water Police Court one day last week?
- (2.) If so, what was the nature of each case?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—In answer to these questions, I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a report which I have received from Mr. Addison on the subject.

(9.) Telephone Exchanges :—Mr. Trickett asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Has he agreed to establish telephone exchanges in any of the suburbs; and, if so, will he name them?
- (2.) Have not representations been made by Mr. Trickett, one of the Members for Paddington, in favour of a telephone exchange at Paddington?
- (3.) Will he cause such an exchange to be established at Paddington?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes; at Balmain and at Newtown.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) I have requested the Superintendent of Telegraphs to furnish me with a report upon the Paddington proposal, with a view of a speedy settlement of the matter.

(10.) Imperial Copyright Statute :—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to a telegram in the *Herald* with regard to the Imperial Copyright Statute, and the answer said to have been sent by this Government to the Government of Victoria?
- (2.) Will he lay upon the Table the correspondence that took place on the subject?

Mr. Burns answered,—I intend to lay a copy of the correspondence upon the Table to-morrow.

(11.) Drummoyne Wharf :—*Mr. Hutchison*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When will the Return to Order relating to the wharf at Drummoyne be laid upon the Table of this House?
- (2.) Does the Minister intend to deal with the future letting of this wharf in any way other than by public tender after public notice of conditions for letting?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) In the course of next week.
- (2.) The lease has not yet expired. A renewal of the lease has been applied for by the assignee of the present lessee, and that application has not yet been dealt with.

(12.) Endowment of Municipalities :—*Mr. Hutchison*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that certain municipalities, having received contributions in aid of municipal works from ratepayers, have applied to the Treasury for endowment thereon, and have had their applications refused, in certain cases, on the ground that the ratepayers so contributing were not residents of the municipalities, whilst applications in respect of contributions from resident ratepayers have been granted?
- (2.) Has the legality of the action of the Treasury in the matter been questioned by any of the municipalities concerned?
- (3.) If so, has the opinion of the Attorney-General been obtained upon the matter?
- (4.) If the opinion of the Attorney-General has not been obtained, will the Treasurer take steps to have a case submitted to the Attorney-General for his opinion, and lay the same, with such opinion, before the House?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Applications from certain municipalities have been received at the Treasury for endowments in consideration of contributions from non-resident ratepayers, and have been disallowed.
- (2.) Some municipalities have protested against the action of the Treasury, but there is no record of any question of the kind having been determined by a Court of Law.
- (3.) An opinion of Mr. Attorney-General Dalley was given in May, 1876, supporting the Treasury authorities in their view of their duty.
- (4.) An application of a similar nature from the Borough of Merewether has been referred to Mr. Attorney-General Wise for his opinion.

3. **GRAFTON SCHOOL OF ARTS TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL**:—Mr. See presented a Petition from Thomas Bawden and others, Trustees of the Grafton School of Arts, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Grafton School of Arts to sell or mortgage certain lands situated in the City of Grafton, and for the declaring the Trusts of the moneys raised by such sale or mortgage.

And Mr. See having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Clarence and Richmond Examiner*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

4. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 4th October, 1887—"Alleged Fraud under Stamp Duties Act."
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 4th October, 1887—"Railway from Narrabri to Walgett."
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 27th September, 1887—"Government Tramways."

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Information respecting alleged Influx of Chinese from New Caledonia.
- (2.) Particulars respecting the Unemployed.
- (3.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Narrandera.
- (4.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Hay.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return of Cases heard at the Water Police Court by Mr. Addison, Stipendiary Magistrate, on 17th November, 1887.

5. **BANKRUPTCY BILL**:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wise, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 17th instant, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the "Bankruptcy Bill,"—

Agrees to all the amendments except the amendments in clause 18, line 1 and line 4, by which it is proposed to omit the word "representative" and insert the words "manager, clerk, or accountant," to which amendments it disagrees.—Because the said amendments were thought to limit unnecessarily the privilege of a creditor in appearing by another at the examination of a bankrupt.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd November, 1887.

6. **SUPPLY (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.

7. **WAYS AND MEANS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.

8. **CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE BILL (Formal Motion)**:—

- (1.) Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands situated in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on which is erected the Christian Chapel, to sell such land, and to apply the proceeds for the benefit of the said Trust.
Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Allen having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands situated in Elizabeth-street Sydney on which is erected the Christian Chapel to sell such land and to apply the proceeds for the benefit of the said Trust,*"—read a first time.

9. **PUBLIC TANKS AND WELLS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Stokes, for Mr. Waddell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Return (*in part*) to Order, "Public Tanks, Wells, and Dams," as relates to the construction of the tanks at Galathera and Boggy Crock, laid upon the Table of the House on the 19th November, 1884, be printed.
Question put and passed.

10. **PUBLIC TANKS AND WELLS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Stokes, for Mr. Waddell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, minutes, and reports with reference to complaints made by officers of the Mines Department against Mr. Bennett, Commissioner and Engineer for Roads, *re* the construction and maintenance of wells and tanks; also, all other correspondence between the Works and Mines Department having reference to loss and inconvenience that have been occasioned through the works of construction and maintenance of wells and tanks being divided between the two Departments.
Question put and passed.

11. COLONY OF AUSTRALIA BILL:—

(1.) Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer on the Colony the name of "Australia," and to make constitutional and legal provision for and in respect of all changes in designation or title consequent thereon.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word "Australia," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "Wentworth."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Wise,	Mr. Hawthorne
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Schey,
Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Davis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Henson,	Dr. Ross.
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Hawken,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. De Courey Browne,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Lee.

Tellers,

Mr. Wall,
Mr. Haynes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer on the Colony the name of Australia, and to make constitutional and legal provision for and in respect of all changes in designation or title consequent thereon.

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Wise,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Stokes,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Stevenson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Want,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Lees,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. O'Mara.
Mr. Bowman,	

Noes 18.

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Tellers,

Mr. De Courey Browne,
Mr. Moore.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to confer on the Colony the name of AUSTRALIA and to make constitutional and legal provision for and in respect of all changes in designation or title consequent thereon*,"—and moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put,—That the Bill be now read a first time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. Wise,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Cooke,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Jeannet,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Thompson,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Slattery,
Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Purkes,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Crouch,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Cicer,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. De Courey Browne,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gale.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Walker.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for "to-morrow."

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word "to-morrow," with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "the 26th of January, 1888."

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

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question (*by consent*) amended by the addition of the word "week."

Question then,—That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow week,—put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT EXTENSION 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 define and extend the operation of certain provisions of the 'Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880' and to amend the said Act in other respects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd November, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railways:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to submit any railway policy this Session, or ask Parliamentary sanction for any new lines?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This question will entirely depend upon the state of public business.

(2.) Public School, Tibooburra:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Department to erect a Public School at Tibooburra?

(2.) Is he aware that the children of school age at that place exceed the number required to justify the establishment of a Public School?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) The attendance does not warrant the establishment of a Public School, but it has been decided to make a special grant to assist the residents in providing a suitable building for a Provisional School.

(2.) The number of pupils enrolled is 17 only, and the average attendance 11·3. These numbers are much below what is required for a Public School.

(3.) Telegraph Line to Milparinka or Mount Browne:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Postmaster-General,—When will the papers in reference to the establishment of telegraphic communication with Milparinka or Mount Browne (Tibooburra), ordered by the House on 27th September last, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Probably on Tuesday next.

(4.) Road from Wanaaring to Tibooburra:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue to clear the road from Wanaaring to Tibooburra?

(2.) Is it intended to make tanks on the same road between those places; if so, when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) It is the intention of the Government to clear the worst portions of the road from Wanaaring to Milparinka.

(2.) Tenders have been accepted for the construction of tanks on this road, and the local officer is now laying out the works proposed.

(5.)

(5.) Unleased Runs in Western Division:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Abbott* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many runs are there in the Western Division at the present time unleased?
- (2.) What is the total area of those lands?
- (3.) What are the names of them?
- (4.) Are the following runs leased:—*Sturt*, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7, *Frome*, Blocks D and F, and *Mount King East*?
- (5.) What is the area of these runs in acres?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) There are sixteen holdings in the Western Division which have not been paid for. Of these ten (10) may, in accordance with section 96 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, yet be paid for.
- (2.) The total area of the above holdings is 897,181 acres.
- (3.) *Mount King East*, *Taringo Downs*, *Urella Downs*, *Olive Downs*, *Caryapundy Swamp No. 2*, *Caryapundy West*, *Wyuna Downs*, *Redan*, *Mount Poole*, *Mulga No. 1*, *Coolabah*, *Mogil Mogil*, *Burrandown*, *Turkey Creek*, *North Peak*, and *Mooculta*.
- (4.) The question evidently refers to *Sturt's* blocks. *Sturt's* blocks 1, 2, and 3 and *Mount King East*, form *Mount King East* pastoral holding. *Sturt's* blocks 5, 6, and 7 form *Mokeley* pastoral holding. *Frome* blocks D and F form part of *Fort Grey* pastoral holding.
- (5.) Area, 888,460 acres. Of this area 448,500 acres is included in the *Fort Grey* holding, on account of which payment has been made.

(6.) Occupation Licenses:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Abbott*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What was the total amount payable on the occupation licenses as gazetted on the 11th November instant?
- (2.) What amount has been paid up to the present time for occupation licenses?
- (3.) What is the number of licenses upon which payment has not been made to the present time?
- (4.) What is the total area of the licenses on which payment has not been made?
- (5.) How many of these occupation licenses are in each division, and what is the area thereof in each division?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) The amount due (which includes £31,230 10s. 8d. which may be paid by deferred payments) was £110,365 2s. 10d.
- (2.) £601,164 0s. 5d.
- (3.) 141. The time for payment has not, however, yet expired.
- (4.) 3,247,717 acres.
- (5.) Western Division, 5, containing 432,700 acres; Central Division, 62, containing 1,685,072 acres; Eastern Division, 74, containing 1,129,945 acres.

(7.) Railway from Redfern to Circular Quay:—*Mr. Henson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to ask the sanction of the House for the extension of the railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This question will depend entirely upon the state of public business.

(8.) Court-house, St. Albans:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the inadequate accommodation at the Court-house, St. Albans, for the proper conduct of the business?
- (2.) Do the papers in his office show that the late *Mr. Lyall Scott*, when member for the *Wollombi*, brought this matter under the notice of the then Minister of Justice?
- (3.) Was a report called for, and an officer from the Colonial Architect's Department sent up to St. Albans to inquire into the matter?
- (4.) Upon that officer's report being received, was a plan and specification prepared?
- (5.) What was the estimated cost of the proposed alterations at that time, specifying the month and year?
- (6.) Do the papers in his office disclose why the additions or proposed alterations were not carried out?
- (7.) Has anything been done to improve the accommodation since that date; if so, at what cost?
- (8.) Has he recently called for a report, and does such report state that the accommodation is sufficient for the business transacted at that Court?
- (9.) Is he aware that the Court consists of one weatherboard room, without even a verandah, and that when Magistrates require to confer, to enable them to do so prisoners and witnesses, or plaintiffs and defendants, all have to retire into the street?
- (10.) Is he aware, or has it been brought under his notice, that in the event of a witness being subpoenaed to give evidence and ordered out of Court, that he or she, as the case may be, has no place to retire to from the sun's rays or the inclemency of the weather, except by seeking shelter in a public-house?
- (11.) Has the present member applied for an expenditure of £200 or £250 to remedy this state of things, and has that amount been refused upon the grounds of retrenchment; if not, will he cause that sum to be placed upon the Estimates?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) A plan only was prepared.
- (5.) £347.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) No.
- (8.) Yes.
- (9.) Yes.
- (10.) No.
- (11.) Yes; the condition of the building is being re-considered.

- (9.) Stores returned from Suakim :—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the value of the stores, distinguishing dutiable from free, the property of the Government, landed from the steamship "Arab" from Suakim, on the return of the New South Wales Contingent?
 - (2.) To whom were they delivered?
 - (3.) Where were they stored or warehoused?
 - (4.) What is the value of the present stock in hand, and where is it?
 - (5.) If the stock, as landed, has been decreased in any way, how has the deficiency been disposed of—to whom, by whom, and under what authority?
 - (6.) What proceeds are there from such disposal (if any), and to what account have they been paid or placed?
 - (7.) Will the Minister cause detailed particulars as to the nature and quantities of these stores to be obtained and laid upon the Table of the House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) A Return will be prepared, embracing the particulars desired. It will be observed at once that I could hardly state these particulars in answer to a question of this kind.
- (2.) The equipment of the Expedition was delivered to the Military Authorities, the reserves and surplus stores being held by the Ordnance Storekeeper.
- (3.) At the Victoria Barracks, Paddington, and at the Ordnance Stores, Circular Quay.
- (4.) This information will also be given in a Return in course of preparation.
- (5.) Issues have been made from the stock for Military Services through the Ordnance Department, under Ministerial authority.
- (6.) No sales have been effected; therefore, there are not any proceeds to account for.
- (7.) Yes.

- (10.) Police Quarters at Wellington :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders for the erection of police quarters at Wellington?
- (2.) Will he state when it is likely such tenders will be called for?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—The matter will be dealt with as soon as funds are available—that is, there is no Vote to which the expenditure can be charged.

- (11.) Lock-up at Leichhardt :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Do the Government still hold land in Marlborough-street, Leichhardt?
- (2.) Was this land purchased some time since for the purpose of erecting a lock-up?
- (3.) Has the Inspector-General of Police asked for the erection of a lock-up at Leichhardt?
- (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed at once with the erection of a lock-up in the abovenamed suburb?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1, 2, and 3.) Yes.
- (4.) Plans have been prepared, and the erection of the building will be proceeded with as soon as funds are available—that is, there is no Vote.

- (12.) Railway Bridge over Cook's River :—Mr. Henson, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that in the construction of the railway bridge over Cook's River, the main channel of the river and Wollie Creek was filled in by an earth embankment?
- (2.) Is he aware that since the construction of that bridge certain lands at Marrickville and Tempe have been rendered more subject to floods?
- (3.) Will he obtain a report from an officer unconnected with the Railway Department (1) upon the effect of the embankment referred to upon the flood waters of the river, and (2) upon the best means of remedying the matter?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The old channel was obstructed, but a new channel has been formed.
- (2.) I am not aware that this is the case; but it is reported to me that the railway works have not contributed to it, even if it be the case.
- (3.) I see no objection to an inquiry independent of the Railway Department, and an officer of the Harbours and Rivers Department will be directed to make inquiry and report.

- (13.) Assurance Fund, Real Property Act :—Mr. Day, for Mr. Copland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The total amount paid into the Colonial Treasury on account of the Assurance Fund since the Real Property Act came into operation?
- (2.) The total amount invested in New South Wales Government Securities, in pursuance of section 28 of the Real Property Act, 26 Vic. No. 9?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The total amount paid into the Colonial Treasury on account of the Assurance Fund since the Real Property Act came into operation is £67,299 13s. 9d., in addition to which a sum of £11,933 has accrued as interest on invested funds.
- (2.) The total amount invested in New South Wales Government Securities, in pursuance of section 28 of the Real Property Act, 26 Vic. No. 9, is £22,000.

- (14.) Travelling Stock Reserve on Eugoura and Canowindra Road :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When will travelling stock reserve No. 659, on the north side of road leading from Eugoura to Canowindra, in the county of Ashburnham, be cancelled and open for selection?
- (2.) The same information with regard to water reserve No. 915, and the cause of delay in having these reserves cancelled?

Mr.

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) The greater portion of the reserve has been cancelled. That remaining is within a railway reserve, which it is not proposed to revoke until the probable railway requirements have been met.
 (2.) Reserve 915 extension, of 135 acres, was revoked by notice of the 19th instant. The original reserve (915) of 1 acre 1 rood 29 perches is to be retained in the public interest.

(15.) Ringbarking :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government have any objections to take the necessary steps to obtain from the Health Officer a report as to the influence of ringbarking on public health ; also, its effect (if any) in producing or modifying climatic changes and variations in rainfall ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have no objection whatever to ask the Health Officer to report on this subject, but I hope it will not involve a tour on his part to all districts of the Colony where ringbarking has taken place.

(16.) Regulations respecting Cattle sent from New South Wales to Victoria :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Mines.—

(1.) Is he aware that new Regulations in regard to the introduction of cattle from New South Wales to Victoria have been framed by the Victorian authorities, and will come into force on the 10th December next ?

(2.) Is he aware that such Regulations provide that no trucked cattle shall be admitted into Victoria, except accompanied by a certificate from some Stock Inspector of this Colony certifying they are free from all disease ?

(3.) What steps will be taken to make provision for these inspections ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Yes ; and express regret that such Regulations have been framed, as they will cause annoyance to persons desiring to send stock across the Border.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Inspectors on the Border will receive instructions to inspect all cattle to be trucked to Victoria, and grant certificates ; but it is not considered necessary or practicable that they should want to see the cattle trucked. It is deemed sufficient for the Inspectors to issue certificates, and the Station-masters need only receive for transmission such cattle as were accompanied by certificates. The Department is in communication with the Victorian authorities with a view to obtain an alteration in the Regulation, which is causing great inconvenience to inhabitants of this Colony, and does not appear to me to be very neighbourly on the part of Victoria.

(17.) Supernumeraries—Easter Encampment :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the supernumeraries received any pay for the Easter Encampment ?

(2.) If not, when are they to be paid ?

(3.) Were they told that if they went into camp, when ordered to do so, they would receive the same pay as the rest of the Regiment ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I scarcely need point out that it is hardly possible to give answers to questions on military matters asked upon twenty-four hours notice. The officers are hardly ever available like ordinary Civil Servants.

(18.) Stock route, Moulamein to Koondrook :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the surveyed stock route leading from Moulamein to Koondrook be declared open for traffic ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Representations having been made that the road surveyed passes over flooded country unsuitable for traffic, unless a large sum of money is expended on the formation of it and the erection of bridges, it has been necessary to defer the matter pending the receipt of a report from the District Surveyor and an officer of the Roads Department.

(19.) Mr. Macarthur, late Acting Police Magistrate at Corowa :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, without delay, copies of the cash-book and Bank pass-book in the case of the late Acting Police Magistrate at Corowa, Mr. Macarthur ?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—This information, if desired, should be moved for in the customary manner ; but I may inform the Honorable Member that the Mr. Macarthur referred to is no longer in the Public Service ; and, as no possible good can result from the production of the books referred to, I would advise the honorable gentleman not to proceed further in this matter.

(20.) Railway to Michelago :—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Can he name the date that the railway to Michelago will be opened ?

(2.) Is he aware that unless the Government take over the line very shortly, large quantities of wool will be forwarded to Sydney *via* Twofold Bay and Merimbula ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) A date cannot be named at present, but the line will probably be ready for opening early in the ensuing month.

(2.) I am not aware, but arrangements will be made for opening the extension at the earliest possible date.

(21.) Mr. Leopold Yates :—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is there a Mr. Leopold Yates in the Government Service ?

(2.) Has he at present any (and, if so, what) occupation, and what do the Government intend doing with this person ?

(3.) Was this Mr. Yates acting as Stipendiary Magistrate in Sydney ?

(4.) How many decisions of his were appealed against, and how many upheld, and how many dismissed ?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I will lay a Return upon the Table of the House as soon as possible respecting the information asked for in the Honorable Member's question.

(22.) Penny Postage System, and Sixpenny Telegrams:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—Whether, in view of the increased revenue that has accrued to the Post Office through the extension of the penny postage, and the reduction on the cost of telegraphic messages within the penny postal area, will he consider the subject of a general system of penny postage and reduction of all ten-words telegrams to sixpence as one means of commemorating the Centenary of New South Wales?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The question of the extension of the penny postage system has engaged the consideration of the Government, but no decision has been arrived at, owing to the pressure of other public business. As to the proposed reduction in the charge for ten-word telegrams, I may inform my honorable friend that, for a similar reason, I am unable at present to make any definite promise.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Infringement of Copyright Laws of Great Britain.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 8th November, 1887—"The Case of W. A. Hopkins."

4. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. Barbour presented a Petition from Thomas Saywell, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the "Victorian Coal-mining Company's Act of 1884."

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

5. ROBERT MACKRELL'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT FORBES:—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from Edward Henry Moulder, of Wardry Station, alleging that he is interested in the forfeiture of this conditional purchase; and praying that he may be heard by Counsel, Attorney, or Agent before the Select Committee to which the matter has been referred, with liberty to adduce such evidence as he may be advised.

Petition received.

Mr. Wilson (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Question put and passed.

6. GRAFTON SCHOOL OF ARTS TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Ewing, for Mr. See, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Grafton School of Arts to sell or mortgage lands situated in the city of Grafton, and for the declaring the Trusts of the money raised by such sale or mortgage.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Ewing having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum 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 Grafton School of Arts to sell or mortgage certain lands situated in the city of Grafton and for the declaring the Trusts of the moneys raised by such sale or mortgage*,"—read a first time.

7. AUSTRALASIAN NAVAL FORCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Haynes moved, That the question be amended, by the omission of the word "now," with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."

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

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of all other business.

The House adjourned at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Moama Wharf.—Marine Board, Moama:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When will he furnish promised copy of report as to the necessity of providing proper appliances and extending the channel to the Moama wharf?

(2.) Will he also furnish reply as to the appointment of Marine Board at Moama?

Mr. Burns answered,—In all probability I shall be able, during next week, to lay upon the Table reports bearing upon both questions.

(2.) Railway between Tenterfield and Wallangarra:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the railway between Tenterfield and Wallangarra been completed?

(2.) If so, why is it not opened for traffic?

(3.) Is he aware that much inconvenience is felt by travellers from New South Wales to Queensland, and *vice versa*, having to travel by coach between Wallangarra and Tenterfield?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Not quite completed. Yard and station arrangements at junction have not been finally decided upon.

(2.) For the reason given in reply to question No. 1.

(3.) I am aware that it would be a convenience to the travelling public if the line were opened for traffic, and no time will be lost in effecting this object.

(3.) Byrock and Gongolgan Road:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the road between Byrock and Gongolgan be surveyed?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Instructions for the survey of this road were issued to the District Surveyor on the 27th ultimo.

(4.) Post and Telegraph Office, Pilliga:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) The cause of delay in proceeding with the new post and telegraph office, Pilliga?

(2.) Has the contractor signed the bond; if not, is it intended to invite fresh tenders for the works, and when?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The Colonial Architect reports that—

(1.) The contractor declined to proceed with the work.

(2.) No bond was signed, and fresh tenders are invited, and will be received up to the 20th proximo.

(5.) Department of Audit:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. H. H. Brown, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that two officers have recently resigned from the Department of Audit?

(2.) How many officers were entitled, by order of seniority, to increase of salary by the resignation of these gentlemen?

(3.) How many were recommended for such increase by the Auditor-General?

(4.) How many were entitled to promotion consequent upon these resignations?

(5.) How many were recommended for promotion by the Auditor-General?

(6.) Will he be so good as to give the claims of those other officers entitled to increase and promotion the just consideration due to them in dealing with the Estimates for 1888?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Two, if otherwise qualified.
- (3.) Two.
- (4 and 5.) None, absolutely; but the two standing next in seniority by position at lower rates of pay were considered very deserving of the promotion in pay afforded by the vacated salaries. Otherwise, those vacated rates would not have been recommended to be continued.

(6.) Name of the Colony:—Mr. Crouch asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What will be the approximate cost, in the event of the proposal to change the name of the Colony being assented to?
- (2.) Will it involve the creation of any fresh appointments in the Civil Service?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I presume what the Honorable Member's first question refers to is the cost which may be involved in the change of stamps, forms in connection with our securities, and so on. The cost would be absolutely nothing, as, under the provisions of the Bill, all existing things of that kind would work themselves out until new are required. With regard to any new appointments, I cannot imagine that any new appointments could possibly be necessary. I should think there would be a saving in printing, inasmuch as the name New South Wales contains thirteen letters and the new name only nine.

(7.) Junee Court-house:—Mr. Gormly asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the building now used at Junee as a Court-house is unsuitable for that purpose?
- (2.) Does he intend to make provision for the erection of a suitable building?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I have called for a report on the suitability or otherwise of the Court-house, at Junee, and, when received will inform the Honorable Member of my decision in reference thereto.

(8.) Land sold by the Government to Mr. Cousins:—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Where is the land situated recently sold by the Government to Mr. R. Cousins?
- (2.) Under what conditions was it so sold, and for what price?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Enmore Road, Newtown.
- (2.) The land referred to was purchased from Mr. Cousins, at a cost of £681, as a site for a coke-shed for tramway purposes; but subsequently it was found that, by a re-arrangement of the service, a coke-shed could be dispensed with. The land not being required, was sold at auction to Mr. R. Cousins for the sum of £701 10s.—an advance of £20 10s. on the purchase money.

(9.) Quit-rent on Cunynghame's Grant, Circular Quay:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Treasurer,—On what date was the last payment for quit-rent on R. D. Cunynghame's grant at Circular Quay paid into the Treasury, and what was the amount so paid, and are there any arrears now in existence?

Mr. Burns answered,—If the honorable gentleman refers to a grant made to Mr. C. D. Cunningham of 1 rood and 37 perches, allotment 3, of section 86, in the city of Sydney, I have to state, on the authority of the officers of the Treasury, that the last payment for quit-rent was made in 1853, and amounted to 11s. 11d., and that there are now no arrears on account of the grant.

(10.) Moulamein and Koondrook Road:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When will he obtain reports from the District Surveyor and officers of the Roads Department as to the cost of erecting bridges, &c., on the road leading from Moulamein to Koondrook?
- (2.) In the meantime will he proclaim the road open for traffic, in order to allow owners of stock to use it?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The papers in this case were forwarded on the 11th ultimo to the Commissioner and Engineer-in-Chief for Roads, and, on the 13th October, Mr. Road-Superintendent Cronin was requested to communicate with the Surveyor as to a joint report. These officers will be urged to report on an early date. In the meantime, and pending the receipt of the report, it is not deemed expedient to open the road.

(11.) Transmission of Bank Pass-books by Post:—Mr. Crouch asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Is he willing to make such modifications of the recent new Postal Regulations as will admit of Bank pass-books (endorsed by the managers or other authorized persons as such) being transmitted through the post at book rates, although closed against inspection to the postal authorities?
- (2.) If so, will he issue a circular to this effect to country postmasters?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I may inform my honorable friend that I am considering this matter, and will probably arrive at a decision in a few days.

2. CLAIMS OF CAPTAIN ROSSI:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Hurley (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That the Return to Address, "Captain Rossi, late Registrar of the District Court, Goulburn," laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed 28th February, 1884, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Claims of Captain Rossi."

Question put and passed.

[*Disorder*:—Mr. Melville,—rising to complain that certain evidence given before the Select Committee now sitting on "Purchase by the Government of Land adjoining the Australasian Steam Navigation Company's Wharf" had been divulged,—being interrupted by an interjection of Mr. Abigail, said "the Minister for Mines has stated a lie."

And, on being called to order by Mr. Speaker, and requested to withdraw the words and apologise to the House for using them, refusing to comply, was "named" by Mr. Speaker for wilfully interrupting the orderly conduct of the business of the House.

Mr. Melville then withdrew the words, apologised to the House, and explained the circumstances under which he had used the disorderly expression.]

3. **MR. ADDISON, STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE**:—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Petition from Charles Prince, Chairman of a Meeting of Licensed Drivers, expressing dissatisfaction with the conduct of Mr. Addison, Stipendiary Magistrate, when adjudicating in cases in which they were concerned; and praying for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the conduct of Mr. Addison relative to remarks made by him while acting in his capacity of Stipendiary Magistrate when adjudicating in the Police Courts with Licensed Drivers.
Petition received.
4. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 8th November, 1887—"Mr. John Garsed."
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 4th October, 1887—"Dr. Bottrell's Claim to Foreshores of Sydney Harbour."
Ordered to be printed.
5. **CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Christian Chapel Lands Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Melville, Mr. Teece, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Henson, Dr. Ross, Mr. Garrett, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
6. **VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S EXTENSION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
(1.) Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Victorian Coal-mining Companies Act of 1884.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Barbour having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the provisions of the Victorian Coal-mining Company's Act of 1884*,"—read a first time.
7. **BULLI COLLIERY EXPLOSION (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Melville, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all replies, letters, &c., furnished by Mr. Mackenzie *re* Commission's Report on Bulli accident.
Question put and passed.
8. **GRAFTON SCHOOL OF ARTS TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. See, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Grafton School of Arts Trustees Enabling Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Moore, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Lee, Mr. Kethel, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
9. **CREMATION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
(1.) Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the process of cremation.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Trickett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the process of Cremation*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 10th January, 1888.
10. **CENTENARY OF THE COLONY**:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject discharged, on motion of Mr. Dibbs.
11. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) Bankruptcy Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 23rd November, 1887, in reference to the "Bankruptcy Bill," does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th November, 1887.
JOHN HAY,
President.
- (2.) Judges Enabling Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable certain Judges of the Supreme Court to sit upon the hearing of certain New Trial Motions*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th November, 1887.
JOHN HAY,
President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Wise, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Dibbs rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to discuss the action taken by the Police in the prosecution of persons for selling the paper known as *The Sunday Times*.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
13. **AUSTRALASIAN NAVAL FORCE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—on which Mr. Haynes had moved, as an amendment, that the word “now” be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words “this day six months,”—
And the Question being again proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1887, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Stevenson.

Tellers,

Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Garland.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Ives,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Cameron,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. De Courcy Browne.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. H. H. Brown,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again stated,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Stephen,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. O'Mara.
Mr. Merriman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. Tonkin.
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Schey,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Stokes.
Tellers,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Melville.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question

Question put, That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Wisc,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Scaver,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Stephen,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. O'Mara.
Mr. Merriman,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Toukin.
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Schey,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Stokes.

Tellers,

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Garland.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Five o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Denis Morrissey's Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What decision has been arrived at with reference to Denis Morrissey's conditional Purchases, 160 and 40 acres, county Gowen, parish and district Coonabarabran, 1877-8?
 (2.) Is it intended to validate these, or make a refund?

Mr. Garrett answered,—As, from reports received from the local officers, there appears to be no objection to that course, I have determined to validate Morrissey's conditional purchase to the extent of 100 acres, comprising his improvements.

- (2.) Captain H. P. Airey:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Why was Captain H. P. Airey, of the Artillery, promoted to be a Brevet-Major over the heads of two Captains who were his seniors?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Captain Airey was promoted, in accordance with the frequent custom, for distinguished and gallant conduct in the field, where he was severely wounded. His promotion does not make him senior to the two Captains referred to.

- (3.) Rent from Pastoral or Homestead Leases:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many applications have been made by the holders of pastoral or homestead leases, under the 100th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, to the Local Land Boards for a reduction of the minimum rent?
 (2.) In how many cases have the Boards recommended the reduction?
 (3.) Why have these recommendations not been dealt with by the Minister, and when will they be?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) 438. Of this number eleven were lodged with the Chairman at Cooma, and were treated as informal, having been lodged before the rent was determined, and being contrary to law.
 (2.) 317.
 (3.) Action on these recommendations has been deferred until the determination of rents of pastoral holdings generally shall be completed. This duty is now almost finished, and the appeals will shortly be dealt with.

- (4.) Prospecting Vote:—*Mr. Wall* asked the Secretary for Mines,—What was the number of applications received from miners at Hargraves for a portion of the Prospecting Vote, and what were the names of the applicants?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Only one application has been received from miners at Hargraves for portion of the Prospecting Vote. Messrs. Millett and Milton are the names of the applicants.

- (5.) Resumed Area of Western Division:—*Mr. Wall* asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the total of the resumed area of the Western Division?

Mr. Garrett answered,—36,107,856 acres.

- (6.) Camperdown Municipal Council:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the total amount that the Camperdown Council have received permission to borrow?
 (2.) Upon what date, and upon whose recommendation, did the Government give such permission?
 (3.) What was the amount of probable rates given when such permission to borrow was asked for?
 (4.) Was the Government made aware, upon the last request to borrow being made, that the Council were then owing the A.J.S. Bank £2,500?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This is precisely one of those questions which take more time to obtain the information than the result is worth. I have not been able to get the information. To obtain the information in cases of this kind, application has to be made to a number of bodies such as Municipal Councils. I believe that in this case the Honorable Member who put the question on the paper is satisfied.

- (7.) Mr. J. C. Neild, Executive Commissioner, Adelaide Exhibition :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has Mr. J. C. Neild yet furnished particulars of items of expenditure in connection with the Adelaide Exhibition, in his capacity as Executive Commissioner?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have here a memorandum from the Audit Office to the effect that no accounts have reached that Department up to the present time—that is, no accounts in detail.

- (8.) Joadja Reserve :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) The date of *Gazette* notice reserving 9,000 acres of land for mining purposes, parish of Joadja?
 (2.) Has any application been made to mine under this reserve; if so, by whom, and date of such application?
 (3.) On whose recommendation has this reserve been made, giving date of such application?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) 11th November, 1887.

(2.) Yes, two; Joseph Markby and Joseph Collins, 12th November, 1887.

(3.) It was represented to the Department that steps were being taken to purchase this land with a view to lock up the minerals. It was therefore deemed expedient to make the reserve so as to secure the working of the minerals and the payment of royalty.

- (9.) Drummoyne Wharf :—*Mr. Hutchison*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Adverting to the replies given by him to the question No. 11 on Wednesday, 23rd November, relating to the wharf at Drummoyne,—

(1.) Will the Minister state whether he intends to give other persons besides the assignee of the present lessee a full opportunity of applying for a lease by tender?

(2.) Will he cause the conditions of the lease, with other necessary information, to be published by advertisement, and in like manner will he call for tenders?

(3.) If not, in what way and upon what grounds does he purpose to act otherwise?

Mr. Garrett answered,—As the Borough Council, although invited to consider an offer made on behalf of the lessee to dispose of his interest in the wharf, has not made any proposal, and the lessee has incurred a heavy expenditure in constructing the wharf under a lawful tenure, and I am aware of no reason why the improvements effected by private enterprise should be confiscated, I intend to grant a renewal of the lease to Mr. Hobbs or his assignee, taking care to charge a reasonable rental, and to attach such conditions to the tenure as may seem necessary in the public interest.

- (10.) Registration of Dogs :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the police make a practice of prosecuting owners who have registered their dogs after the period prescribed for the same, but prior to information laid, and that, on the 21st instant, at the Newtown Police Court, a large number of persons were so prosecuted and convicted each in a penalty of 10s., with 4s. 10d. costs?

(2.) Will he cause such fines to be remitted, and direct that, in case where owners register their dogs before information laid, no proceedings shall be taken?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the fines in the cases referred to were inflicted in accordance with the Act, for neglect to comply with its provisions.

(2.) No; I see no reason for interfering with the action of the police in such cases.

- (11.) Stipendiary and Deputy Stipendiary Magistrates :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, at the same time as the Return promised in answer to the question of the Honorable Member for Northumberland (Mr. Walker), a Return showing the names of the other Stipendiary Magistrates and Deputy Stipendiary Magistrates, the number of the decisions of each such Magistrate which have been appealed against, the number thereof upheld, and the number thereof quashed or reversed?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—Yes.

- (12.) Railway Accident at Petersham :—Mr. McMillan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that, owing to an accident which occurred a short time ago at Petersham, a large quantity of goods were destroyed?

(2.) Do the Government intend to compensate owners for losses incurred?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Government are not insurers of goods, but where negligence can be established they are liable for loss or damage of goods. Liability is denied in this case, as the accident was due to a cause exhibiting no carelessness or neglect on the part of the Railway Department.

- (13.) Diamond Drills :—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the date on which the engineer who was sent with the Government diamond drill, No. A, to Clarence Siding, in April, 1885, commenced to bore?

(2.) What was the name of the engineer sent with the Government diamond drill No. A?

(3.) Was the engineer dismissed; if so, what was the date of his dismissal, and the cause of same?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) 2nd May, 1885.

(2.) Thomas Durning.

(3.) Yes; 21st November, 1885; carelessness in performing the work.

(14.)

- (14.) Produce Dépôt at Darling Harbour:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the tenders been accepted for the erection of the Produce Dépôt at Darling Harbour; and, if so, what is the amount of the successful tender, and name of tenderer?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—The tenders are now before me, and I will lose no time in deciding the matter.
- (15.) Phylloxera:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce an amending Phylloxera Bill this Session?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes; almost immediately.
- (16.) Official History of New South Wales:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Gale, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Have any steps been taken to publish a new edition of the Official History of New South Wales?
(2.) If so, to whom is the printing of the work entrusted, and on what terms is it to be produced?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answer has been supplied by the Treasury:—
(1.) The publication of a new edition of the Official History has been authorized.
(2.) The printing of the work has been entrusted to the Government Printer. The terms for the compilation or revision have not yet been settled.
- (17.) Registration of Dogs, West Maitland:—Mr. Hassall asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he furnish the names of all residents of West Maitland who registered dogs with Clerks of Petty Sessions in East and West Maitland on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd November?
Mr. William Clarke answered,—This information should be moved for in the form of a Return. I do not see what public good will be served by furnishing this information.
2. PAPERS:—
Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Letters of Registrations of Inventions for 1883.
Ordered to be printed.
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Gunnedah, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
(2.) By-laws of the Borough of East Maitland.
(3.) Further Return to an Order made on 22nd March, 1887—"Premises Rented by the Government."
(4.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 3rd November, 1887—"Addresses and Orders for Papers."
(5.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 10th May, 1887—"Fees received by Civil Servants."
(6.) Return to an Order made on 10th November, 1887—"Purchase by the Government of Property from the Australasian Steam Navigation Company."
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Construction of the Homebush to Waratah Railway.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 29th September, 1887—"Gold-mining and Mineral Leases."
Ordered to be printed.
3. THE RABBIT PEST (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the total number of miles of wire netting now erected in the Colony by the Government for the prevention of rabbits; also, the total cost of erecting same at per mile, including cost of material, carriage, &c.; also, the number of officers who have been employed to inspect such work, and the respective amounts paid to each officer for salary and travelling expenses.
Question put and passed.
4. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Victorian Coal-mining Company's Extension Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Allen, Mr. Jones, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Colls, Mr. Day, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Hawthorne, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
5. ATTORNEYS BILLS OF COSTS AND PRACTICE OF CONVEYANCING AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the 14th section of the Act 11 Vic. No. 33, and to provide for the admission of certain conveyancers as attorneys, solicitors, and proctors of the Supreme Court.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the 14th section of the Act 11 Victoria No. 33 and to provide for the admission of certain Conveyancers as Attorneys Solicitors and Proctors of the Supreme Court,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. William Clarke, for Mr. Wise, moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable certain Judges of the Supreme Court to sit upon the hearing of certain New Trial Motions,*" through its remaining stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

7. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 13th December :—
 (1.) Seduction Punishment Bill ; second reading.
 (2.) Original Grants of Land Boundaries Bill ; second reading.
8. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Jeanneret rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “on a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the safety of our harbour steamers, and the laws for the management of steamers, which are declared by the Chief Justice of the Colony to be monstrous.”
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
 Mr. Jeanneret moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
9. **BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL** :—Mr. De Courcy Browne presented a Petition from William Peter Macgregor, William Robert Wilson, and William Jamieson, of Broken Hill, alleging that they will be seriously and injuriously affected and prejudiced, and subjected to great loss, if the Broken Hill Tramway Bill is passed into law ; and praying that they may be heard by Counsel, Attorney, or Agent, or in person, before the Select Committee to which the Bill has been referred, with liberty to adduce such evidence as they may be advised in opposition to the Bill and in support of their Petition.
 Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.
10. **MUNICIPAL ROADS AND STREETS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, 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. Farnell, 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 117th Section of the Municipalities Act of 1867 in certain respects.*”
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th November, 1887.
11. **INLAND WATERS FISHERIES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Tonkin 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. Tonkin, 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. Tonkin (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—
 (1.) The Order of the Day respecting “State House—Houses of Parliament” postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Centenary Celebration Act Amendment Bill.
 (2.) Centenary Celebration Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—*until to-morrow.*
 (3.) State House—Houses of Parliament ; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in a Bill ;—*until to-morrow.*
13. **ROCKDALE MUNICIPALITY RE-NAMING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
14. **REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cortis moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Objection being taken to the progress of the Bill on the ground that it contained provisions not authorized by the Order of Leave,—and Mr. Speaker sustaining the objection,—
 Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cortis, that the Order of the Day be discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.
15. **ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Day, 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 with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Day, the report was adopted.

16. KENT-STREET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Day moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cameron 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, "this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Day, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Brunner, Mr. R. Burdett Smith, and Mr. Cameron."

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

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again stated, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Day, 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 that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Day (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

17. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Davis, 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 repeal the 163rd and 175th clauses of the Municipalities Act of 1867, to provide for the rating of property, to provide for appeals from assessments and rates, and to provide for the payment of costs in certain cases.

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 :—

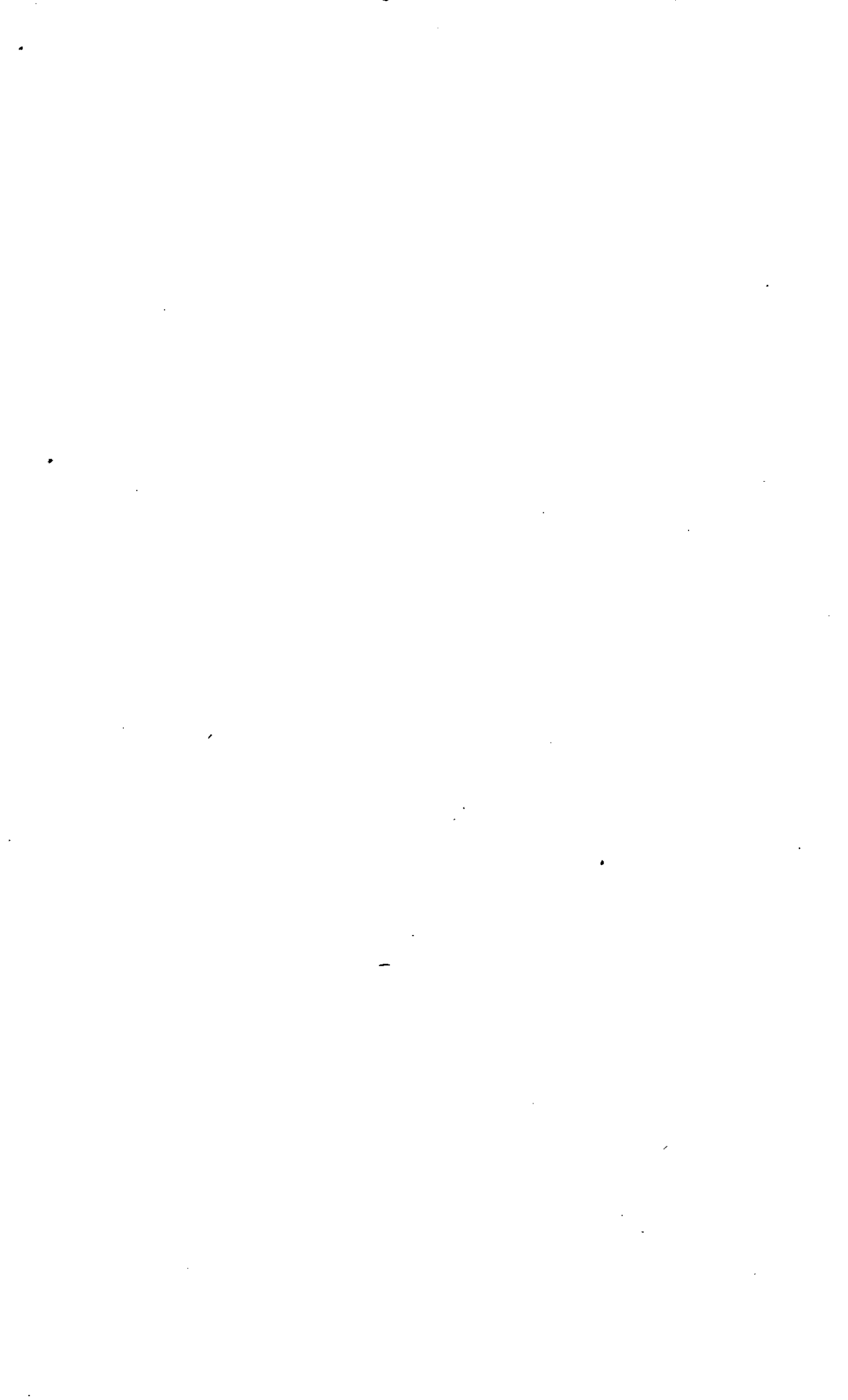
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to repeal the 163rd and 175th clauses of the Municipalities Act of 1867, to provide for the rating of property, to provide for appeals from assessments and rates, and to provide for the payment of costs in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Byrock Common :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that the people of Byrock are most anxious to have the land recently proclaimed a temporary common made a permanent common, so that it can be placed under Trustees and utilized to the fullest extent?

(2.) If so, will he cause this change to be made at once, and Trustees appointed?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) An application to this effect has been received, and is at present under consideration.

(2.) The appointment of Trustees rests with the Mines Department. The fact of the common being a temporary reservation will not prevent the appointment of Trustees.

- (2.) Railway Goods Charges, Bourke and Byrock :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that goods are being carried cheaper on the railway to Bourke than to Byrock?

(2.) Is he aware that the distance to Byrock is 47 miles less than to Bourke?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes; when conveyed in truck loads.

(2.) Yes; but the Department was compelled to reduce the rates to Bourke owing to the low rates by river.

- (3.) Dredge for Shellharbour :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has his attention been drawn to the necessity that exists for the services of a dredge at Shellharbour, and is it his intention to comply with the request?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes; but there is no dredge that can be spared for the work at present.

- (4.) Glen Innes-Inverell Railway :—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Which routes is he having surveyed from the Northern Line to Inverell?

(2.) Will he postpone his final decision with respect to the Glen Innes-Inverell route until the other surveys are completed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No surveys are being made to connect the Northern Line with Inverell. The permanent survey of the route from Glen Innes to Inverell was completed some time ago.

(2.)

- (5.) Tramway Extensions :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any decision yet been arrived at by the Government regarding the proposed extension of tramway from Marrickville to Dulwich Hill?

(2.) Has the survey of the proposed tramway, Ashfield to Drutt Town, been completed; if so, has any decision been arrived at regarding the same by the Government?

(3.) Is there any money available from any Vote, or otherwise, for the purpose of tramway extensions?

(4.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to make further provision on their Loan Estimates, or otherwise, for necessary tramway extensions?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Government has not yet arrived at a decision in this matter.

(2.) The survey has been completed, but the plans, &c., have not yet been prepared.

(3.) No.

(4.) The question will receive consideration.

(6.)

(6.) Telegraphic Communication with Perth Railway Station:—Mr. F. Jago Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What would be the cost per annum of establishing telegraphic communication with Perth railway station?

(2.) Can he not see his way to alter his previous decision as regards this matter?

Mr. Sutherland, answered,—Inquiry will be made in the matter, and the result communicated to the Honorable Member.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 25th November, 1887—“Bulli Colliery Explosion.”

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting Influx of Chinese.

(2.) Report of Board on Competitive Designs for the State House.

Ordered to be printed.

3. INFLUX OF CHINESE (*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 protection of the Colony against the influx of Chinese.

Question put and passed.

4. WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE (*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 constitute the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

5. AUBURN PARK ROAD TRUST (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, together with minutes thereon, in connection with the Auburn Park Road Trust.

Question put and passed.

6. INLAND WATERS FISHERIES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Tonkin, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act for the better preservation of Fish in Inland Waters.*”

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 for the better preservation of Fish in Inland Waters,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th November, 1887.*

7. KENT-STREET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to enable the Very Reverend John Felix Sheridan the Reverend Peter Young Thomas Cooper Makinson John Bridge and Michael Landers as Trustees of certain land situated in Kent-street in the City of Sydney to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to enable the Very Reverend John Felix Sheridan the Reverend Peter Young Thomas Cooper Makinson John Bridge and Michael Landers as Trustees of certain land situated in Kent-street in the City of Sydney to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th November, 1887.*

KENT-STREET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL.

Schedule of Amendments referred to in Message of 30th November, 1887.

STEPHEN W. JONES,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, Preamble, lines 1 and 2. *Omit* “one or other of such purposes” *insert* “church only”

Page 2, clause 2, lines 28 and 29. *Omit* “for one or other of such purposes” *insert* “church only”

Page 2, clause 2. *Add* at end of clause the words, “the said proceeds shall be expended in the purchase of a new site and towards the erection of such church and presbytery or church only within five years from the date of the passing of this Act.”

Examined,—

ANGUS CAMERON,

Chairman of Committees.

8. **ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL** :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Day, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 2nd instant, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the "Albury Cattle Sale-yards Bill,"—

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 3 and 4.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 6, lines 51 and 52, which omits the words, "nothing in this or any succeeding section contained shall deprive the proprietor of" and inserts the words, "the said Council shall have only the power to levy one-half the same rates and charges which are chargeable in the Municipal sale-yards for a period of five years from the passing of this Act for"; but proposes to amend it by inserting after the word "Act" the words "but thereafter the said Council shall have power to levy the full rates and charges as aforesaid" and to further amend it by inserting after the word "for" the words "or in respect of,"—in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 6, lines 55 to 59, and line 1, which omits the words "of his right to continue to hold such sales at such yards or premises nor shall anything in any such section contained operate to prohibit under the penalty therein prescribed the sale of cattle at any such yards. But the privilege and exemption hereby provided shall not in any case continue for a period longer than five years from the passing of this Act and" and inserts the words "but the said privilege"; but proposes to add the words, "of paying only such half rates and charges as aforesaid,"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the remaining amendments made by the Council in the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th November, 1887.

9. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)** :—Mr. Davis presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the 163rd and 175th clauses of the Municipalities Act of 1867 to provide for the rating of property to provide for appeals from assessments and rates and to provide for the payment of costs in certain cases,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 10th January, 1888.
10. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Copeland rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to discuss the answer given by the Secretary for Public Works this afternoon on the question of the survey of the railway route to Inverell."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Copeland moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. **JUDGES ENABLING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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. Wise, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Wise, *passed*.
Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable certain Judges of the Supreme Court to sit upon the hearing of certain New Trial Motions.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable certain Judges of the Supreme Court to sit upon the hearing of certain New Trial Motions,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th November, 1887.
12. **ROYALTY ON OYSTERS ABOLITION 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 abolish the Royalty on Oysters,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th November, 1887. JOHN HAY,
President.
13. **AUSTRALASIAN NAVAL FORCE 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.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1887, A.M.

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

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes the report was adopted.

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

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Five o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Supernumeraries at Easter Encampment:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Supernumeraries received any pay for the Easter Encampment?
 (2.) If not, when are they to be paid?
 (3.) Were they told that if they went into Camp, when ordered to do so, they would receive the same pay as the rest of the Regiment?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) It depends entirely upon pay being available, which can only be ascertained at the end of the current year.
 (3.) No, their attendance at camp being optional; but, in case of such attendance, they were informed through general orders of the conditions, as stated in reply to No. 2.

- (2.) Loop-line near Wollongong:—*Mr. McMillan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to construct the short loop-line near Wollongong, by which coal from the surrounding districts may be carried over the private line into the port of Wollongong?
 (2.) If so, at what date may the public expect the completion of the work?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Government were prepared to construct this loop-line, and had surveys made for the purpose, but it was found that the Company's line, as constructed, would not take the traffic without alteration. The height of the road bridges crossing the Company's line will not admit of our locomotives passing under them. Those interested have been communicated with, to see whether the difficulty I have referred to cannot be overcome.

- (3.) Railway to Inverell:—*Mr. Copeland* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Which routes is he having surveyed from the Northern Line to Inverell?
 (2.) Will he postpone his final decision with respect to the Glen Innes-Inverell route until the other surveys are completed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The only complete survey which has been made is of a line from Glen Innes to Inverell which was completed some time ago. A rough trial survey was made from the Great Northern Line at Guyra, and also at Uralla, to Inverell; and, as an improvement upon this latter line, a deviation from Kentucky has been suggested.
 (2.) All the suggested routes will be submitted to the Government when their railway policy is under consideration.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Report of Major-General Schaw on the Defences of New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additions to the Schedule of Classes of Fencing in connection with the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and Regulations thereunder.
 (2.) Return to an Order made on 4th November, 1887—"Drummoyne Park Wharf."
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Iron Telegraph Poles.

Ordered to be printed.

3. **BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. O'Connor, 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 17th November, 1887, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Mr. O'Connor moved, "That" the document be printed.

Mr. Abbott 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 Report be referred back to the Select Committee, for the purpose of taking the evidence as set out in the Petition of Messrs. Macgregor, Wilson, and Jamieson, presented to this House on 28th November, and "referred by the House to the Committee."

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

Debate ensued.

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 Report be referred back to the Select Committee, for the purpose of taking the evidence, as set out in the Petition of Messrs. Macgregor, Wilson, and Jamieson, presented to this House on 28th November, and referred by the House to the Committee,—put and passed.

4. **RABBIT NUISANCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)** :—

(1.) Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Abigail presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 9th December.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Melville rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to consider the statements of the Examiner of Coal-fields, contained in papers laid upon the Table of the House yesterday by the Minister for Mines, and reflecting upon the "Commissioners Report *re* Bulli Explosion."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. Melville moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Kent-street Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Very Reverend John Felix Sheridan the Reverend Peter Young Thomas Cooper Makinson John Bridge and Michael Landers as Trustees of certain land situated in Kent-street in the City of Sydney to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*."

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Albury Cattle Sale-yards Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 30th November, 1887, in reference to the "Albury Cattle Sale-yards Bill,"—agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

7. **THOMAS THOMPSON'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, MADE AT MOAMA**:—Mr. Day, for Mr. Chanter, 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 7th October, 1887, a.m..

Ordered to be printed.

8. **ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1888, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1887 AND PREVIOUS YEARS**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

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 this Government for the year 1888, together with Supplementary Estimates of expenditure for the year 1887 and previous years.

Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1887.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

9. **VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S EXTENSION BILL:**—Mr. Barbour, 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 29th November, 1887, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Barbour then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 13th December.
Question put and passed.
10. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS 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,—Mr. Garrett moved, "That" the report be now adopted.
Mr. Lync 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 purpose of inserting another sub-section in clause 27."
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, for the purpose of inserting another sub-section in clause 27,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, 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 3^o with a further amendment.
Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
11. **INFLUX OF CHINESE.**—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 protection of the Colony against the influx of Chinese.
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 make better provision for the protection of the Colony against the influx of Chinese.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. **WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE:**—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 constitute the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and for other purposes.
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 constitute the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and for other purposes.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
13. **SUPPLY:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,104 to defray the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1888.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
14. **WAYS AND MEANS (Financial Statement):**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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.
15. **PAPER:**—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1888.
Ordered to be printed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. These include direct observation, interviews with key personnel, and the use of specialized software tools. Each method has its own strengths and limitations, and they are often used in combination to provide a comprehensive view of the situation.

The third part of the report details the findings of the study. It shows that there are significant discrepancies between the reported figures and the actual data. These differences are primarily due to incomplete reporting and a lack of proper documentation. The author suggests that implementing a more rigorous record-keeping system could help to resolve these issues.

Finally, the document concludes with a series of recommendations for future work. It suggests that regular audits should be conducted to ensure the accuracy of the records. Additionally, training should be provided to staff to ensure they understand the importance of proper documentation and how to use the available tools effectively.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1887.

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

ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes after Four o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Iron-Plate for Defence Works:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The name of the iron-plate imported by the Government for defence works?
 - (2.) The cost per plate landed in Sydney?
 - (3.) The cost per plate for erecting?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Cammell's Armour Plate.
 - (2.) I am unable to ascertain the exact cost of the plates, landed in Sydney; but I am informed by the Ordnance Storekeeper that the cost will be between £171 and £185 per plate, in addition to the cost in England, which is as follows:—A Plate, 25 tons 5 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb., £1,155 17s. 8d.; B Plate, 27 tons 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb., £1,378 6s. 7d.
 - (3.) The Colonial Architect is unable to give the cost of erecting these plates.
- (2.) Railway Engines:—*Mr. Henson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was paid per engine to Mr. Vale for each of the last lot of engines constructed by him?
 - (2.) What was paid per engine additional for inspection of these?
 - (3.) What was paid per engine to Beyer, Peacock, & Co., for same type of engine delivered on rails?
 - (4.) What was paid per engine additional for inspection in England?
 - (5.) What was paid per engine to Mr. Vale for the last lot of tank engines constructed by him?
 - (6.) What was paid per engine additional for inspection of these?
 - (7.) What was their cost per engine on the rails?
 - (8.) The same information respecting the same class of engine built by Beyer, Peacock, & Co., under the last contract with that firm?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) £3,475.
 - (2.) £86 17s. 6d.
 - (3.) £2,305.
 - (4.) £46.
 - (5.) £3,045.
 - (6.) £76 2s. 6d.
 - (7.) £3,121 2s. 6d.
 - (8.) The amount paid per engine was £2,250; for inspection, £45; or delivered on the rails, £2,295 each.
- (3.) Camperdown Municipal Council:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the total amount that the Camperdown Council have received permission to borrow?
 - (2.) Upon what date, and upon whose recommendation, did the Government give such permission?
 - (3.) What was the amount of probable rates given when such permission to borrow was asked for?
 - (4.) Was the Government made aware, upon the last request to borrow being made, that the Council were then owing the A.J.S. Bank £2,500?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In answering this question on the 29th November, I gave all the information in my power. I stated then that it would be very difficult to obtain this class of information, and I understood that the question would not be asked again.

- (4.) Royal Commissions and Boards of Inquiry:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is there any objection to state the title and number of Royal Commissions, Commissions, and Boards of Inquiry, appointed from the 1st January, 1886, up to the present date, by the Cabinet, by Ministers, or by Heads of Departments? (2.)

- (2.) The total expense attached to the carrying out of the work of each Commission and Board of Inquiry appointed within the period specified?
- (3.) The total amount paid for services of shorthand writers in connection with each Commission and Board of Inquiry so appointed, specifying the sum paid in each case?
- (4.) The number and name of such Commissions and Boards of Inquiry as have been attended, and the evidence, &c., taken, by members of the *Hansard* or Parliamentary Reporting Staff?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is simply impossible to supply this information upon a short notice. It would take a great deal of time, and it would be costly. The only way in which it could be properly obtained, if it is worth obtaining, is to move for it by specific motion.

- (5.) The Licensing Act:—Mr. Hutchison asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Licensing Act is constantly violated by publicans in Lower George-street, and other streets near the wharfs, by admitting sailors after the hour of closing?
- (2.) Are sailors exempted in any way from the operations of the said Act?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that there is no reason to suppose that the provisions of the Licensing Act are less observed in Lower George-street than in other localities, either by sailors or others drinking after hours, and that the police endeavour to enforce the law as far as possible.
- (2.) No.

- (6.) Instruments for Quadruplex Telegraphy:—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) At how many telegraph stations in New South Wales, away from Sydney, are instruments for quadruplex telegraphy in use?
- (2.) On what dates were these instruments brought into use at each station respectively?
- (3.) By what officers were these instruments respectively placed in position and put in working order?
- (4.) What assistance had each of these officers in each instance?
- (5.) What time was occupied in the work in each instance?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Seven stations, viz., Albury, Bathurst, Glen Innes, Wagga Wagga, West Maitland, Broken Hill, and Menindie.
- (2.) Albury, June, 1881; Bathurst, 4th August, 1883; Glen Innes, October, 1885; Wagga Wagga, November, 1885; West Maitland, April, 1884; Broken Hill and Menindie, 28th November, 1887.
- (3.) Albury—E. C. Cracknell, Superintendent; D. J. M'Gauran, Assistant Manager. Bathurst—E. C. Cracknell, Superintendent; D. J. M'Gauran, Assistant Manager. Glen Innes—C. H. Caspersonn, Assistant Manager. Wagga Wagga—C. H. Caspersonn, Assistant Manager. West Maitland—E. C. Cracknell, Superintendent; D. J. M'Gauran, Assistant Manager. Broken Hill and Menindie—E. C. Cracknell, Superintendent; J. V. Dalgarno, Cable Clerk; J. Y. Nelson, Continental Clerk.
- (4.) The assistance of the staff at the different stations. Two special operators were detailed for Menindie and Broken Hill to assist, and to teach the staff at these offices.
- (5.) Albury—E. C. Cracknell, nine days; D. J. M'Gauran, nine days. Bathurst—E. C. Cracknell, 1st to 6th August, 1883; D. J. M'Gauran, 2nd to 9th August, 1883. Glen Innes—C. H. Caspersonn, 24th October to 1st November, 1885. Wagga Wagga—C. H. Caspersonn, 19th to 26th July, 1885. West Maitland—E. C. Cracknell, 14th to 21st May, 1884; D. J. M'Gauran, 14th to 24th May, 1884. Broken Hill and Menindie—E. C. Cracknell, left Sydney 8th November, 1887; J. V. Dalgarno, left Sydney 8th November, 1887; J. Y. Nelson, left Sydney 16th November, 1887, not yet returned, but expected to return to-morrow or next day.

- (7.) The Fisheries Board:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. H. H. Brown, asked the Colonial Secretary,—it the intention of the Government this Session to dispense with the services of the Fisheries Board, and to reorganize the Department?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not prepared to state anything definite in reply to this question at the present time.

- (8.) Glebe Island Abattoirs:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have tenders been called for the leasing of the Glebe Island Abattoirs for 1888; if so, what are the names of the successful tenderers, and the amounts to be paid by them respectively?

Mr. Burns answered,—Tenders have not been invited for the leasing of the Glebe Island Abattoirs. I have decided that the leases shall be sold by auction, as has been the custom heretofore.

- (9.) Maintenance-men, Roads Department:—Mr. Stokes, for Mr. F. Jago Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the maintenance-men employed under the Roads Department have no holidays allowed them during the year—not even Christmas Day or Good Friday—without their pay for such days being deducted from them?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the fettlers on the railways of New South Wales, who occupy a position analogous to that of the maintenance-men, are allowed all the usual holidays during the year?
- (3.) Will he take the necessary steps to place these two classes of employes upon a similar footing as regards holidays?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The "Instructions to Maintenance-men" provide for holidays on Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Queen's Birthday; but in cases of urgency the men may be required to work at any time.
- (2.) Yes; though many of them are necessarily kept at work on the holiday, they receive a day in lieu thereof.
- (3.) They are on the same footing, as far as circumstances will permit.

(10.) Pastoral Leases and Occupation Licenses :—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the total area of land held under pastoral lease in the Western Division?
- (2.) What is the total area held under occupation license in the Western Division?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) 39,540,153 acres.
- (2.) 36,015,056 acres.

(11.) Assurance Fund, Real Property Act :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has interest been credited to each payment made into the Treasury on account of the Assurance Fund under the Real Property Act?
- (2.) What is the rate of interest?
- (3.) What is the reason that only a third portion of the Fund has been invested, when the 28th section of the Real Property Act renders it compulsory that the whole shall be invested?
- (4.) Is it the intention of the Treasurer to invest the balance; and, if so, when?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Only two investments have been made in Government Securities on behalf of the Assurance Fund under the Real Property Act.
- (2.) £6,300 at 5 per cent., and £15,700 at 4 per cent.
- (3 and 4.) As the balance at the credit of the Fund is so large, and the claims upon it so trifling, it is not considered necessary to make any further investments.

(12.) Old Vessels in Johnston's Bay :—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he take steps to cause the removal of a number of vessels laid up in Johnston's Bay?
- (2.) Is he aware that these vessels are a danger to the public travelling to and from Balmain in unfavourable weather?
- (3.) Is he aware that the Marine Board allege that they are at a loss to find anchorage for old and unused vessels in the harbour without placing them around the Balmain foreshores?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) I am informed by the Marine Board that there are many vessels laid up in different parts of the harbour at the present time. Johnston's Bay is one of the best places for mooring these vessels; but it is hoped several of them will be taken away shortly.
- (2.) It is also stated that there may be a certain amount of danger to the travelling public, but the vessels are placed out of the line of traffic.
- (3.) The Marine Board often have difficulties in this matter; but they endeavour to study the interest of the travelling public on the one hand, and the rights of the shipowners on the other.

(13.) Diamond Drill in use at Clarence Siding :—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How long has the claim referred to in reply to Question No. 8 of the 27th October last been in the hands of the Crown Solicitor?
- (2.) Is it a fact that additional liabilities are still being incurred by the parties indebted?
- (3.) Has he received any guarantee as to the payments for the use of the diamond drill?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Since 21st July last.
- (2.) Yes; owing to the nature of the strata, consisting of sandy drifts, conglomerate, and iron bands, the rods got jammed and broken on several occasions (and are so now), which necessitated reaming the bore so as to recover them. This has added to the liabilities; but the Minister decided, on 29th August last, that, immediately the rods are recovered—which is expected to be done in two or three weeks—boring will be stopped, and the machinery removed.
- (3.) No.

(14.) Applications for Mineral Leases :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Return relating to applications for mineral leases, moved for on 31st May last, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The Return will be laid upon the Table of the House in a week or ten days.

(15.) Hour of Meeting of the Legislative Assembly :—Mr. Tonkin, for Mr. Scaver, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisability of returning to the hour of 4 p.m. as the time at which the House shall meet in future?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This appears more a question for the House than for the Government, and certainly I should not take the initiative in any change of the hour of meeting.

(16.) Salaries and Wages of Civil Servants :—Mr. Wall, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What will be the total amount of the salaries of the Civil Servants for the year 1887?
- (2.) What will be the total amount of permanent wages paid for the same period?

Mr. Burns answered,—I shall be quite willing to furnish the information asked for; but it will take a long time to prepare the information, because the officers' salaries and wages will all have to be classified. If the Honorable Member will withdraw the question, and give fresh notice for about a fortnight hence, I will endeavour to have the information ready.

(17.) Certificates of Conformity, Richmond River District :—Mr. Crouch, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of delay in issue of certificates of conformity in Richmond River District, does he intend to take any steps to remedy the matter?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The Chairman of the Local Land Board has been urged to hasten action in all these cases, and an improved method of dealing with claims for certificates is now being initiated.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Deficit Account for 1886 and previous years.
- (2.) Amended Regulations under the Customs Regulation Act of 1879, and Customs Duties Act of 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 11th October, 1887—"William Skene's Pre-lease at Conargo."
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 4th October, 1887—"Mrs. Ann Rouse's Conditional Purchase at Kahibah."
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 5th October, 1887—"Currugundi Run."

Ordered to be printed.

3. THE CENTENNIAL PARK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, &c., in connection with the Centennial Park scheme.

Question put and passed.

4. ROCKDALE MUNICIPALITY RE-NAMING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to alter the designation of the Municipal District of West Botany.*"

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 alter the designation of the Municipal District of West Botany,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 6th December, 1887.

5. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.

Question put and passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to call attention to a number of unworthy appointments to the Commission of the Peace made by the Ministry now in power."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. Slattery presented a Petition from Matthew O'Shanassy, of Moira, in reference to a Petition received by this House from William Joachim and others, setting forth certain circumstances in connection with lands alleged to have been conditionally purchased by George Joachim and others; and representing that he, the Petitioner, is now the lawful occupier and lessee from the Crown of the said lands mentioned in the said Petition; and praying that leave may be given to him to be represented by Counsel or Solicitor before the Select Committee now sitting on the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill.

Petition received.

Mr. Slattery (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Question put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, That the Notices of Motion of General Business Nos. 1 to 13 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

Question put and passed.

9. FINANCIAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.—VOTE OF CENSURE:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, "in the opinion of this House, the Financial Policy of the Government is" unsatisfactory.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Want moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "in the opinion of this House the Financial Policy of the Government is," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "such of the financial proposals of the Government as refer to the reduction of the Civil Service Salaries are."

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

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of all other business.

The House adjourned, at Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sheriff's Bailiffs Railway Charges:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that although most of the journeys are made by train, the Sheriff's bailiffs continue the practice of charging mileage at the rate of 1s. per mile each way on execution of process, and that at a late case at Riverstone, although the return fare was only 8s. 3d., the sum of £3 12s. was charged?

(2.) Will he direct that in all cases where the bailiff's journey is, or can be, made by train, train fares in lieu of mileage shall be charged?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Sheriff that few journeys are made by train only, and that it is not the practice for Sheriff's officers, on executing process, to charge mileage at the rate of 1s. per mile each way, but only at the rate of 1s. per mile one way. The sum of £3 12s. was charged in the case at Riverstone referred to. The defendant lived several miles from the railway. The distance is 36 miles from Sydney, and the charge includes mileage for officer and man in possession.

(2.) No; the rate of mileage is fixed by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, under the provisions of the "Sheriff's Fees Act, 1887"; and, I am further informed, was so fixed for the purpose of covering all necessary expenses, in addition to train fare.

- (2.) Wharf at Shellharbour:—*Mr. Wall*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that the contractor is erecting wharf at Shellharbour without any supervision?

(2.) Is it true he is allowed to drive piles instead of boring holes 2 ft. 6 in. into rock, as specified?

(3.) Is it true that the contractor is allowed to use the Government plant, also cement that was on the works?

(4.) In accepting this tender, were the usual forms gone through, and the various offers submitted to the Minister for Works or Tender Board?

(5.) Will he have a thorough investigation, so as to ascertain if the work is carried out according to plan and specification?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will have this matter thoroughly investigated, and inform the Honorable Member of the result of the inquiry.

2. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—*Mr. Wall*, for Mr. Levien, presented a Petition from Alexander Rodgers, of Attunga, near Tamworth, alleging that he purchased at a Sheriff's sale certain conditional and additional purchases in the belief that, under the circumstances, he would not be required to fulfil the condition of residence, as in the case of ordinary selections; that these purchases have been the subject of a Land Board inquiry at Glen Innes, and the decision of the Board appealed against and decided against him; and praying that all the circumstances may receive consideration at the hands of the House, and that his case may be submitted to the Select Committee now sitting on the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrett 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 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.)

(3.) Abstract of Cancellation and Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

4. AUSTRALASIAN NAVAL FORCE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Abigail, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Abigail then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to provide for the payment by the Colony of New South Wales of a proportional part of the cost of the establishment and maintenance of an additional Naval Force to be employed for the protection of the floating trade in Australasian waters.*"

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 payment by the Colony of New South Wales of a proportional part of the cost of the establishment and maintenance of an additional Naval Force to be employed for the protection of the floating trade in Australasian waters,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1887.*

5. ORDERS FOR PAPERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of orders made by this House for the production of papers and Returns relative to the various Government Departments since the 1st of January, 1886, up till the 1st of November, 1887, which have not yet been complied with.

Question put and passed.

6. FINANCIAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.—VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Dibbs,—

(1.) That, "in the opinion of this House, the Financial Policy of the Government is" unsatisfactory.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—upon which Mr. Want had moved, by way of amendment, That the words "in the opinion of this House the Financial Policy of the Government is" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "such of the financial proposals of the Government as refer to the reduction of the Civil Service salaries are,"—

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. Frank Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1887, A.M.

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

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*), take precedence of all other business.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Reverend Patrick Dunne and Morgan O'Connor Trustees of certain allotments in the Town of Yass granted to Henry O'Brien and others as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass to sell the said lands and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

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

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

WENTWORTH

WENTWORTH ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th December, 1887.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 6. At end of clause *add* "and shall commence and take effect from the date
" of the next dissolution of the Legislative Assembly, except as is hereinafter provided"

Page 1, clause 2, line 7. *Omit* "From and after the passing of this Act"

Page 1, clause 2, line 8. *After* "1880," *insert* "hereinafter termed the Principal Act"

Page 1, clause 2, line 10. *Omit* "Silverton," *insert* "Sturt"

Page 1, clause 2, line 10. *Before* "such," *insert* "each"

Page 1, clause 2, line 11. *Omit* "s" from "districts"

Page 1, clause 2, lines 11 and 12. *Omit* "at the next general election to be holden after the
" passing of this Act return for each of the said electoral districts," *insert* "return"

Page 1, clause 2, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "said Act except as hereinafter provided for," *insert*
" Principal Act as amended"

Page 1, clause 2. *After* clause 2, *insert* the following new clauses:—

"3. After the passing of this Act electoral lists for the said electoral districts established
" by this Act shall be made, and all other proceedings taken and had relative thereto in manner
" provided by the Principal Act for lists to be made thereunder, and as if such electoral districts
" had been included in the said Act, and such electoral lists when revised in manner provided for
" the revision of lists made under the said Act, shall be the rolls of electors for the respective
" electoral districts under this Act for which they are compiled." Electoral lists
and rolls to be
made.

"4. Immediately after the passing of this Act, and for the purpose of providing for a
" general election occurring before the rolls for the said electoral districts shall come into operation,
" the names contained in the electoral roll for the time being in force for the existing Electoral
" District of Wentworth shall be arranged under the direction of the Inspector-General of Police,
" so as to form three electoral rolls, one for each of the three electoral districts established under
" this Act. Each such roll shall contain the names of electors whose qualifications arise within or
" are derived from the the electoral district for which such roll is compiled. And such rolls shall
" be certified under the hand of the said Inspector-General, and transmitted by him to the Govern-
" ment Printer. A copy of any such roll purporting to have been printed at the Government
" Printing Office shall be deemed to be the roll to be used at such general election for the electoral
" district for which it has been prepared." Rolls to be com-
piled to provide
for a general
election before
proper rolls come
into operation.

"5. In case of any vacancy of a seat for the Electoral District of Wentworth as con-
" stituted under the principal Act occurring before the next general election, and after the first
" day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, the three electoral rolls which shall have
" been made under section three of this Act shall, combined, be the electoral roll to be used at any
" election to fill any such vacancy." Roll for existing
Electorate of
Wentworth be-
fore this Act
takes effect.

Page 2, clause 3, lines 1 and 2. *Omit* "said Electoral Act of 1880," *insert* "Principal Act"

Page 2, clause 4, line 7. *Omit* "electoral," *insert* "Principal"

Page 2, clause 4, line 7. *Omit* "of 1880"

Page 2, clause 5. *Omit* clause 5.

Page 3, Schedule, line 37. *Omit* "Silverton," *insert* "Sturt."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into con-
sideration on Tuesday next.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m.
This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales,

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Unwholesome Meat.—Glebe Island Abattoir:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Cortis*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that a large quantity of meat is delivered for consumption in an unwholesome state, and unfit for food?

(2.) Will he inquire into the necessity for carrying out, without further delay, the recommendations of the Board appointed to inquire into and report upon the condition and management of the Public Abattoir, Glebe Island?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that meat is delivered for consumption in an unwholesome state. The Inspector of Abattoirs reports that, since the 1st January last, twenty-five head of cattle and twenty-seven sheep have been rejected at the Abattoirs on account of various diseases. All animals are inspected, and the meat is also inspected before it is delivered.

(2.) Some of the recommendations of the Board appointed to inquire into the condition and management of the Abattoirs have been carried into effect, and others have been postponed, in consequence of the proposed new meat market in connection with the railway at Darling Harbour.

(2.) Iron-work for Bridges:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Why are tenders for bridges in country districts called for, exclusive of iron-work?

(2.) What firm in Sydney supplies the iron-work?

(3.) Is the work done by contract or not?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Because the iron-work is obtained much cheaper and better under a separate contract.

(2 and 3.) Tenders have been called for in the usual way. The successful tenderers have been *R. F. Ritchie, Souter & Martin*, and the *Atlas Engineering Company*.(3.) The Domain:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Domain gates were closed at 6 p.m. on Monday, 5th December, thus preventing people enjoying a drive in the cool of the evening?

(2.) Will he instruct the proper officer to keep Domain gates open until a reasonable hour in summer time?

(3.) Is he aware that since *Mr. Pain* has been allowed to use the Domain to exhibit his fireworks, that his employees demand money at the gates, and that policemen eject those who refuse to pay?

(4.) Will he issue instructions that all persons are to have free access to the Domain at all reasonable hours free of charge?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have in my hand a report from *Mr. Superintendent Read*, addressed to the Inspector-General, as follows:—

“Metropolitan District, Sydney, 7th December, 1887.

“The officers in charge of the police on duty at the display of fireworks in the Domain on Monday evening know nothing of the circumstance referred to in one of the daily papers of persons being thrust outside the gates by a constable when they had refused to pay for admission into the Domain.

“The police were specially instructed not to prevent the admission of persons who objected to pay.”

I have answers to the Honorable Member's questions furnished to me in this categorical manner:—

(1.) The gates are usually kept open until dark, but on this occasion they were closed to vehicles only a little earlier than usual.

(2.) The gates are usually kept open until after dark.

(3.) Yes; but the police are instructed that no person is to be refused admission who claims to enter without payment.

(4.) This has always been done.

(4.)

(4.) Mr. T. R. Smith:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has Mr. T. R. Smith been employed by the Government as Land Valuator at Kiama, as per *Sydney Morning Herald* of 5th December?
- (2.) If so what amount has been paid to him as fees for different valuations made by him at Kiama and other places?
- (3.) In how many cases has he been paid by the Government as Land Valuator, and the amount paid to him per day, for each case?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Mr. T. R. Smith has not been employed as Land Valuator, and consequently has not been paid by the Government for such services. Mr. Smith was, with some other experts, called as a witness on behalf of the Commissioner for Railways to give evidence in some disputed cases of compensation for land taken for railway purposes. As, however, in all cases in which Mr. Smith gave evidence, the award was in favour of the Commissioner for Railways, his expenses, even as a witness, will have to be paid by the opposite side.

(5.) Actuaries for Civil Service Act:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the names of the Actuaries who were employed by the Stuart Government to work out the pensions scheme to be paid the Civil Servants?
- (2.) What amount of money was paid to each of them for their services?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No Actuaries were employed by the Stuart Government to work out the pension scheme to be paid the Civil Servants.
- (2.) Mr. M. A. Black, the Actuary, gave professional advice to Sir A. Stuart on the subject of the Civil Service Act of 1884, and was paid a fee of twenty-five guineas.

(6.) Richmond Common:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have fat cattle travelling to Homebush for sale the right to graze over the common at Richmond; if so, how much of it?

Mr. Abigail answered,—No; but there is a road one chain wide through the common used only by travelling stock, upon which they can graze as they travel. The drover has to give notice to the Common Ranger of the approach of cattle, and the Ranger sees that the cattle do not trespass upon the Common.

(7.) Mr. Foskett, Stamp Office:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is a person named Foskett employed in the Stamp Office?
- (2.) If so, is he aware that he is allowed to be away at any time attending election meetings?
- (3.) If so, is it a fact that he is allowed these privileges on account of his being a member of a Loyal Orange Lodge?
- (4.) Has he been appointed on any Commissions; if so, what, and what has he been paid?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Mr. William Foskett is employed in the Stamp Office.
- (2 and 3.) The Commissioner for Stamps, in whose Department he is employed, denies that Mr. Foskett is permitted to absent himself from his duties for election or other unofficial duties.
- (4.) The only Commission to which Mr. Foskett has been appointed is that of an officer of the Defence Force of the Colony, which was granted to him after twenty-one years efficient service as a volunteer. The pay for the position is such as is authorized by the Volunteer Regulations.

(8.) Railway Department:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there are at present in his Department an Assistant Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, about twenty Draftsmen, five Cadets, one Custodian of Plans in the Engineer-in-Chief's Construction Branch for new lines, for whom there is little or no work to do?
- (2.) If so, is it his intention to keep on all these unemployed persons at full pay, or will he act by them as was done lately to officials in the Lands Office?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) There is an Assistant Engineer in charge of office with eighteen Draftsmen, Cadets, &c., for whom there is full employment at the present time.
- (2.) Whenever the quantity of work is so reduced as not to be sufficient to keep the Draftsmen fully employed, a reduction will be made in the staff, as has been done previously when necessary.

(9.) Sickness in Public Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) In how many cases have Public Schools been closed during the last twelve months owing to the prevalence of measles, diphtheria, &c., the name of the school and district, the number of pupils attending each, and the number of days the schools were closed?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Public Schools in any case have been closed owing to a single case of measles or diphtheria being in a teacher's family, and will he state the name of the schools and districts where this occurred?
- (3.) Has any Public School, during the last twelve months, been closed for other infectious and contagious diseases, as ophthalmia, ringworm, chick-pox, influenza, typhoid fever, whooping-cough, &c., and in how many cases, where, when, and how long closed?
- (4.) Is it the practice to pay teachers their salaries during the time such schools are closed?
- (5.) Can he inform the House if the system of closing schools for sickness applies alike to private as well as Public Schools, or only to the latter, and in how many cases have medical officers of health recommended the closing of private schools—the name of the school and district?
- (6.) When did the principle or Regulation of closing Public Schools owing to sickness come into force, under what law, and in how many cases has such quarantine been enforced in schools during the last five years—the name of the school and district, and number of pupils attending each?

Mr.

Mr. Inglis answered,—It will be obvious that the whole of the records of the Department will have to be searched to give an answer to these questions. Moreover, it is a question of administration, not of regulation. It is evident that every case of sickness must be dealt with according to circumstances. One case occurred recently in which a child in the teacher's family having diphtheria, it was considered by the Health Officer of the place that the school should be closed. I have already ordered a strict investigation into the whole of the circumstances, and when I receive the report I will furnish the Honorable Member with a copy of it; but I would ask him if he thinks it is worth while to put the Department to the expense and trouble of looking up all the numerous cases in which schools have been closed on account of sickness for one, two, or three days, or perhaps a week? If the Honorable Member really wishes for the information, I would ask him to allow a fortnight or three weeks for its preparation.

(10.) Nyngan-Cobar Railway:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the inhabitants of Cobar and the surrounding district have been anxiously waiting for many months for a decision *re* the Nyngan to Cobar railway?
- (2.) When will the Government come to a decision on the matter?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) The revised survey has just been completed and the Engineer-in-Chief now has the matter in hand, with a view to make his report.
- (2.) As soon as the report is received the question will have further consideration.

(11.) Post and Telegraph Office, Bourke:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that it is now many months since the contractor for the additions to the Bourke post and telegraph office became insolvent and abandoned the work?
- (2.) Is he aware that, notwithstanding the fact that it was officially stated on the 4th October last "that steps were being taken to complete the building," nothing whatever has been done yet?
- (3.) Will he state what is causing the delay, and when some action will be taken in the matter; also, will he state what time has elapsed since the contractor left the work?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) Plans are being prepared, and, I am informed, will be ready in a few days, when tenders will be at once invited.

(12.) Stipendiary Magistrates:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many complaints have been made against each of the Stipendiary Magistrates, *viz.*, Messrs. Buchanan, Marsh, Clarke, Addison, Abbott, and Johnson, since their appointment to the Metropolitan Bench?
- (2.) Will he lay the papers in each case upon the Table?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—A Return is in course of preparation giving this information, which, when ready, will be laid upon the Table of this House.

2. ASSOCIATION CRICKET GROUND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- (1.) The amount of money received from all sources by the trustees of the Cricket Ground at Moore Park.
- (2.) The amount of money spent by the trustees of the said Cricket Ground, particularly specifying the items of expenditure, and what it was spent for, and the amount received by each of the trustees as salary or for personal expenses.

Question put and passed.

3. MR. G. H. EMERY, LATE LAND AGENT AT QUEANBEYAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, telegrams, &c., in connection with the recent removal of Mr. G. H. Emery, Land Agent at Queanbeyan.

Question put and passed.

4. ACCOMPLICES EVIDENCE AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall 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 in a Bill to amend the law relating to accomplices.

Question put and passed.

5. NEW TRIALS LIMITATION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Tuesday, 10th January, 1888.

6. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. Wall moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That the Petition of Alexander Rodgers, presented yesterday evening, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill.

Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to consider the question of the non-production of certain Schedules."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. FINANCIAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT—VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Dibbs,—
- (1.) That, “in the opinion of this House, the Financial Policy of the Government is” unsatisfactory.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—upon which Mr. Want had moved, by way of amendment, That the words “in the opinion of this House, the Financial Policy of the Government is,” be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “such of the financial proposals of the Government as refer to the reduction of the Civil Service salaries are.”
- 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. R. B. Wilkinson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of all other business.
9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.
- Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Farm Produce delivered by Trucks at Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total number of trucks loaded with farm produce that have arrived at Darling Harbour during the last twelve months?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—21,692.

(2.) Land belonging to the Messrs. Ryrie resumed for Railway Purposes:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What area of land belonging to the Messrs. Ryrie was resumed by the Government for Railway purposes on the railway line from Tarago to Cooma; what amount was claimed by the Messrs. Ryrie for such land; what was paid to each of them?

(2.) What area of land belonging to Messrs. Ryrie was resumed for a railway station at Michelago, the amount claimed by them, and the amount paid to them?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) 171 acres 1 rood and 15 perches were resumed, for which £4,070 13s. 1d. was claimed; £2,275 13s. was paid to Mr. Alexander Ryrie, and £365 5s. 6d. to Messrs. Alexander and David Ryrie.

(2.) The area for the station is included in the above. A separate amount was not paid for it.

(3.) Suburban Railway Fares:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Henson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the ordinary suburban railway fares were during this year reduced, but no reduction was made in the season tickets, which are paid for in advance?

(2.) Is it his intention to make a reduction in the price of season tickets for 1888?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The reduction which was made in May last represented an increase put on in the month of January preceding.

(2.) It is not intended to make any reduction in the rates.

(4.) Sunday Railway and Tramway Traffic:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How much money was received from sales of tram tickets at the Government depôts on each of the four Sundays of last month?

(2.) How many passengers travelled on Government trams on each of the four days mentioned?

(3.) How many men, all told, were employed by the Government on each of those days in connection with the trams?

(4.) What number of passengers travelled by rail within the limits of the suburban railways, and what number of men were employed in connection with the railways within that radius, on each of the four Sundays mentioned?

(5.) How many goods trains were despatched from the various terminal stations on those days, with the number of tons carried and the amount of freight derivable therefrom?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.)

				TRAMWAYS.				
				Received.	No. of Travellers.	No. of Men employed.		
Nov. 6th	£66	...	55,000	...	432
Nov. 13th	£50	...	28,000	...	407
Nov. 20th	£110	...	56,000	...	429
Nov. 27th	£40	...	55,000	...	418

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(4 and 5.) The information relative to the railways is more difficult to obtain, but it will be compiled and laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return as early as possible.

(5.)

- (5.) Courts of Quarter Sessions at Muswellbrook and Singleton:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Fitzgerald*, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he proposes to abolish Courts of Quarter Sessions at Muswellbrook?
 - (2.) For what period have Courts of Quarter Sessions been held in the town of Muswellbrook?
 - (3.) Upon whose recommendation has he taken action in this matter?
 - (4.) Does he intend to abolish the Courts of Quarter Sessions at Singleton?
 - (5.) How many cases have been held respectively at Muswellbrook and Singleton since the year 1881?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Since the year 1859.
- (3.) The Metropolitan and Hunter District Court Judges.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) I am informed that twenty-four cases have been heard at Muswellbrook, and forty-four cases at Singleton during the period named.

- (6.) Land Sale at Cheeseman's Creek and Cargo:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When will the land applied for by *Thos. Samuel Hancock*, of Cheeseman's Creek, in the county of Ashburnham, on travelling stock reserve 659 or 569, be put up for sale by public auction?
- (2.) The same information is required regarding two portions of land adjoining the racecourse at Cargo, in the county of Ashburnham?
- (3.) What is the cause of delay in sending up these portions of land for sale by public auction?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) I am not in a position to say. The papers in the case are in the hands of the local surveyor, who has been directed to expedite his report.
- (2.) The portions cannot be identified; but if the Honorable Member will furnish me with particulars, I will have the matter attended to.
- (3.) I am not aware that there has been any undue delay in the matter.

- (7.) Brass Fittings for Water Supply Purposes:—*Mr. Frank Smith*, for *Mr. Lees*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an order has been given to a wholesale firm for a large quantity (about £700 worth) of brass fittings for the water supply of a country town or towns, and that tenders were not called for the supply of these articles, which are not included in any existing yearly contract?
- (2.) If tenders were not called in the usual way, will he state the reason?
- (3.) Will tenders be called for similar articles in future?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The fittings being immediately required, inquiries were made in town for their supply; and, as the matter was urgent, the Engineer-in-Chief, before submitting it to me, accepted the lowest offer, which was that of the contractor for the supply of brass fittings, &c., for this year. The price, I am informed, is very reasonable.
- (3.) Yes. As soon as the matter came to my knowledge I stated that the course pursued in this instance must not be again followed, as I had previously directed tenders should be invited for all supplies and works of all kinds.

- (8.) Betting Sweeps and "Consultations":—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is he aware that, notwithstanding a fine of £25 imposed on one of the promoters of betting sweeps or "consultations," they are being carried on to the same extent and magnitude?
- (2.) In view of State Lotteries having been long since abolished all over Europe, the fact of these "consultations" being absolutely repressed in the neighbouring Colonies, will he institute further proceedings towards the repression of this system of gambling?

Mr. Wise answered,—

- (1.) I learn, from inquiries I have made, that there is no doubt but that these consultations are still being carried on.
- (2.) It is very difficult, in the present state of the law, to obtain evidence sufficient to warrant prosecutions in such cases; and it seems to me undesirable to institute further proceedings, pending the result of the appeal which has been made against the decision in the case referred to by the Honorable Member in question No. 1.

- (9.) Rabbit-proof Fencing between Bourke and Barrigun:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have tenders been called for the erection of rabbit-proof fencing between Bourke and Barrigun?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Yes, and the wire is now being made.

2. THE LAND LAWS:—*Mr. Kelly* presented a Petition from Crown Lessees, Conditional Purchasers, Merchants, and others interested in the question of Land Legislation, alleging that some of the provisions of the present Land Laws, and the administration of them, are detrimental to the best interests of the Colony and the prosperity of the people, and suggesting certain amendments in the Land Act of 1884; and praying the House to consider the matter, and make such amendments in the Land Act as will give the relief sought for by Petitioners.

At the request of *Mr. Cortis*, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,—and, on motion of *Mr. Kelly*, received.

3. ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Bankruptcy Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 15.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to Insolvency and Bankruptcy and to provide for the due collection administration and distribution of Insolvent and Bankrupt Estates and for the prevention of frauds affecting the same*,"—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, 13th December, 1887.

(2.) Royalty on Oysters Abolition Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 16.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to abolish the Royalty on Oysters*,"—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, 13th December, 1887.

(3.) Municipal Roads and Streets Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 17.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 117th section of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867' in certain respects*,"—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, 13th December, 1887.

(4.) Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 18.

Governor,

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to define and extend the operation of certain provisions of the 'Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880' and to amend the said Act in other respects*"—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, 13th December, 1887.

(5.) Albury Cattle Sale-yards Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 19.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Albury within the Borough of Albury*,"—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, 13th December, 1887.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement showing Annual Expenditure of the Colony during 1881 to 1886, and the Actual and Estimated Expenditure during 1887, also Population and Rate per Head.

(2.) Statement showing Annual Expenditure of the Colony on account of Services authorized to be provided for by Loans during 1881 to 1886, and the Actual and Estimated Expenditure during 1887, the Population, and Rate per Head.

(3.) Statement of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 17th November, 1887—"Lands held by the Hon. John Smith in the District of Molong."

Ordered to be printed.

5. REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL, No. 2 (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cortis 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 in a Bill to provide for the registration of legally qualified medical practitioners, to prevent unqualified persons from assuming certain titles, or giving certificates of deaths or evidence as experts in medical or surgical cases, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

6. STEAM TUG SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. See*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, tenders, minutes, and other documents relating to the calling for and acceptance of tenders for steam tug service upon the various harbours and rivers of the Colony for the year 1888.
Question put and passed.
7. FINANCIAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT—VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of *Mr. Dibbs*,—
(1.) That, “in the opinion of this House, the Financial Policy of the Government is” unsatisfactory.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—upon which *Mr. Want* had moved, by way of amendment, That the words “in the opinion of this House, the Financial Policy of the Government is,” be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “such of the financial proposals of the Government as refer to the reduction of the Civil Service salaries are.”
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.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight, —

WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1887, A.M.

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

Question proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Mr. Foster moved, “That the Question be now put.”

Disorder :—

Mr. Slattery rising to address the Chair, *Mr. Speaker* said that, under the Additional Standing Order No. (5), adopted in May, 1887, no Debate could take place on this motion; and *Mr. Slattery* refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by *Mr. Speaker*,—*Mr. Speaker* declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

Mr. Garvan rising to address the Chair, and refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by *Mr. Speaker*,—*Mr. Speaker* declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

Mr. Melville rising to address the Chair, and refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by *Mr. Speaker*,—*Mr. Speaker* declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

Mr. Walker rising to address the Chair, and refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by *Mr. Speaker*,—*Mr. Speaker* declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

Mr. Hassall rising to address the Chair, and refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by *Mr. Speaker*,—*Mr. Speaker* declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

Mr. O'Mara rising to address the Chair, and refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by *Mr. Speaker*,—*Mr. Speaker* declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

Mr. Chanter rising to address the Chair, and refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by *Mr. Speaker*,—*Mr. Speaker* declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

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Mr. Dibbs rising to address the Chair, and refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by Mr. Speaker,—Mr. Speaker declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

Mr. Creer rising to address the Chair, and refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by Mr. Speaker,—Mr. Speaker declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

Mr. Vaughn rising to address the Chair, and refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by Mr. Speaker,—Mr. Speaker declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

Mr. O'Sullivan rising to address the Chair, and refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by Mr. Speaker,—Mr. Speaker declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

Mr. Lyne rising to address the Chair, and refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by Mr. Speaker,—Mr. Speaker declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

Mr. Levien rising to address the Chair, and refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by Mr. Speaker,—Mr. Speaker declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

Mr. Wall rising to address the Chair, and refusing to resume his seat when requested so to do by Mr. Speaker,—Mr. Speaker declared the Honorable Member guilty of persistent disorder, and so interfering with the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from the Chamber until the termination of the present Debate, or until he shall engage not further to impede the orderly proceedings of the House.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms removed the Honorable Member accordingly.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Gordon,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Penzer,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Teece,
Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Hutchison,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. R. Burdett Smith,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Ball,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Stevenson,

Tellers,

Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Thompson.

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

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

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

Mr. Haynes moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question,—That the Question be now put,—put and passed.

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

Original Question,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Financial Policy of the Government is unsatisfactory.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—put and negatived.

The Honorable Members who had been removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms then re-entered the Chamber.

8. VACANT SEAT :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Andrew Hardie McCulloch, junior, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Seat of Andrew Hardie McCulloch, junior, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Andrew Hardie McCulloch, junior, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at seven minutes past Ten o'clock a.m. until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Officers in Central Police Office:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Thompson*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) When was *Mr. Fincham* appointed to his office in the Police Office, Sydney?
- (2.) What is his salary?
- (3.) What is his present position in the office?
- (4.) The same information as to *Mr. E. N. Cohen*?
- (5.) The same as to *Mr. H. R. Roberts*?
- (6.) Is it true that the last gentleman has had a position made for him at a greatly increased salary, and is to be raised over the heads of any of his seniors?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) *Mr. Fincham* was promoted to his present position on 1st August last.
- (2.) £165 per annum.
- (3.) Fifth Clerk.
- (4.) *Mr. Cohen* was promoted to his present position of 7th Clerk on the same date, with salary of £144 per annum.
- (5.) *Mr. Roberts* was promoted to his present position of 9th Clerk on same date, with salary of £140 per annum.
- (6.) No; *Mr. O'Malley Clarke*, Stipendiary Magistrate, reported that *Mr. Roberts* was an exceptionally good Deposition Clerk, whose services it was essentially necessary to retain, and recommended he should be paid a salary of £240 per annum. A salary of £200 has been placed upon the Estimates, but no appointment will be made until the amount has been voted by Parliament.

- (2.) Deductions from Salaries of Civil Servants:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Hassall*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the total amount of £56,000 proposed to be deducted from the salaries of Civil Servants for the year 1888,—

- (1.) What proportion of that amount will be derived from officers whose salaries stand at £800 per annum and upwards, and what percentage does the reduction bear to their salaries?
- (2.) The like information with regard to officers whose salaries stand at from £500 to £800?
- (3.) The like information with regard to officers whose salaries stand at from £200 to £500?

Mr. Burns answered,—That he had given directions for the preparation of the information asked for by the honorable gentleman; but, as all the Departments must be referred to, some little time must elapse before it be forthcoming.

- (3.) Court of Quarter Sessions, Bombala:—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Minister of Justice,—Upon whose recommendation was the Court of Quarter Sessions at Bombala abolished?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—His Honor *Mr. District Court Judge M'Farland*.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 29th November, 1887—"The Rabbit Pest."
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 31st May, 1887—"Applications for Mineral Leases."
- Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Burwood.
- (2.) Further Return to an Order made on 3rd November, 1887—"Addresses and Orders for Papers."
- (3.) Report of the Commissioners of Fisheries of the Colony, to 31st December, 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Schedule showing the Classification and proposed Distribution of the Vote for 1888 for Subordinate Roads under the Officers of the Roads Department.
- (2.) Schedule showing the Classification and proposed Distribution of the Vote for 1888 for Subordinate Roads under Trustees.
- (3.) Schedule showing the proposed Distribution of the Vote (£55,000) for 1888 for Bridges.
- (4.) Roads Schedule, Vote (£25,000) on Estimates for 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

3. **MERCANTILE BROKERS**:—Mr. O'Connor presented a Petition from Merchants and Mercantile Brokers of Sydney, alleging that the time has arrived when the Mercantile Brokers of Sydney should be regulated by Legislative Enactment by the issue of Licenses; and praying the House to pass such a measure as will effect that object.
Petition received.

4. **GRAFTON SCHOOL OF ARTS TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL**:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Sec, 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 November, 1887, together with a copy of the Bill, as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 10th January, 1888.
Question put and passed.

5. **METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to constitute the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and to amend the 'Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880' and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

6. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 6th February, 1888:—
(1.) Seduction Punishment Bill; second reading.
(2.) Original Grants of Land Boundaries Bill; second reading.
(3.) Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Amendment Bill; second reading.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Chanter rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of calling the attention of Members to the arrest of Members this "morning."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. Chanter moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Wise requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker whether the Honorable Member is in order in calling in question, upon a motion for adjournment, a ruling, and action based upon that ruling, of Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker said that he could not prevent the motion being entertained by the House; but if, under cover of the motion, the Honorable Member challenged the action of the Chair, he would be out of order.

Debate then ensued on the motion for the adjournment of the House.

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.

8. **CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE BILL**:—Mr. Allen, 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 November, 1887, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Allen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 10th January, 1888.

Question put and passed.

9. **HOOR OF MEETING OF THE HOUSE**:—Mr. Seaver moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall, during the remainder of the present Session, meet for the dispatch of business at four o'clock p.m., instead of three o'clock p.m. as at present.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. McFarlane	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scaver,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Street,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Withers,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Dalton,	

Noes, 35.

Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Leas,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Davis,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Foster.
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Gariand,	Dr. Ross.
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	
Mr. Hayes,	

And so it passed in the negative.

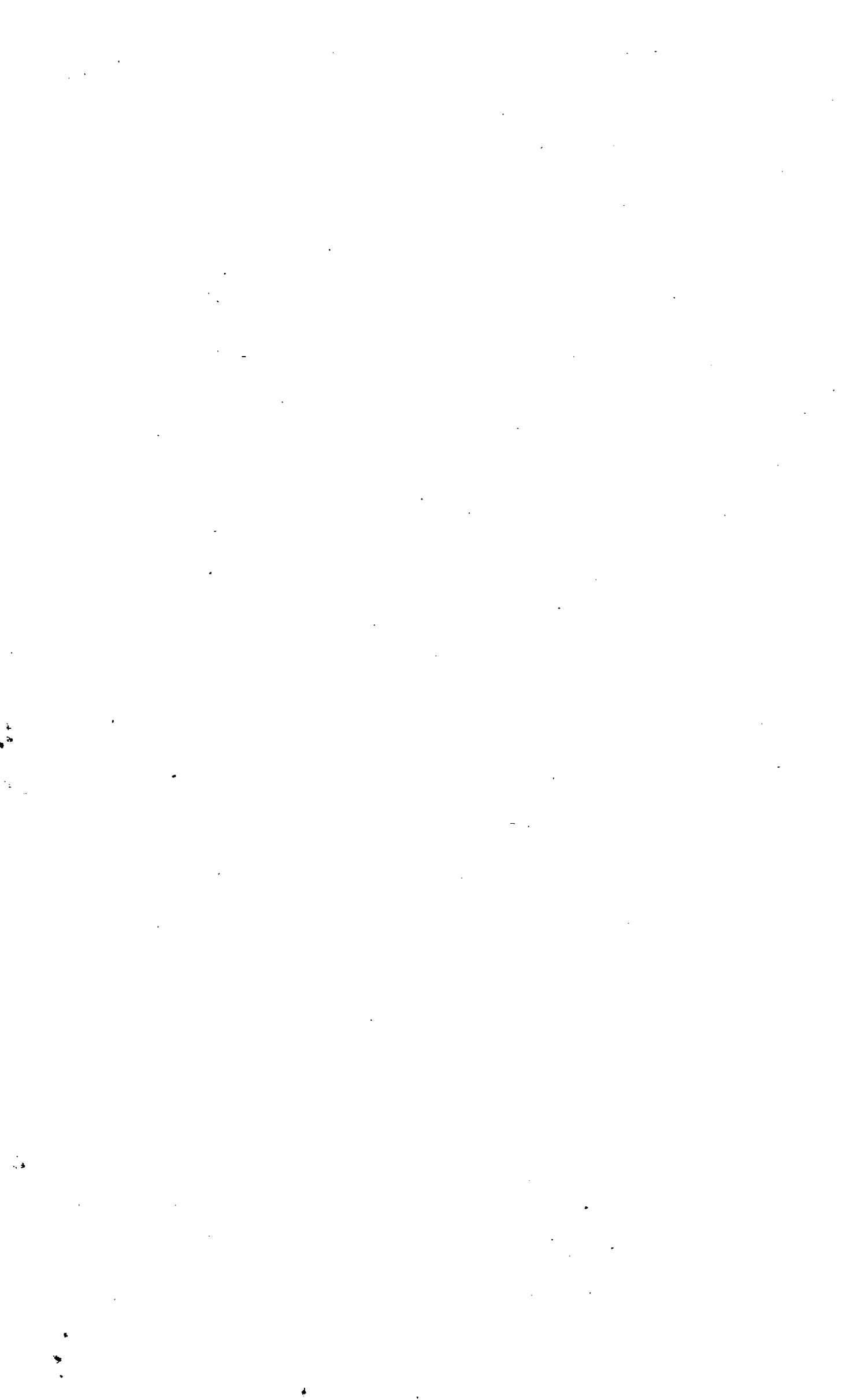
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10. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Garrett moved, That the report be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

11. RABBIT NUISANCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abigail moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Garrett 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 Wednesday next.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Traffic, Narrabri Station:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Return connected with the railway traffic at Narrabri be produced, as promised on 18th November last (Votes and Proceedings No. 29)?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will presently lay the Return upon the Table of the House.

(2.) T. B. Giles:—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice,—What decision has been arrived at with regard to a petition presented for mitigation of sentence passed on T. B. Giles, of Narrabri?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—This case is now under consideration.

(3.) Trustees of Presbyterian Burial-ground, Liverpool:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Mines,—What are the names of the Trustees of the burial-ground set apart for Presbyterians at Liverpool?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Messrs. Robert Clyde, James Watt, James B. Shaw, James Johnston, and William John M'Vicker; appointed on 8th October, 1886.

(4.) Police Magistrates appointed Wardens under Mining Act:—Mr. Lee asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will the Police Magistrates whose salaries are not provided for in the Estimates for 1888, and who are to be appointed Wardens under the Mining Act, be debarred from promotion in the Department of Justice?

(2.) Will the salaries to be paid to those Police Magistrates as Wardens under the Mining Act be equal to those received by them in their present position?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) It is proposed to pay them salaries equal to those they would receive as Police Magistrates.

(5.) Purchase of Statuary by the Government:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Government purchased any statuary during their present term of office?

(2.) If so, from whom, and what price was paid for same?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No.

(6.) Opening Public-houses on Christmas Day:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Christmas Day falling this year on a Sunday, will publicans be allowed to open their hotels, as permitted by the Licensing Act on Christmas Day, or will they be rigidly closed on that day, as provided by the clause relating to Sunday closing?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I really cannot undertake to give a legal interpretation of the provisions of any Act of Parliament.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Schedule to the Estimates-in-Chief for 1888, showing the total Remuneration received by all Public Officers who hold more than one Office, or who received any Fees, Special Allowance, Quarters, Fuel, or Light, in addition to their fixed Annual Salaries, during the year 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 27th September, 1887—"Telegraph Line to Milparinka or Mount Browne."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table a Plan of forty-five portions of Land situated near the Village of Yarrunga at the Fitzroy Waterfalls, measured for auction sale.

Ordered to be printed.

3. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 20.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to constitute the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and to amend the 'Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,' and for other purposes.

Government House,

Sydney, 15th December, 1887.

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

4. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from the Directors of the Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883."

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

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wall rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to direct attention to a report on the prevalence of leprosy at Honolulu, and other matters affecting the public health."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. Wall moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and negatived.

6. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT 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 an amendment.

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.

7. PRIVILEGE.—*Slattery v. Young*:—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received a letter from Mr. P. J. Hourigan, solicitor, informing him that, at the instance of Mr. T. M. Slattery, Member for Boorowa, he had issued a Writ against Mr. Speaker to recover damages by reason of his action towards Mr. Slattery in causing him to be removed from the Legislative Assembly Chamber,—
And the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

103, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, 15th December, 1887.

The Honorable Jas. Hy. Young,

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of N. S. Wales.

Sir,

Mr. T. M. Slattery, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Boorowa, having instructed me to issue a Writ in the Supreme Court against you to recover damages by reason of your action towards him, as such Member, in connection with recent proceedings in the Legislative Assembly,—

In accordance with such instructions, I have to-day issued such Writ (No. 4,912 of 1887).

May I ask you to kindly favour me with the name of a solicitor who will accept service thereof on your behalf.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P. J. HOURIGAN.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That leave be given to Mr. Speaker to appear and plead in the action, and "that" the Crown Solicitor be instructed to accept service of the Writ upon behalf of Mr. Speaker, and the Attorney-General be directed to defend the action.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Melville moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "that," in the second line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Mr. Speaker shall be guaranteed all expenses and damages of defending such action."

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 put and passed.

8. PUBLIC WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
9. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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.
10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th December, 1887.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, preamble, lines 1 to 11. *Omit* "it is enacted by the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879' [hereinafter termed the 'Principal Act'] that lists of all persons qualified, under that Act, to vote at elections, shall, on or before the first day of July in every year, be made for every Ward of the City of Sydney from the receipts for City Rates paid to the thirtieth day of June in each year and given to the citizens by the City Treasurer,—and that copies of such lists, after revision and certification as by the said Act provided, shall be the rolls of citizens for the Wards for which the same are severally made out: And whereas the said mode of compiling the Citizens Rolls does not, in many cases, ensure the right to vote to the persons who ought to possess it," *insert* "it is desirable that certain persons being tenants, as hereinafter mentioned, shall have the right of voting at elections for Aldermen for the respective Wards of the City of Sydney, and for Auditors for the said City."

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

"1. Between the tenth day of June and the tenth day of July, both inclusive, in every Lists for citizens rolls. year, instead of the lists prescribed by the eighth section of the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879,' hereafter called the Principal Act, lists shall be made by the Town Clerk of all persons qualified as hereinafter mentioned, in each Ward of the said City, to vote at elections of Aldermen and Auditors of the said City. Such lists shall comprise the names of every person (whether male or female) who shall, at the time of making out the said lists, be of the full age of twenty-one years, and who shall then be, and for the immediately preceding six months shall have been, the tenant of premises in that Ward of the said City for which any such list is being made out, and shall also comprise the names of all owners whether males or females of premises within every such Ward: Provided that no name of any person shall be inserted in any such list separately as owner and tenant for the same premises."

Page 2, clause 2, line 15. *After* "names" *insert* "and qualifications."

Page 2, clause 2, line 17. *After* "Schedule" *insert* "A."

Page 2, clause 3. *Omit* clause 3, *insert* the following new clause:—

"3. The Town Clerk shall, from the receipts for city rates paid to the thirtieth day of June of each year, and given by the City Treasurer, ascertain the persons who shall have actually paid such rates, and shall in such lists place opposite to the names of the respective persons who shall have actually paid such rates the number of votes to which, under the twelfth section of the Principal Act such persons are entitled; and all persons named in the Citizens' Rolls, other than the persons who shall have actually paid such rates as aforesaid, shall be entitled to one vote, if at the time of voting any such person has still the same qualification mentioned opposite to his name in the roll of citizens: Provided that before any such person shall be permitted to vote he shall make and subscribe before the presiding officer a declaration in the form contained in Schedule B to this Act, and any such person who shall wilfully make a false declaration shall be guilty of a misdemeanour."

Provision for ascertaining cumulative votes.

Who to have only one vote.

Page 2, clause 4. *Omit* clause 4, *insert* the following new clause:—

"4. Section thirty-one of the Principal Act shall read as if the following words had been added to the question therein required to be put to any person applying to vote, that is to say, the words 'and have you already voted at the present election for such ward': Provided that neither the said question in the Principal Act, nor such question as hereby amended, shall be required to be put to any person who shall make the declaration under the next previous section of this Act."

Words to be added to question under section 31 of Principal Act.

Page 2, clause 6, line 39. *After* "prepared" *insert* "and is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act."

Page 2, clause 6, line 39. *Omit* "thereof," *insert* "of the Principal Act."

Page 2, Schedule, line 42. *Add* "s" to Schedule.

Page 2, Schedule, line 42. *After* line 42 *insert* "Schedule A."

Page 2, Schedule, line 45. *Before* "number" *insert* new column headed "Number in Rate Book."

Page 2, Schedule. At end of Schedule *add* new column headed "Number of votes."

Page 2, Schedule. *After the Schedule add:—*

“ SCHEDULE B.

“ Voter's Declaration.

“ Voter's Number [].

“ I, A.B., do hereby solemnly declare that I am the person named in the roll of citizens now in force for the City of Sydney, my name being numbered therein as in the margin hereto, that I have not already voted in this Ward at this election, and that I have still the qualification mentioned in the said roll.

“ Made and subscribed before me, }

“ A.B.

“ this day of }

“ C.D., Presiding Officer.”

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) Australasian Naval Force Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to provide for the payment by the Colony of New South Wales of a proportional part of the cost of the establishment and maintenance of an Additional Naval Force to be employed for the protection of the floating trade in Australasian Waters,* ”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1887.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 15th November, 1887—"The 'Gulcher' Electric Machine.'"

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 27th October, 1887—"Messrs. Leonard and Bathgate's Contracts."

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of certain Land in Parish of Field of Mars, County of Cumberland, required for the extension of the Parramatta Gaol.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 4th October, 1887—"Free Railway Passes to School Children."

(4.) Return of Railway Traffic to and from Narrabri Station, from 1st January to 31st October, 1887.

(5.) Return to an Order made on 4th October, 1887—"Appointments made in the Railway Department."

Ordered to be printed.

2. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. H. H. Brown presented a Petition from Edmund Henry Taylor, Accountant, and George Kerry Kirkland, Electrical Engineer, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate and regulate the supply of Electricity for lighting and other purposes in the City of Sydney and the suburbs thereof.
And Mr. Brown having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
3. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Day having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883,'*"—read a first time.
4. PATHOLOGIST TO THE PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between any officer of the University or of the Prince Alfred Hospital, and W. C. Wilkinson, Esq., M.P., relative to the appointment of Pathologist to the latter institution, or of Physician to it, since 1st January, 1886.
Question put and passed.
5. CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JUNIOR, AND J. H. A. LISTER, AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN THIS COLONY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Dalton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all claims, petitions, letters, and papers in connection with any claims for compensation made by William Tom, jun., and J. H. A. Lister, as the first discoverers of gold in this Colony.
Question put and passed.
6. CONVERSION INTO MINING CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts which have arisen respecting the validity of the conversion of conditional purchases applied for under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 into mining conditional purchases under the 19th section of that Act.
Question put and passed.

7. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT 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 constitute the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and to amend the ‘Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880’ 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 constitute the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and to amend the ‘Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880’ and for other purposes,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1887.*
8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council’s amendments ;—*until Wednesday next.*
(2.) Counsel’s Fees to the Attorney-General; resumption of Debate ;—*until Tuesday, 10th January, 1888.*
9. PARK RESERVE AT KURNELL, BOTANY BAY :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, immediate steps should be taken by the Government to secure a sufficient area as a park reserve at and adjacent to the place at Kurnell, Botany Bay, where Captain Cook first landed in Australia.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
10. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL :—Mr. Lakeman presented a Petition from John Allen, of Narrandera, representing that he purchased at a Sheriff’s Sale a Conditional Purchase and Pre-emptive Lease; that the previous holder of such lease had made no provision for the conversion of such lease, as provided by the 52nd section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and that Petitioner was barred from making such provision; that the loss of the lease is to him a matter of extreme importance, and entails upon him great loss; and praying the House to take the circumstances into consideration, and direct such action as shall seem fit.
Petition received.
Mr. Lakeman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition of John Allen be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill.
Question put and passed.
11. SHORT-HAND WRITING SERVICES :—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The total amount paid for services of short-hand writers in connection with each Commission and Board of Inquiry appointed since 1st January, 1886, specifying the sum paid in each case.
(2.) The number and name of such Commissions and Boards of Inquiry as have been attended, and the evidence, &c., taken, by members of the *Hansard* or Parliamentary Reporting Staff.
Question put and passed.
12. NOXIOUS TRADES :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, legislation dealing with the noxious trades in and around Sydney is urgently required.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. GOVERNMENT DIAMOND DRILL, NO. A :—Mr. Frank Smith, for Mr. Hurley, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence and agreements between Mr. John Henry Mulholland, the Honorable the Secretary for Mines, the Under Secretary for Mines, and Mr. W. B. Henderson, Superintendent of Drills, and any other persons, having reference to an application for the use of a Government diamond drill, No. A., dispatched to Clarence Siding some time between the 1st and 5th April, 1885.
Question put and passed.
14. PETITION OF GEORGE MATCHAM PITT, JUNIOR :—Mr. Bowman 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 Petition presented to this House on the 15th November, 1887, from George Matcham Pitt, junior, with respect to the losses sustained by him in connection with his pastoral holdings.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. O’Connor, Mr. See, Mr. Black, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Tcece, Mr. Day, Mr. Levick, Mr. Tonkin, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
15. RAILWAYS :—Mr. O’Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, railways, like roads, should be constructed more with a view to settle the country and give cheap access to and from markets than for commercial profit.
(2.) That, wherever light railways will pay working expenses, they should be constructed in preference to roads.
(3.) That the interest upon the money borrowed for the construction of railways should be provided for by a graduated tax upon the land which such railways have enhanced in value by passing through or serving.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

16. LAND RESUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAY PURPOSES AT BEXLEY:—*Mr. Frank Smith*, for *Mr. Hurley*, 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 land lately resumed by the Government for railway purposes at Bexley.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Sydney Smith*, *Mr. Thompson*, *Mr. Sutherland*, *Mr. Frank Smith*, *Mr. Wise*, *Mr. Merriman*, *Mr. McElhone*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

17. REMOVAL OF RAILWAY ENGINE-SHEDS FROM DUBBO TO WELLINGTON:—*Mr. Kelly* moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the removal of the Railway Engine-sheds from Dubbo to Wellington, and also as to cost of working the line since such removal.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Ferguson*, *Mr. Sutherland*, *Mr. Penzer*, *Mr. Fletcher*, *Mr. Schey*, *Mr. Garvan*, *Mr. Waddell*, *Mr. Dalton*, *Mr. Lyne*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

18. IMPORT DUTIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of *Mr. Copeland*,—
 “(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to give encouragement to the agricultural interest similar to that now given to dairy farming through the maintenance of import duties on butter, cheese, and bacon, and that such encouragement should take the form of import duties, at the following rates:—On grain and pulse of all kinds, not otherwise bearing duties, 6d. per bushel; beans, peas, barley, and oats, 4d. per bushel; hay and chaff, 6d. per cwt.; flour and meal, 20s. per ton; bran, pollard, and sharps, 2d. per bushel; potatoes, 10s. per ton.
 “(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—
 And the Debate not being resumed,—
 Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Garvan.

Tellers,

Mr. Walker,
Mr. Dawson.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Withers,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Kelly,

Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Garland.

Tellers,

Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Carruthers.

And so it passed in the negative.

19. PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Carruthers*, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—
 And the Debate not being resumed,—
 Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Woodward,

Tellers,

Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Crouch.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Teece,

Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hawken.

Tellers,

Mr. Garland,
Mr. Haynes.

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of *Mr. Garland*, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

20. LEICHHARDT COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MORTGAGE) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Frank Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of *Mr. Smith*, *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. Smith*, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

21. NORTH SHORE, MANLY, AND PITTWATER TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY 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. Day* (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

22. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Ministerial Election Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*

(2.) Perpetual Trustee Company Bill; to be considered in Committee;—*until this day four weeks.*

23. **MR. ADDISON, STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan,—

“(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed, to inquire into and report upon certain charges of misconduct alleged against Mr. Addison, Stipendiary Magistrate, by a meeting of licensed cabmen and drivers.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Allen, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Melville, Mr. Gale, Mr. Chanter, and the Mover,—

And the Question being again proposed,—

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dawson.

Tellers,

Mr. Walker,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 27.

Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Burns, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Want, Mr. Wise, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Tecece, Mr. Cameron, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Day, Mr. Dalton, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Davis, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Garland. <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Cooke.
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And so it passed in the negative.

24. **JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday next.

25. **VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barbour moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th October, 1887.

26. **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 Tax:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 21.

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 for imposing a tax on land.

Government House,

Sydney, 16th December, 1887.

(2.) Property Tax:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 22.

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 for imposing a tax on certain forms of personal property.

Government House,

Sydney, 16th December, 1887.

Ordered, that the Messages be printed, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and to the Committees of the Whole on the Bills.

27. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Burns, 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 that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

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

The House adjourned at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Clerks of Petty Sessions:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Cooke, asked the Minister of Justice,—What provision (if any) does he intend to make to compensate the Clerks of Petty Sessions for the loss of the fees which will have to be paid into the general revenue next year?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—This matter is now under consideration.

(2.) Revenue derived from the Namoi Electorate:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Return ordered by the House on 4th October last relating to revenue derived from Namoi Electorate be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The Treasury Department has this matter in hand, and reports that the Return is a very troublesome one. The period covered by the Return is 26 years. It is impossible to fix a date for its completion.

(3.) Tramway from Silverton to Thackaringa and Purnanoota:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are the Government prepared to sanction the construction of a line of tramway by the Silverton Tramway Company from Silverton to Thackaringa, and also from Silverton to Purnanoota?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I may inform my honorable friend that the subject is engaging the consideration of the Government.

(4.) Presbyterian Burial-ground, Liverpool:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is there a burial-ground set apart for Presbyterians at Liverpool; if so, what is the area, and where situated?

Mr. Abigail answered,—There is no burial-ground for Presbyterians dedicated at Liverpool, excepting that in connection with the Asylum; but the question of granting a site in that locality for Presbyterians generally is at present under consideration.

(5.) Assessment on Runs in Monaro District:—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he name the amount of assessment now placed on the Runs, Cowra, Anembo, Ingeegoodbee, Ingebyra, Yaock or Yiack, Addicumbene, Grosses Plain, and Wangarah, in the Monara district, naming both resumed and leasehold areas?

(2.) The amount paid for such Runs previous to 1884?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Cowra: leasehold, £50 13s. 1d.; resumed, £90 3s. 8d.; total, £140 16s. 9d. Anembo: leasehold, £107 13s. 9d.; resumed, £42 13s. 4d.; total, £150 7s. 1d. Ingeegoodbee: leasehold, £134 5s. Ingebirah: leasehold, £240 4s. 2d. Yaouk: leasehold, £254 7s. 6d.; resumed, £187 10s.; total, £441 17s. 6d. Addicumbene: leasehold, £61 6s.; resumed, £44 16s. 6d.; total, £106 2s. 6d. Grosses Plain: leasehold, £58 5s. 11d.; resumed, £27 5s. 10d.; total, £85 11s. 9d. Wangrah Creek: leasehold, £77 9s. 3d.; resumed, £47 4s. 4d.; total, £124 13s. 7d.

(2.) Cowra, £40; Anembo, £32; Ingeegoodbee, £50; Ingebirah, £45; Yaouk, £50; Addicumbene, £25; Grosses Plain, £40; Wangrah Creek, £25. The resumed areas of Ingeegoodbee and Ingebirah were not notified, as no applications for occupation licenses were lodged.

(6.) Land Sale, Bingera:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When are the small agricultural areas in the vicinity of the town of Bingera to be offered for sale, and is it not now fifteen months since they were surveyed for that purpose?

(2.) Will he fix the upset price at such a figure as will enable the people to purchase the same?

Mr. Garrett answered.—

(1.) The District Surveyor reports that the surveys have been received and will be dealt with in about a week. If the sale be approved, it can be advertised about the middle of February next to take place in April.

(2.) A reasonable upset price will be fixed.

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2. CONVERSION INTO MINING CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL :—Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to remove doubts which have arisen respecting the validity of the conversion of Conditional Purchases applied for under the ‘Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861’ into Mining Conditional Purchases under the 19th section of that Act,*”—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
3. CITY OF SYDNEY MAYORAL ELECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879 to make provision for the election of the Mayor by the Citizens. Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. O'Connor presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to make provision for the Election of the Mayor of the City of Sydney by the Citizens,*”—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 10th January, 1888.
4. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Day, for Mr. H. H. Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate and regulate the supply of electricity for lighting and other purposes in the City of Sydney and the Suburbs thereof. Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Day having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to facilitate and regulate the supply of electricity for lighting and other purposes in the City of Sydney and the Suburbs thereof,*”—read a first time.
5. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act Amending Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barbour, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Creer, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Thompson, and the Mover. Question put and passed.
6. LEICHHARDT COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MORTGAGE) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Hawthorne, read a third time, and passed.
 Mr. Hawthorne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Leichhardt to mortgage certain land for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall or Council Chambers thereon.*”
 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 Leichhardt to mortgage certain land for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall or Council Chambers thereon,*”—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 the Deeds of Grant of the land described in the Schedule of of the Bill.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 20th December, 1887.*
7. NORTH SHORE, MANLY, AND PITTWATER TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and passed.
 Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to authorize the construction of a Tramway from the northern terminus of the North Shore Cable Tramway to the Spit at Middle Harbour together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point and Middle Head and from the Spit aforesaid to Manly Village and a Light Railway thence to Pittwater Broken Bay and the erection of a Bridge over the waters of Middle Harbour at the Spit aforesaid.*”
 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 of a Tramway from the northern terminus of the North Shore Cable Tramway to the Spit at Middle Harbour together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point and Middle Head and from the Spit aforesaid to Manly Village and a Light Railway thence to Pittwater Broken Bay and the erection of a Bridge over the waters of Middle Harbour at the Spit aforesaid,*”—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 plan showing the intended route of the proposed Tramway.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 20th December, 1887.*
8. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Barbour, read a third time, and passed.
 Mr. Barbour then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to extend the provisions of the Victorian Coal-mining Company's Act of 1884.*”
 Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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 extend the provisions of the Victorian Coal-mining Company's Act of 1884*,"—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, 20th December, 1887.*

9. WENTWORTH ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL:—The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill postponed until to-morrow.
10. SAINT SAVIOUR'S GLEBE LAND LEASING BILL:—Mr. Colls presented a Petition from Andrew Faithfull Gibson and Augustine Matthew Betts, Trustees of Saint Saviour's Glebe Lands at Goulburn, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the appropriation of a portion of the rents and annual income derived from the Church of England Glebe Lands at Goulburn, and the trust moneys held by the Trustees of Saint Saviour's Glebe in connection therewith, and to enable the said Trustees to grant leases of such lands.
And Mr. Colls having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Southern Argus*, the *Goulburn Evening Penny Post*, and the *Goulburn Herald*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

11. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Australasian Naval Force Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the payment by the Colony of New South Wales of a proportional part of the cost of the establishment and maintenance of an additional Naval Force to be employed for the protection of the floating trade in Australasian waters*,"—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, 20th December, 1887.*

- (2.) Kent-street Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Very Reverend John Felix Sheridan the Reverend Peter Young Thomas Cooper Makinson John Bridge and Michael Landers as Trustees of certain land situated in Kent-street in the City of Sydney to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds 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.

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Sydney, 20th December, 1887.*

12. THE CHINESE:—Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the following matters:—(a) The influx of Chinese into this and the neighbouring Colonies; (b) their habits, manner of life, and employments; (c) the terms upon which the Coolie class of Chinese come to this Colony; (d) all other matters connected with Chinese in these Colonies which the Committee may deem desirable to inquire into.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abigail, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Schey, Mr. Stephen, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

13. ROBERT MUNFORD'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE AT MOLONG:—Mr. Cameron, for Dr. Ross, 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 all the circumstances attending the conditional purchases made by one Robert Munford, in the District of Molong, on the 14th September, 1882—82-274, of 320 acres, parish of Barton, in the county of Ashburnham; and also an additional conditional purchase 82-287, of the 27th September, 1882, of 320 acres, same parish and county.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Teece, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Day, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Ball, Mr. Goodwin, and Dr. Ross.

Question put and passed.

14. CLAIM OF C. J. CONWAY:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed, to inquire into and report upon the claim of C. J. Conway.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Wall, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

15. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES:—Mr. Gornly moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a sum should be granted in aid of Agricultural Societies equal to the annual income of such societies.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 83.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. De Courcey Browne,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Gornly
Mr. Melville,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. O'Mara.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Wilson,	

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Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Stepheu,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Carruthers.
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Thompson,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Cortis,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Hawken,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

16. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, PARISH OF METZ:—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the granting of certain mineral conditional purchases in the parish of Metz, county of Sandon, to John Moore and others, of Armidale; also, with reference to the refusal of certain applications, and the granting of other applications, for permission to mine on the same land.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Moore, Mr. Vaughn, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
17. RAILWAY FROM NARRABRI TO MOREE:—Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice, That any scheme of railway proposals submitted to this House should include the already proposed line from Narrabri to Moree.
- Debate ensued.
- Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
18. RAILWAY FROM WAGGA WAGGA TO TUMBERUMBA AND THE UPPER MURRAY:—Mr. Lync moved, pursuant to Notice, That any scheme of railway proposals submitted to this House should include a line from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba and the Upper Murray.
- Debate ensued.
- Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1887.

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

YASS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 25.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Reverend Patrick Dunne and Morgan O'Connor Trustees of certain allotments in the town of Yass granted to Henry O'Brien and others as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass to sell the said lands and to provide for the application of the proceeds 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.

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2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Site for School of Arts, Wee Waa:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will allotment No. 5, section 11, 2 roods, dedicated as a site for School of Arts at Wee Waa, be notified and Trustees gazetted?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The dedication was notified in *Gazette* of 2nd instant, and the appointment of Trustees will probably be notified about the first week of January.

- (2.) Public Parks, Electorate of Redfern:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How many Public Parks are there in the Electorate of Redfern?
 (2.) By what designation are they known, and in what part of the Electorate is each one situated?
 (3.) Are they vested in Trustees; if so, what are the names of the Trustees for each Park separately?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Six.
 (2.) Redfern Park in the north, Mount Carmel Park in the north, Alexandria Park in the north, the eastern part of Macdonaldtown Park in the north, Booralee Park in the south, Banks Meadow Park in the south.
 (3.) Trustees of Redfern Park, the Borough Council of Redfern; Trustees of Mount Carmel Park, the Borough Council of Waterloo; Trustees of Alexandria Park, not yet appointed, awaiting result of appeal to Privy Council; Trustees of Macdonaldtown Park, P. James, J. Goddard, P. Fallick, H. Knight, C. W. Bloomfield, W. Scott, C. Jesson, C. Hannon, F. Russell, G. C. Watson, and J. Turner; the Trustees of Booralee Park, H. Westcott, A. H. Bray, F. Thomas, J. Erison, and W. Woolaghan; the Trustees of Banks Meadow Park, R. Hill, G. Hill, jun., J. McElhone, M.P., and G. H. Robinson.

- (3.) San Francisco Mail Contract:—Mr. Day, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to question and answer of 12th July last, relating to the claim of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, is he now in a position to state whether the Government have arrived at any decision as to the merits of the claim?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This question is still under the consideration of the Government, and a decision will probably be arrived at on an early date.

(4.)

- (4.) Newington Asylum:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has the Colonial Secretary received any letter from the ladies of the Newington Asylum Board with reference to Mrs. Hicks' reply to the evidence given by them?
 (2.) If so, will he have any objection to lay a copy of their letter upon the Table of the House at an early date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A letter has been received from these ladies of the character described, and there will be no objection to lay it upon the Table of the House; but it is not easy to see what good will result from its publication.

- (5.) Parliamentary Reporting Staff:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Principal Shorthand Writer and a former Colonial Secretary or Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, or the President of the Legislative Council, relative to the performance by the *Hansard* Staff of the work of reporting the proceedings of Select Committees, Boards of Inquiry, and Royal Commissions?
 (2.) If so, will he give instructions that the Return be laid upon the Table before the Estimates of his Department come on for consideration?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think there can be any objection to producing these papers; but I have not yet seen them, and knowing, so well as I do, the high character of the gentleman in charge of the *Hansard* Staff, I cannot for a moment suppose that there is anything wrong about them. I will look into the matter, and give an answer if a question is put to me in a week's time.

- (6.) Farm Produce Depôt, Darling Harbour:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What number of tenders was received for the erection of Farm Produce Depôt at Darling Harbour?
 (2.) The name and price of each tenderer, and the name and price of accepted tenderer, also the time allowed for building same?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Eight tenders were received.
 (2.) Ostermeyer, Dewez, and Company (Limited), £4,459 2s. 11d.; R. Tulloch, £5,027 19s.; Justin McSweeney, £5,502 10s. 6d.; John Ahearn, £5,875 11s. 3d.; Hudson Brothers (Limited), £6,066 2s. 4d.; George Stephens, £6,103 12s. 6d.; Mott's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited), £6,216 12s. 5d.; R. Fergus Ritchie, £6,264 7s. 3d. The lowest tender, that of Messrs. Ostermeyer, Dewez, and Company (Limited), has been accepted. Their original time was thirty weeks, but after negotiations they amended tender, and agreed to have the work completed in twenty-six weeks, or earlier if possible. It might be added that the tenders do not include the whole of the work which will have to be done, the Department making the approach roads, connecting drainage, and other necessary works.

- (7.) Field of Mars Tramway:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the construction of the Field of Mars Tramway, or what steps have been taken towards its construction?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Surveys and plans have been made to determine the most desirable route for this line of tramway. The question of its construction is under the consideration of the Government.

- (8.) Duty on Imported Grapes, New Zealand:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Adverting to the deputation of fruit-growers that waited on the Colonial Secretary some time since in connection with the duty on imported grapes in New Zealand, has he received any reply to his communication from the New Zealand Government; if so, what is its nature?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I think it will be better for the Honorable Member to ask me a question on this subject in about a fortnight, when I shall possibly be able to give him a complete answer.

- (9.) Quarantine Station, North Head:—Mr. Gale asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House, as soon as possible, all papers and correspondence connected with the question of the removal of the Quarantine Station from the North Head?

Mr. Burns answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for the papers, I shall have no objection to their being laid upon the Table of the House.

3. DUTY ON IMPORTED TIMBER:—Mr. R. Burdett Smith presented a Petition from Proprietors of Saw-mills and others, stating that they learn with regret that it is the intention of the Government to propose the reduction of the present duties on imported timber, and alleging that if the proposal be carried out the Colonial trade will be completely crippled, nearly all the saw-mills will have to cease work, and thousands of people be thrown out of employment; and praying the House to refuse to sanction the proposed reduction of the duty on imported timber.

At the request of Mr. O'Sullivan, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—and received.

4. PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Garrett, 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 repeal the "Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883," and to amend the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act" and the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881."
 Question put and passed.

5. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill postponed until to-morrow.

6. SAINT SAVIOUR'S GLEBE LAND LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Colls moved pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the appropriation of a portion of the rents and annual income derived from the Church of England glebe lands at Goulburn, and the trust moneys held by the trustees of Saint Saviour's glebe in connection therewith, and to enable the said trustees to grant leases of such lands.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Colls having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the appropriation of a portion of the rents and annual income derived from the Church of England Glebe Lands at Goulburn and the trust moneys held by the Trustees of Saint Saviour's Glebe in connection therewith and to enable the said Trustees to grant leases of such land,*"—read a first time.

7. QUARANTINE STATION AT NORTH HEAD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, letters, minutes, &c., in reference to the removal of the Quarantine Station at North Head.
Question put and passed.

8. RAILWAY TRAFFIC INSPECTORS ROBERTS AND CRAWFORD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, applications, minutes, &c., in reference to salary and house allowance to Traffic Inspectors Roberts, of Junee, and Crawford, of Goulburn.
Question put and passed.

9. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

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 Services of the year 1888 and previous years of an urgent nature, together with provision for an Advance to the Colonial Treasurer, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by loan.

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Sydney, 21st December, 1887.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Burns (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it is a case of urgent and pressing necessity that certain Standing Orders of this House be dispensed with, in order to the passing through all its stages this day of a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of 1888 and previous years.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Burns then moved, without notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of 1888 and previous years,*" through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.

11. RABBIT NUISANCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

12. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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.

13. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

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 or following month of the year 1888, together with provision for Services of 1887 and previous years, for an Advance to the Colonial Treasurer, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

*Government House,
Sydney, 21st December, 1887.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

14. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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, that the report be now received.

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £864,900, being £530,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January or following month of the year 1888, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1887, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1888; £127,000 towards recouping the Treasurer's Advance Account for payments made therefrom for Supplementary Services of 1887 and previous years, pending Parliamentary appropriation for such Services; £107,900 Rabbit-proof Fence from Bourke to the Queensland Border, and to meet claims for subsidies; and £100,000 to enable the Treasurer to make Advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than 31st December, 1889. (In anticipation of the vote, in part, on the Estimates for 1888).

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1887, A.M.

15. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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, 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 1888 and previous years, the sum of £864,900 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

16. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 2), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of 1888 and previous years.

(2.) Mr. Burns 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 1888 and previous years*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) 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 now read a third time.

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

Mr. Burns 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 1888 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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of 1888 and previous years*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd December, 1887, A.M.

17. POSTPONEMENTS :—

(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until to-morrow.

(2.) The Notices of Motion of General Business not disposed of postponed until to-morrow.

18. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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. O'Connor, 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 further amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.'*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1887, A.M.

19. WENTWORTH ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hawthorne, 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. Hawthorne, the report was adopted.

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

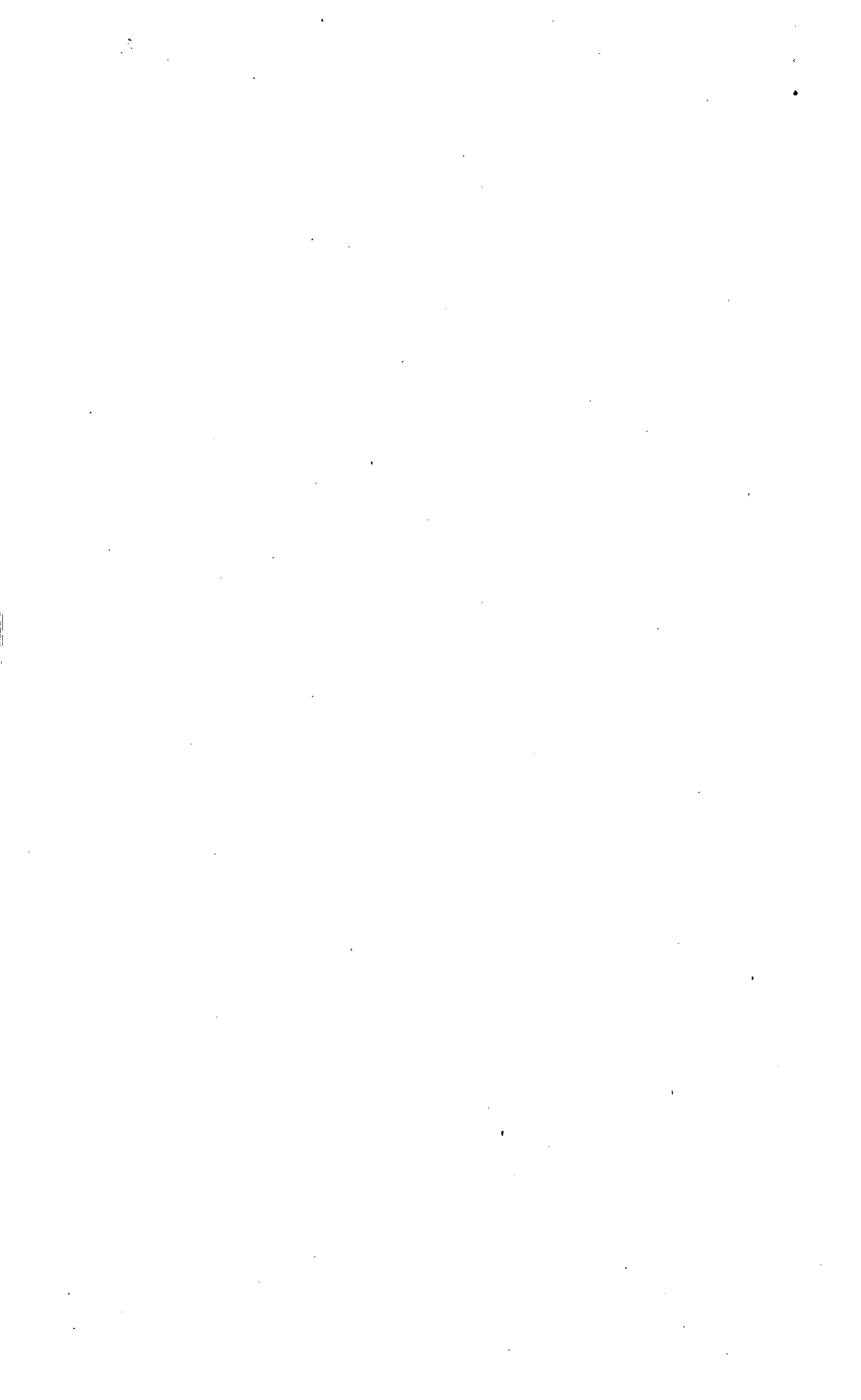
MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to subdivide the Electoral District of Wentworth.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1887, A.M.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Supply of *Hansard* and the *Government Gazette* to Schools of Arts:—Mr. Martin asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the Mechanics Institutes and Schools of Arts in and around the Metropolis supplied free with bound copies of *Hansard* and the *Government Gazette*?

(2.) If so, will he cause the same to be sent to all country Schools of Arts and similar Literary Institutions?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that institutions of this character, whether round the metropolis or in the country, are treated alike. Bound copies of these publications are not at any time sent; but unbound copies of them are sent to all alike, if application is made for them.

(2.) Gold-fields Wardens:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Jones, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint Gold-fields Wardens, independent of the position of Police Magistrates?

(2.) If so, how many are to be appointed, and have any appointments been made?

(3.) If not, how many will be appointed, their names, salaries, and where will their head-quarters be?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) No; but it is intended that in some cases the Wardens shall be paid as such, so that they shall give special attention to mining. They will perform magisterial duties without salary.

(2.) It is proposed to pay twelve gentlemen. Most, if not all, are at present acting as Wardens, but are paid as Police Magistrates.

(3.) This information cannot be supplied till the Estimates for 1888 have been passed.

(3.) Commission appointed to inquire into Civil Service:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the Royal Commission recently appointed to inquire into the Civil Service intended to represent New South Wales?

(2.) Are not all the gentlemen appointed residents of Sydney; and what is the reason that no representatives of the Northern, Southern, and Western Districts have been nominated for seats on the Commission?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think it can be admitted for a single moment that localities should be represented in the appointment of a Commission of this kind. The first consideration ought surely to be to obtain persons of special fitness for conducting the inquiry, without reference to any other consideration. At all events, I cannot recognize either the justice or the propriety of representing particular districts in the country in such an appointment.

(4.) The Attorney-General:—Mr. Melville asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Did the Attorney-General appear on behalf of the Crown in the following cases:—Bowles v. Commissioner for Railways, Mahoney v. Commissioner for Railways, Mahoney v. Commissioner for Railways, heard in the Supreme Court last week?

(2.) By whom was he instructed?

(3.) What fee was marked in each case?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) The Attorney-General held briefs on behalf of the defendant in the cases, Bowles v. The Commissioner for Railways, Margaret Mahoney v. The Commissioner for Railways, and Mary Mahoney v. The Commissioner for Railways.

(2.) By the Crown Solicitor.

(3.) A fee of twenty guineas was marked in each case, but I declined to accept any fee.

Mr.

Mr. Wise,—

I desire to explain that these cases arose out of the Peat's Ferry railway accident, in which the papers were very voluminous. These papers had been before me officially some weeks previously, and, in consequence, both the Commissioner for Railways and Mr. Salomons, who was the leading counsel for the Crown, requested that briefs might be delivered to me. I accepted the briefs and attended to the cases, but I declined to accept any fee. I had a feeling of delicacy in doing anything which would have the effect of putting public money into my pocket, in consequence of a practice revived by myself. As I informed the House on a previous occasion, I will be no party whilst I hold office (whatever may be and are my opinions as to the propriety and necessity of reviving the practice referred to), to any action which would expose me to the charge of reviving a practice for the purpose of enriching myself. I would like to say that in the case which has already been before the House, although I purposely received the fee in the first instance from the Crown, the fee will be paid by the unsuccessful litigant (if it has not been paid already). My only wish throughout this matter has been to place the office of Attorney-General on a constitutional footing, so that the Attorney-General may not labour under any special disability in following his private calling, but be in the same position as any other Minister of the Crown, who is not impeded in following his private calling by reason of accepting office.

2. SAINT SAVIOUR'S GLEBE LAND LEASING BILL:—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from Francis Robert Lewis Rossi, Captain, of Rossiville, Goulburn, representing that he has learned that a Bill called "Saint Saviour's Glebe Land Leasing Bill," has been introduced into the Legislative Assembly, and that he, being a Trustee of Saint Saviour's Church, has not been consulted in the preparation of the Bill; that he disapproves of its passing; and praying that inquiry may be made in the premises, with a view to redress, and that he be permitted to be heard at the Bar of the House, or before the Select Committee on the Bill, in reference thereto.
At the request of Mr. Taylor, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—and received.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption of Land for Public School Purposes at Gollorowong.
Ordered to be printed.
4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 7th February, 1888.
Question put and passed.
5. SAINT SAVIOUR'S GLEBE LAND LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Colls moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Saint Saviour's Glebe Land Leasing Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hayes, Mr. Day, Mr. Teece, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Barbour, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
6. CENTENARY CELEBRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Copeland rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of drawing attention to the proposed expenditure on the State House."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Copeland moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
8. CENTENARY CELEBRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—
(1.) Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Order of Leave under which the Centenary Celebration Act Amendment Bill was brought in be now read.
Question put and passed.
And the said Order of Leave (*as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 11th October, 1887*) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
(2.) Mr. Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the 'Centenary Celebration Act, 1887,' 51 Vic. No. 9, so far as that Act applies to the erection of a State House on the Centennial Park,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 7th February, 1888.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wall rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to direct attention to papers laid upon the Table of this House relating to the purchase of a 'Gulcher' and plant by the Electric Telegraph Department, and other matters relating to the said Department."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Wall moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Inland Waters Fisheries Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for the better preservation of Fish in Inland Waters*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

INLAND WATERS FISHERIES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd December, 1887.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Preamble, line 5. *After* "1881" *insert* "hereinafter termed the Principal Act"
 Page 1, clause 1, lines 12 and 13. *Omit* "'Fisheries Act, 1881' (forty-fourth Victoria number 'twenty-six)'" *insert* "Principal Act"
 Page 1, clause 1, line 18. *After* "lakes" *insert* "lagoons, and ponds"
 Page 2, clause 1, lines 1 and 2. *Omit* "to be made under the 'Fisheries Act, 1881'"
 Page 2, clause 1, line 3. *Omit* "said last mentioned" *insert* "Principal"
 Page 2, clause 1, line 3. *Add* "s" to "include"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 12. *Omit* "river or creek" *insert* "inland waters, and any person using any such unlawful net shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 18. *Omit* "and not less than two pounds"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 19. *Omit* "and not less than five"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 20. *After* "pounds" *insert* "and any such net shall be deemed an unlawful net"
 Page 2, clause 2, lines 21 to 23. *Omit* "Any person using an unlawful net shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds nor less than ten shillings for every such offence and"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 32. *Before* "declare" *insert* "if so advised by the Commissioners"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 33. *Omit* "nearest"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 34. *After* "District" *insert* "within which the waters proclaimed are situated"
 Page 2, clause 3, lines 34 and 35. *Omit* "river, creek, or lake" *insert* "inland waters"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 37. *Omit* "so"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 37. *Omit* "by the Commissioners" *insert* "as aforesaid"
 Page 2, clause 4. *Omit* sub-section (II).
 Page 2, clause 4. At end of clause *add* "as well as all fish found in his possession"
 Page 3, clause 6, line 18. *Omit* "'Fisheries Act, 1881'" *insert* "Principal Act"
 Page 3, clause 6, line 26. *Omit* "'Fisheries Act, 1881'" *insert* "Principal Act"
 Page 3, clause 6, line 29. *Omit* "in New South Wales"
 Page 3, clause 7, line 30. *Omit* "A distance of at least sixty-six feet shall separate all nets"
 Page 3, clause 7, line 31. *After* "affixing" *insert* "a"
 Page 3, clause 7, line 31. *Omit* "s" from "nets"
 Page 3, clause 7, line 31. *Omit* "river, creek, or other watercourse" *insert* "inland waters"
 Page 3, clause 7, line 32. *After* "feet" *insert* "from the next nearest net"
 Page 3, clause 7, lines 32 and 33. *Omit* "all the pains and penalties of this Act" *insert* "a penalty not exceeding ten pounds"
 Page 3, clause 8, line 34. *Omit* "'Fisheries Act, 1881' hereafter" *insert* "Principal Act hereinafter."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

(2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

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 1888 and previous years*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in a Bill;—*until Tuesday, 7th February, 1888.*
 (2.) Government Railways Bill; third reading;—*until Wednesday, 8th February, 1888.*

12. 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,

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 Service of the year 1888, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £2,104 for the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1888.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—

(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday, 8th February, 1888.

(2.) The Notices of Motions of General Business not disposed of postponed until Tuesday, 7th February, 1888.

(3.) The Orders of the Day of General Business not disposed of postponed until Tuesday, 7th February, 1888.

14. INLAND WATERS FISHERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Tonkin, 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. Tonkin, 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 for the better preservation of Fish in Inland Waters.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1887.*

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 23 DECEMBER, 1887, A.M.

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Twelve o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday, 7th February, 1888*, at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY, 1888.

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

ELECTORATE OF CENTRAL CUMBERLAND:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 14th December, 1887, declaring the Seat of Andrew Hardie McCulloch, junior, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. McCulloch, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Andrew Hardie McCulloch, junior, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

Mr. Speaker added that the said Writ prescribed the 24th December, 1887, as the date for taking the Poll, but that day having been proclaimed a public holiday, the Returning Officer, under the authority of the 53rd section of the Electoral Act of 1880, announced the 28th December as the Polling-day in lieu of that named in the Writ; and the Returning Officer had explained that, with this exception, the business of the Election was conducted and completed strictly in accordance with the terms of the Writ.

2. **ELECTORATE OF PADDINGTON:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recent adjournment William Joseph Trickett, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Paddington, had resigned his Seat; that thereupon, in accordance with the direction of the 17th section of the Electoral Act of 1880, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Trickett; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of William Johnston Allen, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Paddington.
3. **ELECTORATE OF NEWTOWN:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recent adjournment Frederick Jamison Gibbes, Esquire, had died; that thereupon, in accordance with the direction of the 17th section of the Electoral Act of 1880, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Gibbes; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Joseph Abbott, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Newtown.
4. **MEMBER SWORN:**—Joseph Abbott, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Newtown.
5. **ASSENT TO BILLS:**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Inland Waters Fisheries Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 28.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the better preservation of Fish in Inland Waters*,"—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, 28th December, 1887.

(2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor,

Message No. 29.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of 1888 and previous years,*"—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, 28th December, 1887.

(3.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 30.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879,'*"—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, 28th December, 1887.

(4.) Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 31.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to subdivide the Electoral District of Wentworth,*"—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, 28th December, 1887.

6. RETIREMENT OF STEPHEN W. JONES, ESQ., CLERK OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received from Mr. Jones a letter, which he then read to the House, as follows :—

Sir,

Legislative Assembly Office, Sydney, 31st December, 1887.

In October last I acquainted you that, owing to failing health, I felt unequal to the efficient discharge of my duties as Clerk of the House, and asked to be allowed to retire from the Service. My application for retirement has been granted, and to-day my long connection with the Legislative Assembly ceases.

I have been in the public service of this Colony for forty-four years—twenty-eight of which have been spent in the service of the Parliament.

In October, 1869, I succeeded to the honorable position of Clerk of the Assembly, and it is with reluctance and regret that I relinquish the office.

I cannot close my connection with the Legislative Assembly without acknowledging the kindness and consideration shown to me by yourself, by your predecessors in office, and by Honorable Members in many Parliaments.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

The Honorable James Henry Young, M.P.,

Your obedient servant,

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

STEPHEN W. JONES.

Mr. Speaker said he trusted that Honorable Members would allow him to say a few words in reference to the letter he had just read. In that letter Mr. Jones states that he had been for forty-four years in the service of the State, that twenty-eight of those years had been spent in the service of the Parliament, and eighteen of them in the position which he has just vacated. This long service would in itself entitle the letter to more than a simple reading; but when we remember the very courteous and able way in which Mr. Jones performed the duties of that position, Honorable Members will not consider it unbecoming to the dignity of the House, or to the great office that he (Mr. Speaker) had the honour to hold, if he took the opportunity of expressing his profound appreciation of, and thankfulness for, the ready help and valuable assistance he had at all times received from Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones, at his (Mr. Speaker's) request, had afforded him the privilege of perusing the letters sent him by the two more immediate occupants of this Chair on their vacating that position. Sir Wigram Allen wrote as follows :—

My dear Mr. Jones,

After an official intercourse of nearly eight years, I desire to thank you for your uniform attention and help to me in the discharge of my duties as Speaker, and to express my high appreciation of your ability and fitness for the responsible office which you hold as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and the great efficiency with which you have for many years performed the difficult and onerous duties devolving upon you. I hope that your long course of able and honorable service will meet with due recognition by the Government and the Legislature.

I am, yours very truly,

G. WIGRAM ALLEN.

The Honorable Edmund Barton, on his retirement, after writing of the rest of the Staff, concludes his letter with the following :—

* * * * *
My debt to yourself is a great one, and I fear I shall have small means or opportunity of repaying it. Throughout our official connection, and especially (as was most natural) in the earlier stages of it, I have derived the greatest assistance from your long experience, wide knowledge of precedent, and readiness of research, and the relations between us as friends have been altogether unclouded.

Believe me to be,

Dear Mr. Jones,

Yours sincerely,

EDMUND BARTON.

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He (Mr. Speaker) regretted very much that he would be the last occupant of that Chair who would have the great privilege of profiting by the vast experience and mature judgment of Mr. Jones; but he desired most respectfully to say that no one of his predecessors had required his assistance more than he had done, and that to no one of them had that assistance been more willingly rendered. His expression of thanks, therefore, must not be taken as formal or conventional, but as the outcome of a lively appreciation of Mr. Jones's good qualities. He thought, also, he might take it on himself to say that the assistance so freely given to the Chair had always been as freely at the service of every Honorable Member of the House, and that Mr. Jones had so performed his duty as Clerk as to earn for himself the warm regard and approval of all. He (Mr. Speaker) would, therefore, be glad if he were authorized by Resolution to place the letter he had read, and the remarks which he had made, on the permanent records of the House, as a slight tribute to the worth of a faithful servant of this great Assembly.

Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the letter from Stephen Wilson Jones, Esquire, on his retirement from the position of Clerk of this House, as read by Mr. Speaker, and Mr. Speaker's remarks with reference thereto, be entered in the Votes and Proceedings.

Mr. Dibbs also addressed the House.

Question put and passed.

7. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Vouchers for £100,000 expended by Public Officials:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to paragraphs in Melbourne daily papers, stating that in various Government offices vouchers for £100,000 have not been furnished by public officials in regard to moneys paid by them,—Is the statement true?

(2.) If so, who are the officials guilty of neglect in not furnishing vouchers for money spent?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter was explained by my honorable friend the Treasurer before the adjournment. I can only say that there appears to be no foundation whatever for the statement.

(2.) Railways—Proposals by Government:—*Mr. Martin* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to introduce any railway proposals this Session?

(2.) Is there sufficient money to the credit of the Loan Fund to enable the Government to proceed with the Kiama to Jervis Bay railway section, without waiting for a fresh loan?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, when Parliament approves of the plans of the extension referred to.

(3.) Articles supplied by Kingsbury & Co. to Telegraph and Postal Department:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) What is the total amount of articles supplied by Kingsbury & Co. during the years 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887, without competition, to the Telegraph and Postal Department?

(2.) The amount of such goods supplied during the above time on the order of Mr. Cracknell, Telegraph Superintendent, without competition or tenders being called for, and without Ministerial authority?

(3.) The like in regard to all goods ordered by Ministerial authority, with and without tenders being called for them?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The total amount of articles supplied by Kingsbury & Co. during the years 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887, without competition, to the Telegraph and Postal Department is £4,478 16s. 2d.

(2.) The amount of such goods supplied during the above time on the order of Mr. Cracknell without tender or Ministerial authority is £1,104 4s. 10d.

(3.) The amount of all goods ordered by Ministerial authority with tenders is £8,148 14s. 6d.; without tender, £3,374 11s. 4d. Although not asked for, I have caused a Return to be prepared, setting forth the details of these expenditures, which I will presently lay upon the Table of the House.

(4.) Duty on imported Grapes, New Zealand:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Adverting to the deputation of fruit-growers that waited on the Colonial Secretary some time since in connection with the duty on imported grapes in New Zealand, has he received any reply to his communication from the New Zealand Government; if so, what is its nature?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A communication has been made to the Government of New Zealand on this subject, but I have not yet got an answer. Probably I shall have it in a few days.

(5.) Reserve on the Bulga Road, near Howe's Valley:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was portion 114 on reserve No. 35 on the Bulga Road, near Howe's Valley, sold; and, if so, to whom?

(2.) Is he aware this portion contained a good waterhole or lagoon alongside of the road?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Portion No. 114, parish Waring, county Hunter, was sold to William Chapman under the 10th and 11th clauses (special purchase) of the Crown Lands Act of 1861. The portion never formed part of water reserve No. 35.

(2.) No; Tanks Creek, in which it is stated there is permanent water, runs through the portion.

(6.) Electoral Rolls for 1887-8:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the revised Electoral Rolls for 1887-8 for the various Electoral Districts of the Colony be laid upon the Table of the House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I believe that I shall be able to lay these Rolls upon the Table to-day; if not, in a day or two.

8. **PROPOSED NEW TARIFF:**—Mr. Martin presented a Petition from certain Residents of the districts of Broughton Creek, Brogher's Creek, Broughton Vale, and Kangaroo Valley, stating that they view with alarm the proposal made to repeal the Customs Duties now existing upon cheese, butter, bacon, and hams, which, if carried out, would result in severe injury to the Petitioners; and praying the House to take the circumstances into consideration, and not to repeal the said Duties. At the request of Mr. O'Sullivan the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
9. **Oakey Park Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill:**—Mr. Hurley presented a Petition from the Oakey Park Coal-mining Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Oakey Park Coal-mining Company (Limited), to construct a line of Railway from land near Eskbank, belonging to the said Company, and to connect the same with the Great Western Railway. And Mr. Hurley having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Lithgow Enterprise and Australian Land Nationaliser* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
10. **NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND APPOINTMENT OF MR. SPEAKER:**—Sir Henry Parkes, as a matter of Privilege, called attention to a Notice given by the Honorable Member for South Sydney, Mr. Toohey, and moved,—That no Resolution reflecting upon the Speaker of this House be entered upon the Votes and Proceedings.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order:—Mr. Toohey submitted, as a Point of Order, that the motion moved by Sir Henry Parkes was not entitled to be taken as one of Privilege, and if carried as such, would deprive him of the right of giving the Notice which he had handed in.
Mr. Speaker ruled that Mr. Toohey's Notice was not out of order, and that the motion made by Sir Henry Parkes could not be put as one of Privilege.
Whereupon Mr. Toohey withdrew his Notice of Motion.
11. **PAPERS:**—
Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 4th October, 1887—"Application of Messrs. Houghton and Palmer to Mine under Reserves at Kahibah."
(2.) Correspondence relating to alleged Breaches of the Coal-fields Regulation Act at the Duckenfield Colliery.
(3.) Return to an Order made on 16th December, 1887—"Government Diamond Drill No. A."
(4.) Return to an Order made on 23rd November, 1887—"Public Tanks and Wells."
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of the resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of certain land in the parish of Whittingham, county of Northumberland, required in connection with the establishment of a Public Cemetery at Singleton.
(2.) Return to an Order made on 17th November, 1887—"Whittingham Railway Platform."
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Further Correspondence respecting Future Mail Communication between Great Britain and Australia, *via* Suez.
(2.) Proceedings of the Postal Conference held in Sydney in January, 1888.
(3.) Return respecting Articles supplied by H. H. Kingsbury & Co. to the Electric Telegraph Department.
Ordered to be printed.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Amendment Bill; second reading;—
until Tuesday, 6th March.
(2.) Centenary Celebration Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—
(3.) Registered Medical Practitioners Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolution;—
(4.) Ministerial Election Bill; second reading;—
(5.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—
(6.) State House.—Houses of Parliament; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolution;—
until Tuesday, 21st February.
13. **CASE OF ROBERT COYLE:**—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject, on motion of Mr. Walker, discharged.
14. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Perpetual Trustee Company Bill; to be considered in Committee;—*until Tuesday, 21st February.*
(2.) Eight-hours Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 20th March.*
15. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL:**—The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill, on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, discharged.
16. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions respecting Agricultural Societies, postponed until Friday, 9th March.
17. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**—Sir Henry Parkes stated that the Honorable the Attorney-General had written to him stating his desire to retire from that position, and that he, Sir Henry Parkes, had forwarded the resignation to His Excellency the Governor.
Mr. Wise also addressed the House in explanation of his reasons for taking that course.

18. **MEMBER SWORN** :—William Johnston Allen, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Paddington.
19. **SEDUCTION PUNISHMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. S. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
- Interruption.*
20. **MEMBER SWORN** :—Andrew Hardie McCulloch, junior, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat, as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.
21. **SEDUCTION PUNISHMENT BILL** :—The Debate on the second reading of this Bill, interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 20,—resumed.
Question put and passed.
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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day fortnight.
22. **ORIGINAL GRANTS OF LAND BOUNDARIES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. S. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. R. Burdett Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and negatived.
Original Question put and passed.
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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day fortnight.
23. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing the Accomplices Evidence Amending Bill postponed until Tuesday, 21st February.
24. **FUEL DELIVERY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Alfred Allen 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 regulate the sale and delivery of fuel.
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 regulate the sale and delivery of fuel.
On motion of Mr. Allen, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- The House adjourned, at Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Unemployed:—*Mr. Hutchison*, for *Mr. Alfred Allen*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many engineers, fitters, ironmoulders, and blacksmiths are employed on Government relief works?

(2.) What is the rate paid per day to each person of the abovenamed trades?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Chairman of the Casual Labour Board:—

	s.	d.
Engineers, 9—daily average earnings..	2	4½
Fitters, 12 " "	2	11½
Ironmoulders, 14 " "	3	4¾
Blacksmiths, 23 " "	2	7

(2.) Rents due by Crown Lessees:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that a number of Crown lessees have refused to pay any other rent for their holdings than that fixed by the Local Land Boards?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Minister for Lands to insist on the payment of the rents as determined by him?

(3.) Is it his intention to proceed at law for the recovery of the balances of the rent which he contends is owing by the pastoral lessees who have declined to pay the rents determined by him?

(4.) If so, will he state when he will be prepared to accept a test case on the question?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes; a few have done so.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Not until the suit referred to below has been determined; but, in the meantime, the leases are liable to forfeiture, and whether they will be forfeited or not is now under consideration.

(4.) A suit has been commenced in the Supreme Court, *Alison v. Burns*, by which the right of the Minister for Lands to increase the rentals on pastoral holdings beyond those recommended by the Local Land Boards is raised.(3.) Fees paid to *Mr. Armstrong*, Barrister-at-law:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Attorney-General,—What sums, by way of fees and salary, were paid, or authorized to be paid, to *Mr. John Armstrong*, barrister-at-law, for his professional services to the Crown during the month of December, 1887?*Mr. William Clarke* answered,—*Mr. Armstrong* was paid the following sums for professional services rendered during the month of December last:—Fees, £104 16s.; salary as Acting Crown Prosecutor, £41 13s. 4d.; making a total of £146 9s. 4d.(4.) Money due by Government to Medical Practitioners:—*Mr. Dawson*, for *Mr. O'Mara*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount of money, in the aggregate, is at present due to medical practitioners, both of town and country, for professional services rendered to the Government?

(2.) Is it not a fact that repeated but unsuccessful applications for moneys so due have been sent in by the claimants, or some of them?

(3.) When is it the intention of the Government to pay the money so due?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) £2,273 15s. 2d., for services rendered during the year 1887.

(2.) Yes; but there is no money available at present to meet them.

(3.) £2,000 has been placed upon Supplementary Estimates for the purpose.

(5.)

- (5.) Importation of Grapes into Victoria:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been drawn to the action of the Victorian Government in prohibiting the importation of grapes into that Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the case that my attention has been drawn to the action taken in the sister Colony, and I have already communicated with the Government of Victoria on this subject.

- (6.) Refund of Rents to Crown Lessees:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of his having (under the advice of the Attorney-General) paid into Court the rents fixed by him over the amount assessed by the Forbes Land Board, in the case of *Ridley v. Garrett*, in the Land District of Forbes, will he refund to all conditional leaseholders the rents fixed by him after the Land Board's appraisements had been gazetted, and thus obviate the necessity of further legal proceedings?

Mr. Garrett answered,—It is not my intention to refund to conditional leaseholders the difference between the rents recommended by the Land Board and those fixed by the Minister for Lands. In *Ridley's* case and some others, by an oversight, the provisional or preliminary notification of rent was inadvertently gazetted as rent finally determined, and thus any later notification of rent at a higher rate was of no effect. In all these cases refunds will be granted if applied for; but, in any case, an adjustment will be made on the basis of the rentals first notified as finally determined.

- (7.) Re-selection of Forfeited Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—The Privy Council having reversed the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *Edols v. Tearle*, and decided that forfeited conditional purchases upon leasehold areas could be re-selected, will he at once cause a cancellation of all reserves made for the purpose of holding over the selections referred to, pending the decision of the above Court in the case referred to?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I do not think it, in the public interest, advisable to take the course suggested by the Honorable Member. In the Land Bill now before this House the disposal of these areas is proposed to be dealt with; and, pending a decision on that proposal, it is intended to retain the reservation by which they are now covered, and to protect forfeited lands of this character by like reservation.

- (8.) Exhibition Contests:—Mr. Henson asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Are the Government aware that publicly advertised exhibitions take place, in which human blood is shed, life endangered, and the people demoralized?
- (2.) Have the proper authorities been instructed to prevent such disgraceful scenes; and, if not, will instruction be given without delay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—If the Honorable Member refers to the sword contest at Bondi, at which one of the parties was wounded, I am informed that he states the injury was purely accidental; and I am also informed that at any further contest of the kind the weapons will be more securely buttoned or blunted to prevent the chance of injury. Such contests are common, and are not illegal. I may state that what I have read is a report from the Inspector-General of Police.

- (9.) Payment of Members of Parliament:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Lands,—Whether it is his intention, during the Session, to introduce a Bill providing for payment of Members of Parliament?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I refer the Honorable Member to Order of the Day No. 6 on to-day's business paper.

- (10.) Quarter Sessions-Lock-up Gaol for Bombala:—Mr. Dawson asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to place a sum of money on the Estimates for building a lock-up gaol at Bombala, for the purpose of re-establishing the Courts of Quarter Sessions lately abolished, and which are urgently needed?
- (2.) Will he obtain from the Police Magistrate and the Bench of Magistrates, Bombala, a report as to the necessity or otherwise of Quarter Sessions at Bombala; also, a list of committals from that Bench for the last twelve months?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) There is no such intention at present.
- (2.) Yes.

- (11.) Centennial Banquet:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did the Commissioners appointed by his Government to carry out the Centennial festivities ask for his opinion in regard to the positions which were allotted to the invited guests at the late Centennial banquet?
- (2.) Is he aware that at the above banquet the Primate of the Church of England and the Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church were invited to take seats at the principal table, while the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, the Chairman of the Congregational Union, the President of the Wesleyan Conference—who are the recognized heads of their respective churches—were only invited to take seats with the ordinary guests?
- (3.) Will he use his influence, whilst he remains as the head of the Government, to prevent a similar practice being followed at any future public demonstration?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No; the Government, as such, had nothing whatever to do with it. The positions of the guests at the cross-table were fixed by the Commissioners in accordance with the table of precedence officially laid down. The space for the seats at this table being so limited, it was found quite impossible to seat all the guests at it who might have claims to a position there.
- (2 and 3.) Yes; but it appears difficult to see what other steps could have been adopted under the circumstances.

(12.) Sydney Hospital—Case of John Halloran:—Mr. Dawson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether it is his intention to cause an inquiry to be made with reference to the conduct of the officials of the Sydney Hospital in refusing admittance to one John Halloran, on 26th January last? Sir Henry Parkes answered,—With respect to this case, I have, as I stated yesterday, caused inquiry to be made; but as yet I have not the report from the Infirmary. I have rather a lengthy report from the Medical Adviser to the Government, and from that report it appears to me that there can be no doubt whatever that the authorities of the Infirmary were greatly to blame; and when the report of the Infirmary authorities reaches me, if it is not quite satisfactory, I shall take other steps. There can be no doubt whatever that this unfortunate man was taken from the gate to Dr. Strong's office, back to the gate again, back to another place three or four times, when he was in a dying state, and it is a great scandal to the Infirmary.

(13.) Government Railway Policy:—Mr. Moore asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government arrived at any decision regarding their railway policy?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In answer to the honorable gentleman, I desire to say that the question of railway extension is now under the consideration of the Government, and will be announced to this House in a very short time.

2. SYDNEY HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from William Gardiner, Merchant, William Henry Paling, Merchant, William Thomas Poole, Esquire, and James Angus, Contractor, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the supply of motive power on the high pressure hydraulic system for use on wharves, in warehouses, and other buildings, and for the extinguishing of fires and other purposes, in the city of Sydney and its suburbs. And Mr. Garrard having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Daily Telegraph* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from Miners of Forest Reef and others interested in the development of the mining interests of the Colony, praying that a Bill may be passed providing for mining on private property.

Petition received.

Mr. Garland then presented twelve similar Petitions from Miners and others of Ironbarks, Brown's Creek, Canowindra, Galley Swamp, Deepwater, Lismore, Capertee Flat, Nymagee, Adelong, Barraba, Araluen, and Bingera.

Petitions received.

4. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Burwood.

(2.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle.

(3.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Lismore.

(4.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Coonamble.

(5.) Amended and Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Cobar.

(6.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bega, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

(7.) Amended By-laws, Municipal District of Hamilton, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

(8.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bowral, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

(9.) Revised Regulations under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.

(10.) Return to an Order made on 16th December, 1887—"Pathologist to the Prince Alfred Hospital."

(11.) Further Return to an Order made on 10th May, 1887—"Fees received by Civil Servants."

(12.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 7th December, 1887—"Orders for Papers."

(13.) Further Return to an Order made on 3rd November, 1887—"Addresses and Orders for Papers."

(14.) Return to an Order made on 29th June, 1887—"Claim of James H. Husband."

(15.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877—"Immigration—Steamship 'Orient.'"

(16.) Report on the Police Department for 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

(17.) Electoral Rolls for 1887-8.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Fifth Report on the Creation, Inscription, and Issue of Stock under the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Lands for 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Resumption of Land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School purposes at Gordon, Pimlico North, St. Ives, and Yarralumla.

(2.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney in reference to Arts Curriculum.

(3.) By-laws of the University of Sydney for regulation of Meetings of Convocation other than for the Election of Fellows.

(4.) By-laws of the Free Public Library, Gunnedah.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Diseases in Sheep and Imported Stock Acts.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Rule of the Supreme Court.

(2.) Regulations of the Patents Office, under the provisions of the Patents Act,

Ordered to be printed.

5. RENTS FOR CROWN LANDS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing:—
 (1.) The amount received each year for rent for leasehold areas from the time the Land Act of 1884 came into operation until date.
 (2.) The same with regard to occupation licenses.
 (3.) The same with regard to homestead leases.
 Question put and passed.
6. Oakey Park Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Oakey Park Coal-mining Company (Limited), to construct a line of railway from land near Eskbank belonging to the said Company, and to connect the same with the Great Western Railway.
 Question put and passed.
7. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. H. H. Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Sydney and Suburban Electric Lighting Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Roberts, Mr. Day, Mr. Moore, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Teece, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Withers, and Mr. H. H. Brown.
 Question put and passed.
8. RAILWAYS—ORANGE TO MOLONG, BATHURST TO BOURKE, AND THE MUDGEES LINE (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the following Return (to complete former Returns), viz.:—
 (1.) The amount of revenue and expenditure at the respective stations on the Orange and Molong railway, from 1st June, 1886 (the date of last Return), to the end of the year 1887, together with a list of the number of passengers that have travelled to and from the various stations, and the amount received at each.
 (2.) The number of men or officials employed at each station, and the amount or tonnage of goods received and despatched therefrom respectively.
 (3.) The same information with regard to the various stations on the Western Railway, from Bathurst to Bourke inclusive; and also on the Mudgees line, including live stock returns.
 Question put and passed.
9. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 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 make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales and for other purposes connected therewith.*"
 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 make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th February, 1888.
10. CONVERSION INTO MINING CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett 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. 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 to-morrow.
11. LEICHHARDT COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MORTGAGE) 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 Municipal Council of Leichhardt to mortgage certain land for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall or Council Chambers thereon,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th February, 1888.
 JOHN HAY,
 President.
12. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, 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 payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered,

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 authorize the payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.

On motion of Mr. Garrett, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Melville submitted that the Bill contained provisions beyond the order of leave, which order gave no power to create a constructing authority, nor to sell or dispose of land acquired.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that with reference to the first point, the interpretation clause showed that the constructing authority was no new creation, but a new definition in title to the Minister by whom the public works would be carried out. The other point was doubtless more important; but the power given in the order of leave to make better provision for the acquisition of land, might well be taken to include the disposal of land which was not found to be necessary. If it were held to be necessary to specify in the title and order of leave every single power contained in a Bill, it would make legislation very difficult, if not impossible. He therefore ruled that the Point of Order submitted was not fatal to the Bill, which was properly before the House.

Debate continued.

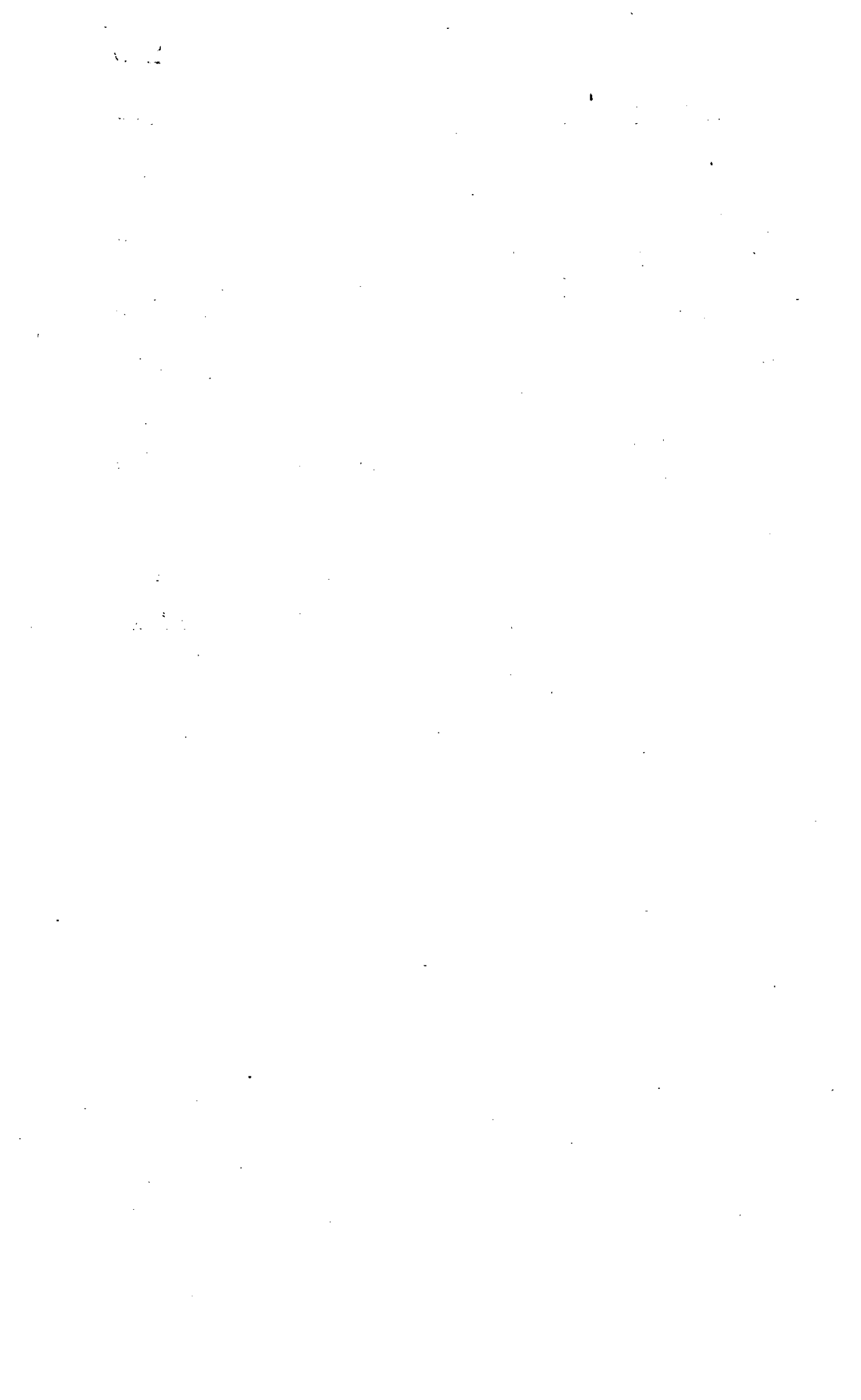
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned at seven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Assurance Fund, Real Property Act:—Mr. Copeland asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With reference to the answers given to Mr. Copeland's questions on the 6th December last relative to the Assurance Fund under the Real Property Act,—

(1.) Is the uninvested portion of the Assurance Fund credited with interest?

(2.) If so, at what rate?

(3.) Is credit given from the time of the receipt at the Treasury of the payments; and, if not, what is the rule observed?

Mr. Burns answered,—Moneys paid into the Treasury on account of the Assurance Fund under the Real Property Act are at once carried to the credit of a Trust Account. No interest has hitherto been allowed on the uninvested portion of the Fund, but this matter shall receive my early consideration.

(2.) Sale of Land, Temporary Common, Albury:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is he aware that a large area of land has been surveyed on the temporary Common at Albury for sale; if so, when will the said land be offered at auction?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The plan of this land is expected from the District Survey Office in the course of a week. If auction sale be approved, the sale will probably take place at the end of April or beginning of May next.

(3.) Removal of Survey Offices from Albury to Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers respecting the removal of the Survey Office and Land Board from Albury to Wagga Wagga be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The papers in question are required in connection with the report of the Board of Inquiry as to re-organization of the Land Board and District Survey Offices at Wagga Wagga. When this matter shall be disposed of, the Return ordered by Parliament will be at once furnished.

(4.) Maps missing from Survey Office:—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What are the number of original maps and charts missing from the Survey Department that cannot be accounted for?

(2.) What is the estimated cost of replacing same, including cost of fresh surveys that would have to be made?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Out of a total of about 220,000 plans of ordinary measurements, only some forty are absolutely lost. All plans and records of run surveys in the Occupation Branch of the Department of Mines were destroyed in the Garden Palace fire.

(2.) It is not possible, at such short notice, to furnish a satisfactory estimate of the cost of re-survey, or of replacing the missing plans; but in regard to the run surveys, large numbers of the plans have been replaced, and every possible effort has been made to procure particulars of such of the remainder as may be of value.

(5.) Diamond and Auger Drills:—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the amount due to the Mines Department for the use of diamond and auger drill when he took office, and what were the names of the parties indebted?

(2.) What is the amount now due to the Department for the use of the said drills, and what are the names of the parties indebted?

Mr. Abigail answered,—A Return, containing the information asked for, will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

- (6.) Bridge over Wyong Creek—Snagging Mooney Mooney Creek—Bedlam Creek Bridge:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the name of the successful tenderer for the bridge over Wyong Creek, and price?
 - (2.) Amount of tender for snagging Mooney Mooney Creek, and name of successful tenderer?
 - (3.) The amount for extras in connection with the Bedlam Creek Bridge, and when will the bridge be open for traffic, and will tenders be called for the approaches to the said bridge?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) Matthew J. Woodbury; £743 4s. 6d.
 - (2.) £150; A. W. Laws & Co.
 - (3.) Final voucher has not yet been received from the local roads officer. The bridge has been completed, and will be open for traffic as soon as the approaches are finished, which have been let to the contractor for the bridge.
- (7.) Land adjoining Racecourse at Cargo:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) When the land adjoining the racecourse at Cargo, in the county of Ashburnham, district of Molong, will be offered for sale by public auction?
 - (2.) What is the cause of delay in sending the same up for sale by auction?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—The advertisement will appear about the end of this month for a sale to take place about the end of April, and no further delay will take place.
- (8.) Ringbarking:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has any report yet been obtained from the Government Health Officer as to the nature of ringbarking and its influence on climate and public health (if any)?
 - (2.) If so, will he state when the report will be laid upon the Table of this House?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Medical Adviser reports that no minute investigation has been made respecting the influence of ringbarking on the climate and public health; but, as far as he is aware, it would have no prejudicial effect.
- (9.) Diseases in Stock:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Are there at the present time, and during the present season, any epidemic or other diseases prevalent among stock throughout the Colony; if so, will he state what the nature or complaints consist of, and the localities in which they are most prevalent?
- Mr. Abigail answered,—The most widely distributed disease among cattle in the Colony at the present time is pleuro-pneumonia. It is difficult to say in which locality it is most prevalent. Cattle affected with it are coming into this Colony from Queensland daily. Amongst sheep, anthrax (Cumberland disease) is the most prevalent, its locality being chiefly in the Central Division of the Colony.
- (10.) Fees paid to Mr. Armstrong, Barrister-at-Law:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Minister of Justice,—Were any other payments made to Mr. Armstrong, barrister-at-law, for his professional services to the Crown during the month of December, 1887, other than those referred to by the Minister of Justice in his answer to Mr. O'Sullivan on 8th February?
- Mr. William Clarke answered,—Yes; two further amounts of £64 3s. and £65 15s. 6d. respectively have been paid to Mr. Armstrong for professional services rendered during the month of December, 1887. The omission of these sums from the answer to the Honorable Member's question of yesterday was caused by their having been paid direct through sub-departments of the Attorney-General.
- (11.) Net-fishing, Hawkesbury River:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Adverting to a deputation that waited on the Colonial Secretary some time since, asking that the Hawkesbury River might be thrown open for net-fishing, has any action been taken in the matter; if so, in what way?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter is under consideration at the present time.
- (12.) Reclamation Work, Cook's River:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he stopped the reclamation work at Cook's River?
 - (2.) If so, will he state his reasons for so doing?
- Mr. Abigail* answered,—No; but some of the hands who could not be profitably employed, in consequence of the introduction of machinery, have been dispensed with.
- (13.) Railway Employés:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to stop the wage increases to railway employés this year that were stopped for last year only upon the recommendation of the Commissioner for Railways?
 - (2.) If so, is he aware that cleaners enter at only 5s. a day, and should receive 6d. increase per annum until the pay reaches 7s.?
 - (3.) Is he aware that drivers and firemen start at 8s. only for the first eighteen months, and then are entitled to 1s. per annum to a maximum of 10s.?
- Mr. Abigail* answered,—
- (1.) I find from the records that the Government of Sir Patrick Jennings stopped the operation of the Railway employés classification for the year 1887. Whether the classification will be revived for 1888 is a question which will receive early consideration.
 - (2.) Yes; the classification provides for this.
 - (3.) I am aware that firemen start at the rate stated, and are entitled to progressive increases; but the rate at which drivers start is 11s. instead of 8s. a day, and they can progress under the classification to 15s. a day.
- (14.) Mr. J. C. Neild, Executive Commissioner, Adelaide Exhibition:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have items of expenditure yet been furnished by Mr. J. C. Neild in his capacity as Commissioner to the Adelaide Exhibition?
- Mr. Burns answered,—Mr. Neild is at present at Adelaide on business connected with the closing of the Exhibition, and I presume that he will, on his return, furnish details of his expenditure.

2. CLAIMS OF CAPTAIN ROSSI:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Hurley*, 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 29th September, 1887. Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS:—
Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Correspondence in reference to the Removal of Quarantine Station at North Head.
 Ordered to be printed.
Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return showing the Names of the Trustees of the Devonshire-street Cemetery.
 Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Abstract of Alteration of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 Ordered to be printed.
4. OAKY PARK COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Oaky Park Coal-mining Company (Limited) to construct a line of Railway from land near Eskbank belonging to the said Company and to connect the same with the Great Western Railway,*"—read a first time.
5. RABBIT PEST SUPPRESSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Garrett* 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 repeal the "Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883," and to make better provision for the suppression of the rabbit pest.
 Question put and passed.
6. CONVERSION INTO MINING CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION 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 remove doubts which have arisen respecting the validity of the conversion of Conditional Purchases applied for under the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861' into Mining Conditional Purchases under the 19th section of that Act.*"
 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 remove doubts which have arisen respecting the validity of the conversion of Conditional Purchases applied for under the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861' into Mining Conditional Purchases under the 19th section of that Act,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th February, 1888.
7. FUEL BILL:—*Mr. Alfred Allen* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the Sale and Delivery of Fuel,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 21st February.
8. SYDNEY HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) *Mr. Garrard* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the supply of motive power on the high pressure hydraulic system for use on wharves, in warehouses, and other buildings, and for the extinguishing of fires and other purposes, in the city of Sydney and its Suburbs.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) *Mr. Garrard* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to facilitate the supply of motive power on the high pressure hydraulic system for use on wharves in warehouses and other buildings and for the extinguishing of fires and other purposes in the City of Sydney and its Suburbs,*"—read a first time.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Stokes* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to call attention to the unsatisfactory administration of the Land Laws by the "Minister for Lands."
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Stokes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.

Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Croer,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. McEithone,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Hayes.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Stevenson,	

Noes, 35.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. William Clarke.
Mr. Garland,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Rylie,	
Mr. Want,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. ROCKDALE MUNICIPALITY RE-NAMING 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 alter the designation of the Municipal District of West Botany*,"—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, 9th February, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

ROCKDALE MUNICIPALITY RE-NAMING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 9th February, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Omit "designation" insert "name"*
Page 1, Preamble, line 1. *Omit "designation" insert "name"*
Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *Omit "designation and"*
Page 1, clause 1, line 9. *Omit "designation and"*
Page 1, clause 2, line 12. *Omit "Renaming" insert "Naming"*
Page 1, clause 2, line 12. *Omit "7" insert "8"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that late yesterday he placed in the hands of the Honorable G. B. Simpson the offer of the Office of Attorney-General, and that, after taking some hours for consideration, he had accepted that Office.
12. PUBLIC WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—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.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 1888, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lands resumed for Railway purposes:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the return of lands resumed for railway purposes, &c., be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will presently lay the return upon the Table of the House.

- (2.) Thefts of Workmen's Tools:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the return of prosecutions for thefts of workmen's tools, promised by the Premier some months ago, be laid upon the Table?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Honorable Member is slightly in error in supposing that any Return was moved for or positively promised. I find that this is the record of what took place:—

“ 10 NOVEMBER, 1887.

- “(4.) Thefts of Workmen's Tools:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

“(1.) How many complaints have been made to the police of thefts of workmen's tools during the last two years?

“(2.) How many prosecutions have been initiated by the police during a like period for such offences?

“(3.) How many convictions have been obtained?

“Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the police authorities that it would occupy a considerable time to obtain a Return of this nature throughout the Colony; but if the Honorable Member will be satisfied with a Return limited to the City of Sydney, I will endeavour to have it prepared.”

The Honorable Member, as far as I recollect, never intimated whether he desired that Return or not, and it was never moved for. If the Honorable Member wishes for such a Return as that it will be prepared.

- (3.) Railway Accident at Peat's Ferry:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the papers *in re* the Peat's Ferry accident be laid upon the Table?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay in the production of these papers?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—All settlements in this matter are not yet completed, and the papers are therefore withheld for the present.

- (4.) Case of J. A. H. Poulton:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he state if any steps, and what, have been taken in the case of J. A. H. Poulton, who was sentenced by the Molong Bench to two months' imprisonment in Orange Gaol?

(2.) Is he still a confinee in the Orange Gaol; if not, will he state where he is, and upon what ground he is now being detained, seeing that his sentence has expired?

(3.) Have any steps (during the recess) been taken to test the state of his mind, either at Orange, Bathurst, or in Sydney; if so, what has been the result of the examination and inquiry?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that Poulton has been certified to be insane at Bathurst Gaol, and was transferred to the Hospital for the Insane at Parramatta, on the 27th January last.

- (5.) Friezework in George-street:—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is the friezework for telegraphic purposes in George-street yet in use?

(2.) If not,—as in answer to Question No. 7, 7th October, 1887, it was said that at the time the Colonial Architect was responsible for the delay, and again in answer to Question No. 10, of the 8th November, 1887, that its not being used was consequent on the delay of the iron founder in furnishing certain iron fittings,—Will the Postmaster please to say who is responsible for its not being in use at this time?

(3.)

- (3.) How many times has these friezework been painted since its erection, on what dates, and at what cost each time?
- (4.) Has he yet received the report, giving the opinion of English experts in reference to the price of the cable purchased for this friezework?
- (5.) How much of the cable purchased for this work in July, 1885, is at present in use, and how much in store?
- (6.) What is the condition of the unused portion?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Until the new operating room is completed at the General Post Office, it is considered inexpedient to connect the cable system. The cables are now all ready for connection.
- (3.) Twice; first when it was erected, the second time somewhat recently. It will be a matter of difficulty to state the cost, because it was done by men belonging to the Sydney repairing gang, at times when they could be detached for the purpose.
- (4.) Not yet.
- (5.) About 2 miles are fixed upon the friezework, and about a mile is in store.
- (6.) Perfectly good.

(6.) Multiple-cable purchased by Electric Telegraph Department:—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) How much multiple-cable for telephonic purposes has been purchased by the Electric Telegraph Department since 1st January, 1884?
- (2.) On what date was each lot ordered, by whose authority, and on whose recommendation, and whether by order or tender?
- (3.) By whom was each lot supplied, at what price, and upon what dates?
- (4.) Which of these lots has been used; and for what purposes?
- (5.) Which have not been used; for what reason, and where is it at present stored?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I shall directly place a Return upon the Table that has been furnished by the Superintendent of Telegraphs, which will supply all the information needed, except as regards question 4. In regard to this, it is, I am informed, not possible to identify each piece of cable which has been used with the particular lot of cable that has been from time to time purchased.

(7.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Broken Hill:—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the unsatisfactory arrangements in connection with the Post and Telegraph Offices at Broken Hill, and the public inconvenience arising therefrom?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs, recently visited that place with two assistant electricians and two additional operators for the purpose of properly organizing the telegraphic department there?
- (3.) How many days were these officers absent from Sydney respectively, and how many days were they at Broken Hill?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Immediately my attention was drawn to the extraordinary pressure of business that had arisen at this place, I took steps to meet it, by authorizing the employment of extra assistance and certain alterations, &c., to be made to the temporary building, pending the erection of a permanent office, which action, I believe, has relieved the difficulty.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The officers in question were absent from Sydney as follows:—The Superintendent of Telegraphs, thirty-two days; and the two assistant electricians, twenty-four days and thirty days respectively. The operators have remained in the district. The Superintendent was eleven days at Broken Hill, and one assistant electrician fourteen days. The other electrician was seven days at Menindie.

(8.) Tramway to Field of Mars:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it likely that tenders will be called for the construction of the tramway to the Field of Mars?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This matter will be dealt with in the proposed scheme for transferring the management and construction of tramways from Government to private control.

(9.) Road from Gunnedah to Barraba:—Mr. Day, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) On what date was Mr. Road-Superintendent Cox instructed by the Commissioner for Roads to report upon the expenditure on the road from Gunnedah to Barraba so as to make it trafficable?
- (2.) Why has that report not yet been made?
- (3.) When will it be made?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) On 3rd August, 1887; 2nd November, 1887; 7th February, 1888.
- (2.) The local officer has not yet been able to visit the locality.
- (3.) In about a week.

(10.) Colo Valley Railway:—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will he lay upon the Table of this House Mr. Townsend's report on the Colo Valley survey?
- (2.) When will the continuation of the said survey to the point of convergence with the Western Line be proceeded with?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) A report has been received from Mr. Townsend; but it is incomplete, and he has been requested to supply additional information.
- (2.) The question will be considered when Mr. Townsend's final report is received.

- (11.) Lock-up, Gladesville:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it intended to erect a lock-up and quarters at Gladesville; if so, can he say when it is likely the work will be proceeded with?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that it will no doubt be necessary, within a short time, to erect a lock-up at Gladesville on the site provided; but he has not yet made any recommendation, there being many more pressing requirements.

- (12.) Telegraph Office, Gladesville:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Postmaster General,—
 (1.) Is he aware that, although the public have been provided with telegraphic communication for some time past at Gladesville, there is now no office nearer than Hunter's Hill where telegrams can be received and despatched?
 (2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view of establishing a public office at Gladesville?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Finding that after certain hours in the day the telegraph office at Gladesville was not available to the public, I recently sanctioned arrangements under which the telegraphic business will be performed by the postmistress at that place.
 (2.) This arrangement will, I believe, meet all public requirements at Gladesville.

- (13.) Agricultural Schools and Model Farms:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does the Government propose to introduce (as promised by the Governor's Address on the opening of this Session) the measures for establishing Agricultural Schools and Model Farms?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce measures of this kind; but we do not think we can introduce them until more progress has been made with the measures already before Parliament.

- (14.) Sewerage of Western Suburbs:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the report and plans of Mr. G. H. Stayton, C.E., on the sewerage of the western suburbs of Sydney be laid before the House, and will sufficient copies of the same be printed and issued for the use of public bodies and others interested in the question?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table the report referred to, with a small sketch plan.

- (15.) Sewerage of Western Suburbs, &c.:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) When is it intended to commence the sewerage works for the western and Illawarra suburbs?
 (2.) Is he aware that owing to the delay in these works, Cook's River is being polluted and rendered noxious to health through the drainage and sewerage of adjacent suburbs being led into it?
 (3.) Will he, in the interests of public health, cause the works to be undertaken without delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) It is intended to give the local bodies and the public time to consider and discuss the question before any resolution is come to.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) With as little delay as is consistent with proper consideration of so large a project.

- (16.) Land at Kurnell, Botany Bay:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) What steps (if any) has he taken to secure to the public the land at Kurnell, where Captain Cook landed for the first and only time on the shores of this Colony?
 (2.) What has been the result of such action (if any)?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I have not been able to make any direct communication with Mr. Holt with regard to this particular site. I have been making inquiries, and I shall be in a position to communicate direct with Mr. Holt, who is in England, by the next outgoing mail.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—General Rules under the Bankruptcy Act of 1887.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Further Amended Regulation No. 164, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Information respecting Multiple-cable purchased for Telephonic Purposes.
 (2.) Report of Mr. G. H. Stayton, M. Inst. C.E., on the Sewerage and Drainage of the Western Suburbs.
 (3.) Return to an Order made on 27th October, 1887—"Land Resumed for Railway and Tramway Purposes."
 Ordered to be printed.

3. ELECTRIC-LIGHT APPARATUS PURCHASED BY GOVERNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all electric-light apparatus purchased by the Government on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Telegraphs or any other person, giving the dates on which purchased, the time of delivery, the names of the makers of the dynamos and lamps and other plant connected therewith, the names of the persons supplying the same, and the authority under which each plant was purchased, the use to which it was intended to be put when recommended, the use actually made of it, its present condition and position, stating whether in actual use or merely stored.
 Question put and passed.

4. ELECTRIC LIGHTING OF MACQUARIE LIGHTHOUSE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Colonial Architect or any officer of his Department and the Superintendent of Telegraphs in relation to the electric lighting of the Macquarie Lighthouse at South Head.
 Question put and passed.

5. OAKEY PARK COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Hurley*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Oakey Park Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Sutherland*, *Mr. Frank Farnell*, *Mr. Henson*, *Mr. Walker*, *Mr. Lyne*, *Mr. Stevenson*, *Mr. Colls*, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
6. SYDNEY HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Garrard* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Sydney Hydraulic Power Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Lyne*, *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Hassall*, *Mr. Kethel*, *Mr. Lees*, *Mr. Sutherland*, *Mr. Wall*, *Mr. Hawthorne*, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
7. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by *Mr. Garrett*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—
- (1.) Rabbit Pest Suppression Bill:—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 32.*
Governor.
- 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 repeal the "Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883," and to make better provision for the suppression of the rabbit pest.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 10th February, 1888.
- (2.) Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Bill:—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 33.*
Governor.
- 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 payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 10th February, 1888.
- Ordered, that the Messages be printed and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the respective Bills.
8. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL:—*Mr. Garrett* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties,*"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 16th March.
9. CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS:—*Mr. Stokes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on the claim of Charles Stevens, brought up on the 3rd June, 1887, be now adopted.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
10. DEVONSHIRE-STREET CEMETERY:—*Mr. Day* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the interest of public health, this House is of opinion that no more burials should be allowed to take place in the Devonshire-street Cemetery, and that the Minister of Justice should grant no more permits under any circumstances for interments, whether in vaults or graves, within the boundaries of the said cemetery.
- Debate ensued.
- Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
11. WHALING ROAD, NORTH SHORE:—*Mr. Levien* 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 a certain road called the Whaling Road at St. Leonards.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Ives*, *Mr. Dowel*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Hurley*, *Mr. Haynes*, *Mr. Frank Farnell*, *Mr. Toohey*, *Mr. Frank Smith*, *Mr. Garrett*, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the report from Select Committee of Session 1883-84 be referred to such Committee.
- Question put and passed.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes before Six o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1888.

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

ELECTION PETITION (Paddington).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to him from Charles Hellmrich, of Paddington, near Sydney, representing that at the recent Election for Paddington, William Johnston Allen, Edward J. H. Knapp, Charles Hellmrich, and Charles Stuart Cansdell were candidates for election; and alleging that at some of the polling-booths, votes were declared informal which were not informal, and should have been counted in favour of Petitioner; that the ballot-papers were wrongly counted at some of the polling-booths, whereby a larger number of votes were made to appear to be given in favour of the said William Johnston Allen than were so given; that the Returning Officer declared the said William Johnston Allen to be duly elected; and praying that this Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the return of the said William Johnston Allen may be declared null and void; that a scrutiny of all ballot-papers should be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; that it may be declared that the said William Johnston Allen was not lawfully elected; that it may be declared that Petitioner was duly elected; and that such further order and determination may be made in the premises as may be just.

Ordered, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; and that the Committee having adjourned *sine die*, the Chairman be empowered to summon the Committee, and fix the time and place for meeting.

2. **VACANT SEAT.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter (which he read to the House) from William John Foster, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Newtown

Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Seat of, William John Foster, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Newtown, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said William John Foster.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

3. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.**—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Albert John Gould, Esquire, to be a Member of 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

Albert John Gould, Esquire,

“being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, “in the room of William John Foster, Esquire, whose Seat in the said Assembly was declared “vacant this day, by reason of the resignation thereof.

“Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,
Sydney, this 14th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and eighty-eight.

“JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
“Speaker.”

4. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Mr. Manning, Coroner at Ryde :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is his decision in the case of Mr. Manning, Coroner at Ryde, whose conduct was brought under his notice some time since in connection with the Ryde arson case ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A decision has been arrived at in this case, after very careful examination of the whole of the papers. That decision has not been communicated to Mr. John Manning, and obviously it ought not to be made public until it has been. I will lay the papers upon the Table in a day or two, giving the particulars and the decision arrived at by the Government.

- (2.) Rifle Clubs :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he received any report from Major-General Richardson with reference to establishing rifle clubs in the different centres of population throughout the Colony ?

(2.) If so, is it his intention to carry out the scheme recommended, and has he any objection to lay the report upon the Table of the House ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes; the question of the formation of rifle clubs has often been under my notice, and it will be carried out; but, like everything else, it takes time to carry it out in a proper manner.

- (3.) Billiard Licenses, District of Marrickville :—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Minister of Justice,—The number of billiard licenses now in existence in the district of Marrickville ?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—There are four billiard licenses now in existence in the Municipality of Marrickville.

- (4.) Planting Trees on Forest Reserves :—Mr. Kethel asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have the Government planted any cedar or other valuable indigenous timber trees of the Colony on any of the State forests or forest reserves of the Colony ?

(2.) If so, on what reserves has such planting been done, the description and number of trees planted, the date of planting, and the present condition of the plantations ?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue, or to extend the system of planting indigenous timber trees to other forest reserves, in order to replace the original trees now becoming rapidly exhausted ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I will lay a detailed answer, in writing, to the honorable gentleman's questions upon the Table, and will move that it be printed.

- (5.) Railway Platform at Eveleigh :—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the railway platform at Eveleigh has been covered with ashes and cinders ?

(2.) Will he take steps to have the covering removed and asphalt substituted ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) These platforms are very extensive, and the cost of asphaltting would therefore be considerable. No real inconvenience is experienced, but when the traffic increases the platforms will be asphalted.

- (6.) Deaths while under influence of Chloroform :—Mr. Lees, for Mr. Withers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of deaths that have taken place when the person has been under the influence of chloroform during the years 1885, 1886, and 1887 ?

(2.) The date and number of inquests on persons who died while under chloroform during the same years ?

(3.) Name of coroner or magistrate who held the inquests ?

(4.) Nature of verdict in each case ?

(5.) Locality of deaths ?

(6.) Name of places where inquests were held ?

(7.) Name of each deceased ?

(8.) Names of the doctor or doctors present when the chloroform was administered ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed that it will take a considerable time to obtain this information, and it is questionable whether the information when obtained will be worth the time and the trouble. If, however, the honorable gentleman desires it, I think he had better move for a Return, as the information can only be given in that way.

- (7.) Overtime Work, Lands Department :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many clerks are employed on overtime work, and what amount per hour is paid to them, and what is the weekly cost of overtime work per week ?

(2.) The names of the clerks employed on overtime work, and rates paid per hour to each of them ?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the clerks who are being paid for overtime work do very little work in the day-time ?

(4.) Is it not a fact that the overtime payment will amount to nearly as much as the whole of the salaries of the clerks he dismissed ?

(5.) Will he issue regulations to compel all clerks and officials to work from 9 to 6, being the time clerks in merchants' offices have to work ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) No clerks are employed on overtime work at present.

(2.) A Return has been prepared, showing the names of officers employed on overtime work during 1887, the number of hours each was engaged, and the amount each received, and will shortly be laid upon the Table.

(3.) No.

(4.) No; the overtime in 1887 cost £1,320 7s. 9d., whilst the saving in salaries amounted to nearly £50,000 per annum.

(5.) This is a matter dealt with under the Civil Service Regulations.

(8.) Mr. W. Pritchard's purchase of Frontage to Parramatta River:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was Mr. W. Pritchard allowed to purchase two portions of the 100 feet reserve fronting the waters of the Parramatta River, such portions of land abutting on to his land?

(2.) If so, when was he allowed to purchase it, how many feet was he allowed to purchase, the price paid per foot for it, and who valued the land?

(3.) Is he aware that a valuable wharf, costing a large sum of money, was erected fronting one portion of reserve sold to Mr. Pritchard?

(4.) Was Mr. Pritchard allowed to take this wharf; if so, what did he pay for it, and what did it cost the Government?

(5.) If Mr. Pritchard has not been allowed to buy any part of reserve mentioned, what other persons have bought any since this Government came into office?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes; the reservation was 66 feet.

(2.) 2nd September, 1887; 336½ feet; 6s. 5d. per foot, or at the rate of £101 per acre. The value was fixed in the office as a set-off against the claim of Mr. Pritchard against the Government for use for nine years of his land outside the reservation.

(3.) No; the wharf was not known to be on the land, but is shown to be on the adjoining block, 26, which belongs to the Government.

(4.) No.

(5.) The rest of the 66-foot reservation was sold some few years back at the rate of less than £10 per acre, including the blocks immediately adjoining on the south-east of the allotments referred to in the first part of this question.

(9.) Officers of District Engineer's Staff, Bathurst:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Why are the officers of the District Engineer's staff at Bathurst not allowed to participate in local proclaimed public holidays, the same as other Civil Servants?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The conditions of employment are not the same. The officers, however, can take the holidays if they think proper to do so, on the same terms as the workmen.

(10.) New Gaol at Bathurst:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Minister of Justice,—When it is the intention of the Government to open the new gaol at Bathurst?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—There are difficulties in regard to the full occupation of the new prison; but it is the intention of the Comptroller-General of Prisons to proceed to Bathurst at an early date, in order to determine whether a partial occupation is desirable.

(11.) Produce Depôt, Darling Harbour:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the contractor for the Produce Depôt at Darling Harbour signed his contract, when is he going to commence the work, and what date is specified for the completion of the same?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Although the formal contract has not been signed, the work has been commenced and is well in hand. It is to be completed by the 13th June next.

(12.) Land Resumed at, and Railway Fares to, Peat's Ferry:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the area of land resumed for railway purposes at Peat's Ferry, and how is it intended to be utilized?

(2.) When will the erection of a station-master's residence be proceeded with?

(3.) Can he inform the House why 9s. 1d. is charged for a return ticket from Peat's Ferry to Sydney, and only 5s. for a return ticket from Sydney to Peat's Ferry; and is he aware that fraud can be committed by a person purchasing the tickets in Sydney and retailing them at Peat's Ferry, the single fare from the latter place being more than the return ticket purchased in Sydney.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The area is 13 acres 2 roods 23 perches. Some of it is being used directly in connection with the railway. A portion of the land was resumed to provide accommodation for storing material used in the construction of the Hawkesbury Bridge, &c. The contractors for the bridge, however, have secured another site for the purpose.

(2.) When the bridge is completed.

(3.) To enable persons from the metropolis—the great centre of population—to visit the Hawkesbury at excursion rates—the same reason which induces the granting of extra cheap fares from Sydney to the Mountains and to the National Park. It is admitted that dishonest persons can commit fraud by having tickets sent to them from Sydney; but the population at these remote places is so small, and the penalty for the transgression of the kind so large, that the risk of malpractices is very slender.

(13.) Horses purchased by Electric Telegraph Department:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Wall, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) How many horses were purchased by the Electric Telegraph Department for use in Sydney and suburbs during 1887?

(2.) From what persons were they purchased, at what price each, on what dates, by whose recommendation, and on what authority?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Ten.

(2.) Brown Brothers & Co., five—£10 each; M. Maloney, four—£10 each; H. Pottic, one—£10. Brown Brothers, 31st May, 1887; M. Maloney, 30th September, 1887; H. Pottic, 8th December, 1887. Purchased on the authority of the Superintendent to replace those sold under the authority of the Postmaster General.

- (14.) The "Gulcher" Electric Machine:—Mr. Thompson asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) When will he be enabled to complete the Return relating to the "Gulcher" electric light machine ordered by this House on 15th November last, by laying upon the Table the particulars submitted by Mr. George Hardie, the recommendation of the Superintendent of Telegraphs as to the purchase and intended use of the machine, the inventory and certificate of the Electric Light Engineer who is said to have received it, a report from the person in whose charge it now is as to its present condition, with an inventory; also, an explanation from Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell as to his reason for recommending the purchase of a machine which has been left unused for nearly four years, and full information as to the Gramme machine which a note (only added to the voucher on 15th December last) says was included in this purchase, and any other papers omitted from the original Return?
- (2.) If these papers are now to hand, will he require an explanation from Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell, and lay it upon the Table with the former missing papers?
- Mr. Roberts answered,—I will presently lay a Return upon the Table.
- (15.) Public Park for Wee Waa:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will he have the public park for Wee Waa dedicated and trustees appointed?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—An area of 5 acres 3 roods 8 perches was dedicated for public recreation by *Gazette* notice of 2nd December last. The appointment of trustees is now being proceeded with.
- (16.) Stock Acts—Bathurst-burr:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it intended to deal this Session with a Bill to consolidate the Stock Acts, and to make provision for the destruction of the Bathurst-burr and other noxious weeds?
- Mr. Abigail answered,—The new Stock and Pastures Bill is ready, but the state of the public business will not permit of proceeding with so important a subject just at present; but so soon as a favourable opportunity occurs it will be placed before Parliament.
- (17.) Conditional Purchase Case—George Millgate *v.* the Hon. John Smith:—Mr. Teece, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the additional papers in the case of George F. Millgate *v.* the Hon. John Smith, of Molong, *re* a disputed selection, be laid upon the Table of this House, the motion for the production of the papers having been sanctioned by this House several months since?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—To-morrow.
- (18.) Holidays in General Post Office:—Mr. Schey asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the staff in the Mails Branch of the General Post Office do not receive holidays and leave in accordance with section 41 of the Civil Service Act?
- (2.) Will the Postmaster General see that the provisions of the Act are properly carried out in regard to these officers?
- Mr. Roberts answered,—The clause quoted refers only to "officers"; and an "officer" is defined under the Civil Service Act as "any person holding office in the Civil Service, other than those mentioned in sections 7 and 8, &c." The large majority of persons employed in the Mail Branch are of the class mentioned in sections 7 and 8; but as far as possible the leave of absence provisions are applied to all alike in the Post Office, whether classified under the Act or not. As regards the 41st clause, however, the staff is not sufficiently strong to allow of all receiving the benefit of it; but a portion of a day is allowed to those who apply, in lieu of the attendance on a public holiday, when they can be spared.
- (19.) Payments to the Messrs. Kidman under Contracts:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The total amount of money paid under various contracts during the last twelve years, namely, since 1885, to Charles Kidman, Charles Kidman and Son, and to James Kidman, of Sydney?
- Mr. Burns answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be prepared and laid upon the Table as soon as possible. It will, I am told, take at least a month to collect the necessary details.
- (20.) Road near Mr. Fergusson's Selection, Belabula:—Mr. Teece, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) When will the road applied for by Petition over six months since from the inhabitants of the Belabula, near Canowindra, in the vicinity of Mr. Fergusson's selection, be available for the use of the general public?
- (2.) What is the cause of the delay in dealing with this road, seeing that it passes through a dangerous lagoon, and which subjects the travelling public to great inconvenience?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—A road was surveyed by Lands Department which passed through Mr. Fergusson's selection, against which objections were urged by Dr. Ross on behalf of Mr. Fergusson. The question of adopting the surveyed road or an alternative course suggested by Mr. Fergusson was, in November last, referred to the Department of Public Works for a report of the Commissioner and Engineer of Roads. Action in this office is suspended awaiting report.
5. CREMATION BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from David Buchanan, Barrister-at-Law, representing that the present practice of disposing of the dead by burial poisons the air, the water, and the land, and is prejudicial to the health and well-being of the community; that the process of cremation, as in operation in England and other countries, brings about the same result as burial—consumption of the body to ashes—but cremation consumes the body rapidly, while burial leaves it to go slowly through all the stages of loathsome corruption, thus endangering, in a serious degree, the health of the people; and praying that, for these and other reasons stated in the Petition, the House will pass this Bill.
- Petition received.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return of Timber planted in State Forests or Forest Reserves of the Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing all Outstanding Accounts in connection with Diamond Drills and Water Augers on 29th January, 1887, and 28th January, 1888.

(2.) Report of the Examiner of Coal-fields in connection with certain Charges made against him in the Legislative Assembly.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Order made on 15th November, 1887—“The ‘Gulcher’ Electric Machine.”

Ordered to be printed.

7. CLAIM OF MATTHEW M'IVOR TO A TIN-MINE AT PHEASANT'S CREEK:—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Claim of Matthew M'Ivor to a tin-mine at Pheasant's Creek, brought up on the 21st April, 1887, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. TOTALISATOR LEGALIZING BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to legalize an instrument called the Totalisator on racecourses.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. See,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Dawson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Burdekin,	

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Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Bowes.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,
Mr. McElhone.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO BROKEN HILL, SILVERTON, AND THE BARRIER RANGES:—Mr. Garland moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the incalculable mineral wealth and the rapid settlement and development of the far western portion of New South Wales, it is of the utmost importance that Broken Hill, Silverton, and the Barrier Ranges generally should be connected by rail with the eastern seaboard without delay.

(2.) That any railway policy submitted to Parliament should include a line from a suitable point on the Murrumburrah-Blayney loop-line to the Barrier silver-field, tapping, amongst other great centres, the important towns of Forbes, Condobolin, and Wilcannia, and thus opening up the magnificent land of the great Lachlan Valley and the whole of those vast tracts of country lying midway between the Great Western and the Great Southern lines which are now totally unprovided with railway communication.

(3.) That such line should be commenced and continued westward from the Murrumburrah-Blayney loop-line, westward and eastward from Wilcannia, and eastward from Broken Hill, simultaneously.

(4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

10. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws for Municipal District of Adamstown.

(2.) Amended By-laws for Borough of Newcastle.

(3.) Amended By-law for Municipal District of Taree.

(4.) By-laws, under Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875, for the Municipal District of Five Dock.

Ordered to be printed.

11. RECLAMATION OF NEUTRAL BAY AND CAREENING COVE:—Mr. Ives presented a Petition from certain Residents and Ratepayers on the North Shore, stating that the present insanitary condition of the mud flats exposed at low tides at the heads of Neutral Bay and Careening Cove is highly dangerous to the health of the people; and praying that steps may be taken to give immediate relief. Petition received.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bridge over Upper Murray River:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether any recent action has been taken by the Department in reference to the erection of a bridge over the Upper Murray?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I regret that I have not yet had this matter considered by the Cabinet. If the Honorable Member will ask the question in ten days time I will be prepared with a definite answer.

(2.) Bridge over Murray River at Mulwala:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether the Government will erect the proposed bridge over the Murray at Mulwala without delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Tenders for the amended design will be invited within a month.

(3.) Loan for Construction of Tramways:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to include in the next loan to be floated on the London market an amount to cover the cost of the construction of tramways?

Mr. Burns answered,—The necessary provision will be made in the next Loan Bill for any public work to be erected from loan funds which may be authorized by Parliament.

(4.) Sub-way at Alt-street, Ashfield:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the sub-way at Alt-street, Ashfield, be commenced?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Directly the Municipal Council of Ashfield signifies their concurrence in the plan which has been prepared to meet the conflicting interests of those interested in the sub-way.

(5.) Bridge over the Hunter River at Hillsborough:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Bruncker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether, in compliance with the terms of a reply given by the Secretary for Public Works to a deputation during last year, any action has been taken with regard to the selection of a suitable site for the construction of a bridge over the Hunter River, at Hillsborough?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Local Roads Officer has been instructed to forward section.

(6.) Railway and Tramway Employés:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the drivers and firemen on locomotives and motors received their annual increases, as per Commissioner's Regulations?

(2.) If not, will he state the reasons why such increases have not been given?

(3.) Is he aware that many of the firemen, drivers, and cleaners are, under the Regulations, entitled to an increase?

(4.) Is he aware that, in consequence of the promised annual increases, the men commence in the first instance at a low wage?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The annual increases were stopped by the Government of Sir Patrick Jennings. The question whether they are to be revived will receive early consideration.

(4.) No; I am not aware that this is the case.

(7.) Steam Launch "Mabel":—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the steam launch "Mabel," lately in the use of the Lunacy Department, was handed over to the New Guinea authorities by the Government; and, if so, by whose authority?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Some years ago a Government launch was lent to Admiral Moresby to assist in the survey of the New Guinea coast. Acting upon that precedent, Mr. Bevan, who is pretty well known for his discoveries in New Guinea, applied to the Government for the loan of a launch, and this particular launch was lent to him, as the Government considered, in the interests of discovery. The launch, I understand, is quite safe, and will be returned to the Government.

(8.)

(8.) Illawarra Railway—Loop-line to Wollongong :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. McMillan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How long is it since the Illawarra railway line was sufficiently extended to allow of direct communication with Wollongong by a loop-line connecting with one of the colliery lines?
- (2.) Does the Department intend to construct this loop-line and alter the bridges?
- (3.) If not, what is the objection to the scheme?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Nearly eight months.
- (2 and 3.) This matter is under consideration. I have only recently received communications from the Borough Council and the representative of the owner of the private line leading to Wollongong. The project is one involving considerable expense, and it is doubtful whether the whole of it should be borne by the Government.

(9.) Thefts of Workmen's Tools :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, a Return showing :—(1) How many complaints have been made to the police of thefts of workmen's tools during the last two years; (2) how many prosecutions have been initiated by the police during a like period for such offences; (3) how many convictions have been obtained;—this Return to be limited to the city of Sydney.
- (2.) Does he require such Return to be moved for, or will he now cause it to be supplied?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—If the Honorable Member thinks that this Return will be of value—I confess I do not see the value of it myself—I am quite willing to have it prepared, and to lay it upon the Table, confining it to the city of Sydney.

(10.) Railway Accident at Peat's Ferry :—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many claims in *re* the late Peat's Ferry accident are there still remaining unsettled, and what prospect is there of settlement?
- (2.) About what date does he expect to lay upon the Table the papers in *re* the late Peat's Ferry accident?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Nine claims are still unsettled, but are in a fair way of settlement.
- (2.) When the negotiations for settlement have been completed.

(11.) Assays made by Mining Department :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the number of assays required to be made by his Department has recently been enormously increased?
- (2.) Is he aware, in consequence of press of work, there is at times delay in furnishing results to the public?
- (3.) Will he take steps to prevent delay in future?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Steps will be at once taken to procure additional assistance, with a view to cope with the increase of work, and prevent delay.

(12.) Dredge for Tweed River :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will dredge for Tweed River, which has been in course of construction for past twelve months, be completed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Owing to pressure of other important works in connection with dredging plant, this matter has had to stand over; but the drawings are now in hand, and tenders will be invited in a month from this.

(13.) Improvement of Entrance to Richmond River :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When he expects to receive plans, report, &c., dealing with improvement of entrance to Richmond River, from Sir John Coode?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I cannot say definitely. The information required by Sir John Coode to enable him to prepare his plans and report was forwarded two months ago, so that the plans and report might be expected here about six or seven months from now.

(14.) Post and Telegraph Office, Stanmore :—Mr. Davis asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government pay £102 a year for rent of premises as a post and telegraph office at Stanmore?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the lease entered into between the Government and the owner of the said premises provides for the payment of municipal rates by the owner, which amount to only £3 7s. 6d.?
- (3.) Is it a fact that such rates have not been paid, and that the Council are unable to recover same, owing to the refusal of the owner to pay same?
- (4.) Will the Government take steps to compel the owner of the said premises to pay the rates now due to the Council, in terms of lease referred to?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) The rental is £104 per annum.
- (2.) The lease provides for the lessor paying "any sum due for rates and taxes." I cannot say what is the amount of rates claimed.
- (3.) This is not a matter which concerns my Department; but I may say that I have been informed that the Municipal Council has sued the owner, but failed to recover, as the building, being in the occupation of the Government, is exempt by law from taxation.
- (4.) My own opinion is that it is in no way the duty of the Government to interfere in the matter.

2. **ROBERT MUNFORD'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE AT MOLONG**:—Dr. Ross (*with the concurrence of the House*), moved, without Notice, That the Return to an Order, "Crown Lands—Robert Munford's Conditional Purchase," laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on the 29th June, 1887, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the subject.
Question put and passed.
3. **ATTORNEYS BILLS OF COSTS AND PRACTICE OF CONVEYANCING AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Slattery presented a Petition from certain Certificated Conveyancers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, praying the House to amend the first clause of this Bill, so that Conveyancers already admitted may continue to practice as such, notwithstanding the repeal of the 14th section of the Act 11 Victoria No. 33.
Petition received.
4. **REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL**:—Mr. Day, 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 20th December, 1887, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Day then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 6th March.
Question put and passed.
5. **MR. GEORGE ROBERT EDWARD FERGUSON**:—Mr. J. P. Abbott presented a Petition from George Robert Edward Fergusson, of Curragundi, representing that he entered into possession of a conditional lease under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, which he improved and stocked; that Mr. G. M. Pitt brought an action for trespasses alleged to have been committed on his run, being on the land occupied by the Petitioner as such conditional lease; that the Petitioner, in defending such action, incurred considerable expense and losses; that he had complied with the said Act and Regulations; and praying for such relief as to the House shall seem just.
Petition received.
6. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Further Return to an Order made on 12th October, 1887—"Conditional Purchase Case—George Millgate *v.* The Honourable John Smith."
(2.) Statement showing Amounts for Overtime to Officers of the Department of Lands during the year 1887.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 21st December, 1887—"Railway Traffic Inspectors Roberts and Crawford."
(2.) Return to an Order made on 18th October, 1887—"Railway, Cooma to Bombala."
(3.) Return to an Order made on the 12th October, 1887—"Bridge over the River Murray at Mulwala."
Ordered to be printed.
7. **PUBLIC WORKS 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 thirteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Road between Byrock and Gongolgon:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the road between Byrock and Gongolgon be surveyed?

Mr. Inglis answered,—Instructions for the survey of this road issued on 27th October last. The plan of the survey has not yet been received.

- (2.) Annual Returns under Friendly Societies Act:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Kethel, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that for many years past most, if not all, of the Friendly Societies in the Colony have, at considerable labour and expense, annually collected and compiled statistical returns of their finance, health, and mortality, and that these returns have been, year after year, sent in to the Registrar of Friendly Societies, in accordance with the requirements of the Friendly Societies Act?

(2.) Is he aware that these returns contain much valuable information relating to the operations and financial condition of those societies, which information would be of great service to the Members of this House, especially in view of the contemplated amendment of the Friendly Societies Act?

(3.) Will he cause these returns to be published and presented to Parliament, together with an annual report, according to the provisions of the Friendly Societies Act, and as is done by the Registrars in Great Britain and the adjoining Colonies?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will, in the course of a few days, obtain from the Registrar of Friendly Societies and the Government Statistician, reports dealing with the subject referred to, and will lay them upon the Table of this House.

- (3.) Reserve at Captain's Flat:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the date of the proclamation of the reserve at Captain's Flat, now known as the Vanderbilt Mine, upon which M'Neill and party applied for a mineral lease?

(2.) What was the date of the proclamation of the quarry reserve near the same land?

(3.) Was permission given to Holtermann and Lewis to take up a mineral lease on the reserve first mentioned, and refused to M'Neill and party, and on what ground?

(4.) Why were M'Neill and party not informed of the revocation of the travelling stock and quarry reserves, and did the Government retain their money and know they were the first applicants?

(5.) Why was the claim of Garland and party to the land referred to recognized as superior to that of M'Neill and party, and did the Government retain the money of the latter, and know they were prior applicants?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) 20th September, 1882.

(2.) 20th September, 1882.

(3.) Yes; because Holtermann and Lewis' application was made under the Mining Act Further Amendment Act, which provides for the granting of leases within reserves. M'Neill's first application was made under the Act of 1874, which does not provide for granting leases in such reserves. M'Neill's second application was refused because it conflicted with a mineral conditional purchase.

(4.)

(4.) The quarry reserve has not been revoked, and I am not aware of the existence of the travelling stock reserve referred to. Notice was at once sent to M'Neill and party that their application had been refused, but they did not avail themselves of the information so given; and after the land had been open some three months to be taken up by anybody, Mr. Garland applied for it.

(5.) M'Neill and party were not the prior applicants for the land after it became available.

(4.) Mining at Captain's Flat:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has Mr. John Hurley, M.P., or any person representing him, applied for leave to mine under the township at Captain's Flat?

(2.) Is he aware that the granting of this permission might entail injury to the property of residents at Captain's Flat, with consequent compensation from the Government for the losses thus sustained?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) No such application by Mr. John Hurley, M.P.; but an application (section 28) by Wm. Hurley and J. Holman has been made to mine for silver under 20 acres of portion 71, parish Ballallaba, county Murray, within village reserve 2,083, and reserve 40, under section 26 of the Mining Act of 1874. The application has been referred to the Lands Department and to the Warden for reports as to objections, if any.

(2.) No; but the application will not be granted till reports have been received concerning injury to property.

(5.) Payment of Interest and Instalments in various Land Districts:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amounts of interest and instalments have been paid in the various Land Districts throughout the Colony for the year 1887?

(2.) If more convenient, will he lay the above information, in the shape of a Return, upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Burns answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table as a Return as soon as practicable, but it will take considerable time for its preparation.

(6.) Destruction of Noxious Weeds:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill dealing with that important question, namely, the destruction of burrs, black thistles, and other noxious weeds, which are becoming so prevalent, and as great a nuisance throughout the interior of the Colony as the rabbit pest?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Yes; provision has been made in the Stock and Pastures Bill to deal with Bathurst-burr and all other noxious weeds, and so soon as a favourable opportunity occurs the Bill will be placed before Parliament, as stated on the 14th instant in reply to a question by the Honorable Member for The Namoi.

(7.) Volunteer Corps at Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When was the Volunteer Corps at Molong last inspected, and did it pass at the last inspection?

(2.) Is the Drill Instructor likely to resume his duties at Molong; if so, when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) The Corps passed an unsatisfactory inspection on the 10th of January last, and it was warned that if a manifest improvement was not shown at next inspection it would be classed as non-efficient, consequent upon which steps would be taken for its disbandment.

(2.) A Drill Instructor has been detailed to attend the next parade; but it has been found a waste of money to keep an Instructor at Molong to drill recruits, as they have failed to give a proper attendance.

(8.) Road, Cudal to Davy's Plains and Cargo, *via* Tapp's:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the road from Cudal to Davy's Plains and Cargo, *via* Tapp's, be opened for the convenience of the public?

(2.) What is the cause of delay in dealing with this matter, and will he state this long pending grievance will be finally settled?

Mr. Inglis answered,—There has been no unnecessary delay in opening this road. A plan of the survey has been received and is being dealt with, and the necessary steps for preliminary notification will be taken as soon as possible.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 13th December, 1887—"Steam Tug Service."

(2.) Amended Rates and Charges for Lightering, Delivering, and Storing of Explosives. Ordered to be printed.

3. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the name of Mr. Gould be added to the Standing Orders Committee.
Question put and passed.

4. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. J. P. Abbott (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the name of Mr. Thompson be added to the Select Committee on Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill.
Question put and passed.

5. PUBLIC WORKS 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 Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to constitute the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and to amend the 'Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880' and for other purposes,*"—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 February, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th February, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Preamble, lines 7 to 9. *Omit* "until the said scheme has been reported complete, pursuant to the said Act, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage cannot lawfully be constituted as by the said Act provided and"

Page 1, Preamble, line 10. *Omit* "notwithstanding the non-completion of the said scheme"

Page 1, Preamble, line 10. *Omit* "said" second occurring.

Page 1, Preamble, line 11. *After* "Board" *insert* "of Water Supply and Sewerage"

Page 1, clause 1, line 19. *Omit* "7" *insert* "8"

Page 2, clause 2, line 7. *Before* "one" *insert* "fourth and"

Page 2, clause 3, line 14. *Omit* "first day of February" *insert* "twenty-second day of March"

Page 2, clause 3, line 19. *Omit* "first"

Page 2, clause 3, line 34. *After* "elections" *omit* remainder of clause.

Page 2, clause 4, line 39. *Before* "elections" *insert* "first"

Page 2, clause 4, line 39. *Omit* "s" from "elections"

Page 2, clause 4, line 39. *Omit* "mentioned in the last preceding section of this Act"

Page 2, clause 4, line 42. *Omit* "February" *insert* "March"

Page 2, clause 4, line 45. *Before* "The" *insert* "Only"

Page 2, clause 4, lines 48 and 49. *Omit* "all subsequent"

Page 3, clause 7, line 20. *Omit* "all the Members of"

Page 3, clause 8, line 26. *After* "publication" *insert* "all provisions of the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879,' and of any other Act inconsistent with this or the Principal Act shall to the extent of such inconsistency be repealed; and upon such publication as aforesaid, and by virtue of this Act alone"

Page 3, clause 8, line 37. *After* "whatsoever" *insert* "and"

Page 3, clause 8, line 41. *After* "Sydney" *insert* "and occupied and used for purposes of water supply"

Page 3, clause 8, line 41. *Omit* "were" *insert* "was"

Page 4, clause 8, line 16. *After* "Board" *omit* remainder of clause.

Page 4, clause 8. *After* clause 8 *insert* the following new clause:—

"9. Such officers of the engineering and administrative staff of the Water Department of the Council of the said city as the Minister shall recommend, together with a Secretary and Engineer to the Board, may, notwithstanding anything in the twenty-eighth section of the Principal Act, be appointed to be officers of the Board by the Governor; and the persons so appointed shall be deemed for all purposes to have been appointed under the authority and within the meaning of the said section."

As to Officers of
Water Depart-
ment of City
Council, &c.

Page 4, Schedule, line 35. *Omit* "First"

Page 4, Schedule. *After* "The Glebe" *insert* "Granville"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

(2.) Conversion into Mining Conditional Purchases Validation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to remove doubts which have arisen respecting the validity of the conversion of Conditional Purchases applied for under the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861' into Mining Conditional Purchases under the 19th section of that Act,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th February, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CONVERSION

CONVERSION INTO MINING CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 16th February, 1888.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2, line 22. Omit "7" insert "8"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

7. 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 next.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at sixteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Three o'clock.JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Samuel Hawthorne:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is a person named Samuel Hawthorne employed in his office; if so, what salary is down on the 1888 Estimates for him, and when was he appointed to the Service?
 - (2.) What are the names of all other clerks in his office who get lower salaries than Hawthorne, and the dates of their appointments?
 - (3.) What salary did Hawthorne receive when he was appointed, and what salary has he received each year since he entered the Service?
 - (4.) Is he a brother to Mr. Hawthorne, the Member for Balmain?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes; a salary of £350 per annum has been placed on the Estimates of 1888 for Mr. Hawthorne. He was first appointed to the Public Service on the 25th September, 1882.

- (2.) J. Rainsford, £300 per annum, 15 September, 1874.

R. M'Diarmid, £270	„	1 November, 1870.
W. Stafford, £260	„	9 April, 1883.
M. Macfarlane, £250	„	1 November, 1884.
H. H. Connell, £220	„	1 July, 1883.
J. L. Williams, £180	„	1 July, 1884.
J. J. Kingsmill, £160	„	8 December, 1885.
J. Brassington, £150	„	1 September, 1882.
W. F. Marks, £100	„	5 August, 1886.

- (3.) When first appointed, Mr. Hawthorne received £183 per annum; from 1st October, 1884, £200 per annum; from 1st January, 1885, £220 per annum—the difference being the increment under the Civil Service Act; from 1st January, 1886, £240 per annum—the difference in this instance being also the increment under the Civil Service Act; from 1st July, 1887, £300 per annum upon appointment to charge of Records.

(4.) Yes. It may be mentioned that when the late Under Secretary left the Department, a careful and necessary reorganization of the office was effected upon the recommendation of his successor. Mr. Hawthorne was selected on account of his special fitness to take charge of the records at the salary of £300 in succession to Mr. Chisholm, who received £440. Experience has so far justified the choice.

- (2.) The Unemployed:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that about three weeks ago an order was issued by the Unemployed Labour Bureau that all gangs of the unemployed at the National Park had to draw and pay for eight men's rations, whether there were eight men in a gang or not; and, in consequence of this, a large amount of rations are lost, which the men have to pay for?

(2.) Is he aware that the bread supplied to these men is very bad?

(3.) Is he aware that the meat supplied to the men is very often unfit for food; and, in consequence of this, the men are often left for days without meat?

(4.) How often does Mr. John Davies visit the relief works; and is it a fact that he seldom visits the works, except on pay-days, on which pay-days the quality of bread, meat, &c., supplied to the men is superior to that supplied at other times?

(5.) Is Mr. John Davies allowed his expenses; if so, how much is he allowed per day, and what sum has he been paid since his appointment as Chairman of the Labour Bureau?

(6.) Are other members of the said Board allowed expenses; if so, how much per day, and what sum has been paid to each of them?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Chairman of the Casual Labour Board:—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No ; the men have never been one day without meat.
- (4.) Mr. John Davies visits the various relief works on other days besides the pay-days, and on all occasions he has found the bread, meat, &c., of the very best quality.
- (5.) No allowance has been made to Mr. John Davies up to date, and nothing has been paid him.
- (6.) No allowance has been made to the other members of the Board up to date. Colonel F. Wells has been refunded the sum of £15 16s., being the amount of travelling expenses paid out of pocket by him.

(3.) Water Reservoir near Cobar:—*Mr. Stokes*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it true that a large sum has been spent in making a reservoir near Cobar to supply the town with water ; but that, for want of a comparatively small additional outlay in laying pipes from the reservoir to the town, the expenditure already made is useless ?
- (2.) Is he aware that for want of the work indicated the people are compelled to drink most impure water ?
- (3.) Will the Government take steps to have the work done ?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) The Cobar reservoir has been constructed ; but on account of the decrease in the mining industry, the extra expense for laying pipes from the reservoir to the town was not incurred, pending a revival of business and a demand for the water.
- (2.) The Local Roads Officer reports there is abundance of water of the same quality as has been in use for years. The town tank is nearly full, the "Company's" dam has over 12 feet of water in it, and private tanks are well supplied, so that the town tank is only used for washing, &c.
- (3.) If it should be found, on further inquiry, that the work is necessary and remunerative, it will be done.

(4.) Bourke Town Common:—*Mr. Stokes*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it true that the rabbit-proof fence from Bourke to Barrangun is constructed in such a way that it cuts off a large part of the Bourke town Common, and leaves it of no use to the townspeople ?
- (2.) If so, will he take steps to have the fence altered so as to leave the whole of the Common available for the townspeople.

Mr. Garrett answered,—Yes ; it was so constructed under erroneous instructions given by the officer superintending the work. The matter is now receiving consideration.

(5.) Railway Policy of the Government:—*Mr. Stokes*, for Mr. Cooke, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are the towns of Forbes and Parkes included in the railway policy now under consideration by the Government ?

Mr. Inglis answered,—My honorable colleague regrets that he can give no information until the railway policy of the Government is explained to Parliament.

(6.) Narrabri Railway Station:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The increase of tonnage and number of bales of wool, and amount earned at Narrabri railway station, for years 1886 and 1887, showing the increase for 1887 over 1886 ?

Mr. Inglis answered,—The information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House.

(7.) Reserves made in 1886 and 1887:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many reserves, and the total acreage thereof, were made during the year 1887 ?
- (2.) The same with respect to 1886 ?
- (3.) How many reserves, and the total acreage, were cancelled during each of the abovenamed years ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) 1,811, for an area of 1,755,833 acres.
- (2.) 1,377, for an area of 1,504,489 acres.
- (3.) In 1887, 1,346 were revoked, representing an area of 1,428,296 acres. In 1886, 1,995 were revoked, representing an area of 2,376,289 acres.

(8.) Road, St. Albans to Mount Manning:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the trustees of the road leading from St. Albans to Mount Manning, in the Wollombi Electorate, have been giving their own relatives contracts without competition ?
- (2.) Is not such a proceeding a violation of the law, and will he cause an inquiry to be made into the actions of the trustees indicated ?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) Several complaints to this effect were made to the Department last year, but the trustees deny that work was given without competition, although they admit having given it to relatives of trustees when their tenders were lowest.
- (2.) The rules of the Department provide that a trustee whose relatives accept work shall resign his position.

(9.) Hawkesbury Railway Bridge:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What sums have already been paid to the contractors for the Hawkesbury railway bridge on account of the iron superstructure now being erected by Messrs. Ryland and Morse, the sub-contractors to the Union Bridge Company ?

Mr. Inglis answered,—£71,442.

(10.)

(10.) **Aboriginals on River Murray** :—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he yet prepared to give a reply to the various petitions and letters from and by the aboriginals on the River Murray to be allowed to occupy separate portions of ground for industrial purposes?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed by the Lands Department that the papers in the matter have been referred to the District Surveyor at Hay for report, and until the report is received action cannot be taken.

(11.) **Stock Route leading from Moulamein** :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the stock route leading from Moulamein, on the River Murray, be gazetted as open for traffic?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The proclamation opening that part of the road extending through purchased land will appear in Friday's *Gazette*. Notification withdrawing from lease the portion of the road within leasehold areas will probably be gazetted at the end of this month.

(12.) **Railway and Tramway Employés** :—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the minute of the late Minister for Works, having reference to the stoppage of increases to the pay of the Railway and Tramway employés?

Mr. Inglis answered,—On a minute of the Traffic Manager asking, with regard to the salaries for 1887, whether the increases provided for by the Commissioner's classification and those under the Civil Service Act were to be abandoned, the Commissioner for Railways wrote :—

"I do not recommend that the classification (which provides for annual increases, and which was in force before the Civil Service Act was introduced) should be permanently abolished; but I am of opinion that, owing to the general depression and the necessity for economising the expenditure, the increases provided under the classification in relation to all classes of employés, whether the wage or the salaried classes, should be suspended for 1887. For Minister's consideration. If the proposal be approved no injustice will be done. The time from the 1st January to 31st December will be a blank as regards increases, and will apply to all alike."

The word "approved" across this minute is in the handwriting of Mr. Secretary Lyne, but Sir Patrick Jennings has initialled it under date 3/1/87.

(13.) **Mr. Read, Government Meat Market, Darling Harbour** :—Mr. Fletcher asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was Mr. Read, who is now employed at the Government meat market, Darling Harbour, dismissed from the Glebe Island refrigerating works; and, if so, why?

(2.) By whom was he reinstated, and what are his present duties?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Mr. Read, the gentleman referred to, came to the Colony in charge of the refrigerating machinery purchased in 1881, from Messrs. Bell, Coleman, & Co., for the uses of the Glebe Island Abattoir. After superintending the testing of the machinery, in terms of contract with the vendors, he was engaged by the Government in September, 1882, as engineer-in-charge of the machinery. He continued his services until September, 1883, when he was informed that they would no longer be required. The works were closed a short time afterwards. Mr. Read has not since been employed by this Department.

(2.) I am not aware of the appointment of Mr. Read to any public position, nor, if so appointed, what his duties may consist of.

2. **TOTALISATOR LEGALIZING BILL** :—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from certain Members of the Clarence River Jockey Club, stating reasons in favour of legalizing the use of the Totalisator, and submitting suggestions for the protection of the Public in reference thereto. Petition received.

3. **PAPERS** :—

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Report of the Sydney Grammar School for 1886.

(2.) Annual Report of the Nautical School-ship "Vernon" for year ended 30th June, 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting Surrender of Fugitive Criminals.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **CLERK OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY** :—Mr. Speaker produced a Commission appointing Frederick William Webb, Esquire, to be the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

Mr. Speaker then administered the Oaths of Allegiance and Office respectively to Mr. Webb as the Clerk of this House.

5. **VOTE OF CREDIT** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 34.

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 or following month of the year 1888.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st February, 1888.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Ministerial Election Bill; second reading;—

(2.) Seduction Punishment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—

(3.) Original Grants of Land Boundaries Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—

(4.) New Trials Limitation Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 27th March.

} until Tuesday, 6th March.

7. CENTENARY CELEBRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Chanter moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1888.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

- (1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 14th instant, appointing Albert John Gould, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, 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; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Gould to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.
- (2.) *Member of Committee sworn*:—Mr. Gould came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee.
2. HUNTER-STREET NEWCASTLE EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Newcastle, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of Newcastle to construct a street continuing Hunter-street from its present termination to the sea-shore, and for that purpose to acquire and re-sell certain lands, and to raise certain loans.
And Mr. Fletcher having produced the *Government Gazette*, and *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miner's Advocate* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. P. Abbott rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to discuss the decision of the Privy Council in the case of *Tearle v. Edols*, and the reservation of forfeited selections within the geographical boundaries of the Pastoral Holdings.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Abbott moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. WHALING ROAD, NORTH SHORE:—Mr. Levien (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on “Whaling Road, North Shore,” be authorised to make visits of inspection in connection with the inquiry.
Question put and passed.
5. TRAVELLING EXPENSES CLAIMED BY JUDGE DOCKER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott 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 correspondence and minutes which passed between the Department of Justice and Judge Docker as to the claim of the latter for his travelling and other expenses incurred by him whilst acting as Judge at the Quarter Sessions, Darlinghurst.
Question put and passed.
6. RABBIT PEST (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the reports of Mr. Stanley, Government Veterinary Surgeon, in reference to the disease proposed to be introduced into rabbits by Dr. Butcher and Dr. Ellis.
Question put and passed.
7. RUSHCUTTERS BAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Rushcutters Bay Act of 1878.
Question put and passed.

8. ROAD FROM TULCUMBA TO GUNNEDAH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the papers, including letters, reports, and plans, in reference to the proposed road from Tulcumba to Gunnedah, including the reports of Mr. Road-Superintendent Cox and Mr. District-Surveyor Dewhurst.
Question put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Legal Practitioners Bill ; second reading, —*until Tuesday, 3rd April.*
(2.) Perpetual Trustee Company Bill ; to be considered in Committee, —*until Tuesday, 20th March.*
(3.) Trades Conciliation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of expediency of bringing in Bill ; —*until Tuesday, 6th March.*
(4.) Contractors Debts Act Extension Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of expediency of bringing in Bill ; —*until Tuesday, 6th March.*
10. CENTENARY CELEBRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read, for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Dibbs, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1888, A.M.

Question put, That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Slatery,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Creer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	

Noes, 40.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Riley,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. O'Conner,	Mr. Withers,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Teccc,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Merriman,
Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Tonkin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Brunker.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Five o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Defences of the Colony:—*Mr. J. P. Abbott*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the effective strength of the Defence Force?
 - (2.) Could this number be mobilised and depended upon in case of an emergency?
 - (3.) What are the means at command and the time required for such mobilisation?
 - (4.) What means are taken to popularise and encourage the growth of the Reserve Corps?
 - (5.) What is the nature of the official reports with regard to the Reserve Corps?
 - (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to give more encouragement to the people in the country districts to join the Reserve Corps?
 - (7.) Is it the intention of the Government to organize a corps of mounted riflemen?
 - (8.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish a militia service in New South Wales?
 - (9.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the value of the *Zalinski* pneumatic gun for shore defences?
 - (10.) Will the Government have a report made upon this gun before any more money is expended on torpedo defences?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) 5,485.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Government railways and steamers. For all corps on line of railway, 24 hours; for others, from 36 to 48 hours.
- (4.) They receive a money grant for efficiency; ammunition on same terms as other portion of Volunteer Force.
- (5.) The report on the Military Forces by the General Officer Commanding, which includes the Volunteer Reserves, was laid upon the Table of the House on the 18th May, 1887.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) Yes.
- (8.) Not yet decided upon.
- (9.) No.
- (10.) There is no such gun in the Colony; but it is now under trial in America, and it would therefore be premature to require the local military authorities to make any report on the matter.

- (2.) Road from Gunning to Barraba:—*Mr. J. P. Abbott* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Referring to the questions asked by *Mr. J. P. Abbott* on the 10th February, as to the report of the Roads Officer upon the road, Gunnedah to Barraba, has that report yet been received?
 - (2.) Is this officer in the habit of delaying important reports for six months?
 - (3.) Why has this delay taken place.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) *Mr. Cox* started on the 21st instant to inspect this road.
 - (2.) No; he is a most efficient officer.
 - (3.) The delay has taken place on account of *Mr. Cox* having other work to do which could not be postponed.
- (3.) Wharf at Moama:—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the promised copy of report *re* the extension of channel and improvements to the wharf at Moama be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Burns answered,—I hope to be able to lay a copy of this report upon the Table on Tuesday or Wednesday next.

- (4.) Railway Employés, Bathurst Workshops :—Mr. Cortis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many men were employed by the Railway Department at Bathurst in the workshops and Traffic Department on 1st January, 1886?
 - (2.) How many men were similarly employed on 1st February, 1888?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) 201.
 - (2.) 176.
- (5.) Newington Asylum :—*Mr. Fitzgerald*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Did he receive a letter from Mr. McElhone, in reference to treatment of the poor people at Newington?
 - (2.) Did he cause inquiry to be made, as promised to him; if so, what was the result?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is true I did receive a letter from Mr. McElhone. I caused an inquiry to be made on the following day in a manner of which I am quite satisfied there was no notice. The result of that inquiry is upon the whole satisfactory. The Medical Adviser of the Government reports :—“As far as I can understand, there is no reason to suppose that any irregularity takes place in relation to the chief charge.”
- (6.) Forfeiture of Conditional Purchases :—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What is the total area of the conditional purchases, situated within the boundaries of the leasehold areas, which have been forfeited since the division of the runs?
 - (2.) What is the total area of conditional purchases, situated within the boundaries of the leasehold areas, the forfeiture of which has been approved of by him, but not yet approved of by the Governor and Executive Council?
 - (3.) What is the total area of conditional purchases situated within the boundaries of the leasehold areas, the forfeiture of which has been recommended by the Land Boards, but which has not yet been approved of or dealt with by him?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—
- (1.) About 336,000 acres.
 - (2.) About 19,692 acres 1 rood.
 - (3.) About 5,355 acres.
- (7.) Rabbit Pest :—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have the Government yet determined what will be the composition of the Commission to inquire into the use of disease for the destruction of rabbits proposed by the Minister?
 - (2.) Has he requested the co-operation of the Governments of the other Colonies?
 - (3.) Have any replies yet been received?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—The Government determined to form a Commission to be composed of two gentlemen of high professional and scientific attainments who would be best qualified to undertake the duty, drawn from the Colonies of South Australia, Victoria, Queensland, New Zealand, and New South Wales. To carry out that determination the Governments of the several Colonies were communicated with some seven or eight days ago by my honorable friend the Premier. I am given to understand that no reply has yet been received.
- (8.) Ringbarking :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) The number of acres of Crown Lands in which the Government have granted permission to ringbark up to the present date, viz., the number of acres on each run, and in each year respectively, and also the respective counties in which situated?
 - (2.) If more convenient, will he have any objection to lay a Return, embodying the above information, upon the Table of this House.
- Mr. Garrett answered,—It is impossible to furnish the particulars asked for by the Honorable Member at so short a notice; and as the Return applies to the whole Colony, and no limit of time is specified, considerable expense and clerical labour would be involved in procuring the information from each of the Local Land Board offices. If the Honorable Member desires information as to any particular holding, I shall have much pleasure in affording it to him as speedily as possible.
- (9.) Interest and Instalments due by Conditional Purchasers :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that in several Land Districts in the interior many of the conditional purchasers during the present season are on the brink of absolute ruin and distress, owing to the destruction of their crops from continuous heavy rains during harvest time?
 - (2.) Under such circumstances, will he see that steps are taken to forego for one twelve-month the interest and instalments on such selectors who have suffered so severely in this respect, on satisfactory proof being given that the selectors are unable to pay the usual annual interest and instalments?
 - (3.) In the event of many selectors being unable to pay during the present year the usual interest and instalments, will he see that some provision or steps are taken to prevent such conditional purchases being liable to forfeiture, as was proposed by Sir John Robertson in 1886-7?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—I am not, as Minister for Lands, aware of the circumstances alleged by the Honorable Member; and even if in any particular instances the facts came to my knowledge in the present state of the law it would be out of my power to afford relief to the persons concerned.
- (10.) Lighting of Bridge at Moama :—*Mr. Creer*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to arrange with the Victorian Government *re* the lighting of the lamps upon the bridge at Moama with gas?
 - (2.) If so, can he state when arrangements will be completed?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered.—The matter is now under consideration, and arrangements will be made as soon as possible. On the part of this Colony, there is no objection. (11.)

(11.) Castings for Harbour and Rivers Department, Newcastle:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the lowest tender sent in for castings for the Harbours and Rivers Department at Newcastle?
- (2.) Did *Mr. R. Gibson* tender, and what was the amount of the tender?
- (3.) What was the tender accepted, and why was it accepted?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The lowest tender received was that of *Mr. R. Gibson*, at 33½ per cent. below schedule prices; but the tender of Messrs. *Morison & Bearby*, at 29¼ per cent. below schedule prices, was accepted, as it was considered a more advantageous one to the Department. I will presently lay upon the Table of the House copies of the papers, which show the reasons for the action taken in this matter.

(12.) Mineral Leases at Captain's Flat:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a number of mineral leases are now held by *Blatchford* and others at Captain's Flat, upon which the labour covenants are being evaded?
- (2.) Will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made into the matter, and cancel all leases that have been voided in the manner indicated?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that some mineral leases are held at Captain's Flat by Messrs. *Blatchford* and others, but I am not aware that the labour covenants are being evaded.
- (2.) I will cause inquiry to be made into the matter, and will take steps to cancel these leases if it is shown that they should be cancelled.

(13.) Engineer for Railway Trial Surveys:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he give the names of the persons who have applied for the position of Engineer for Trial Surveys of Railways?
- (2.) Has the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways recommended any person to the position?
- (3.) What has been the length of service of the different persons applying or recommended?
- (4.) Is it intended to appoint two such Engineers, and at what salaries?
- (5.) What has been the salary hitherto paid to the officer holding the position?
- (6.) Will he state whether he has approved of any appointment; if so, in whose favour?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) No applications have been made.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) *Mr. Firth* has been for twenty-three years connected with the Department, but his services have not been continuous. *Mr. Townsend* has twelve and a half years continuous service, and *Mr. Simpson* six and a half years.
- (4.) This question has not been finally decided.
- (5.) £750 per annum, exclusive of allowances.
- (6.) See answer to question No. 4.

(14.) Bridge over Duck River:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Frank Farnell*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have plans been prepared for the erection of a bridge over Duck River, between Auburn and Granville, near the Clyde Estate; if so, is it the intention of the Government to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum that will cover the cost of the construction of such bridge?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A section has been taken, but the description of bridge and the plans have not yet been determined upon. The matter, however, shall receive consideration when further Estimates are being prepared.

(15.) Relief to Poor, Centennial Week:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What number of tickets were issued for the relief of the poor of Sydney during the Centennial week?
- (2.) What were the number of tickets presented to *Mr. Kidman*, grocer, of Sydney, and relief obtained?
- (3.) What was the nature of the contract between the Government and the contractor, *Mr. Kidman*?
- (4.) What amount has the Government paid *Mr. Kidman* for this relief?
- (5.) If no amount has yet been paid, what is the amount due to *Mr. Kidman*?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will, during the afternoon, lay a Return upon the Table, giving this information.

(16.) Navigation of Richmond and Tweed Rivers:—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will the Government make provision on the Additional Estimates for removing obstructions to navigation on the creeks and tributaries of the Richmond and Tweed Rivers?
- (2.) Is he aware that owing to the omission of the usual Vote, a contract accepted by the Government for snagging a portion of the south arm of the Richmond River has been stopped, and the work delayed; and is it not a fact that a serious hardship has been inflicted upon the contractor thereby?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The proposal that provision be made for removing obstructions to the navigation of the creeks and tributaries of the Richmond and Tweed Rivers will be taken into consideration when the Additional Estimates are being prepared.
- (2.) The Vote having become exhausted, the contract in question was cancelled, in accordance with the terms thereof.

(17.) Boats for Richmond River :—Mr. Crouch asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an application for two flood-boats for the Richmond River has been refused?
- (2.) Is it a fact that eight flood-boats have recently been granted for the Clarence River, as well as flood-boats in former years granted to the Hunter and other rivers?
- (3.) Is he aware that during the late flood on the south arm of the Richmond River, several lives were imperilled for the want of a boat to rescue those who had to take refuge in trees all night; and that a brave boat's crew literally carried a boat some 18 miles (from Lismore to Casino) for the purpose?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) I am not aware. I may say that the Government has no objection whatever to supply boats for flood purposes to the Richmond River; but they cannot be supplied unless the necessary steps are first taken to see that they are preserved from injury, either by the weather or from the hands of disorderly people. The inhabitants themselves must erect a shed to protect the boats from the weather, and must organize a committee, who will take absolute charge of the Government property, to see that it is preserved.

(18.) Wanaaring Bore for Water :—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the diameter of the Wanaaring bore that is reported to have struck water at 851 feet?
- (2.) What quantity of water does it discharge?
- (3.) Total cost of sinking, including travelling expenses of officers, &c.?
- (4.) How long did the bore take to go down?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) 6 inches at the top, and 5 inches at the bottom.
- (2.) The latest report gives 7,344 gallons per day, but the bore is being deepened to increase the supply.
- (3.) £758 5s.
- (4.) Eight months. A portion of the strata in this bore was so hard that it had to be cut with a bit set with diamonds.

(19.) Second-class Railway Carriages :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make better provision for the comfort and convenience of second-class passengers, travelling long journeys at night by the mail train, on the Western Railway, between Sydney and Dubbo, and from Sydney to Albury, by the construction of more suitable second-class carriages, with conveniences attached, and divided into two compartments, viz., one for males and the other for females?
- (2.) If so, will he state if such provision will be made before the winter sets in, so as to mitigate many of the hardships which second-class passengers have to endure by night travelling on long fatiguing railway journeys?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is not admitted that the second-class carriages are either uncomfortable or inconvenient. They are at least equal to second-class carriages used in other parts of the world. Separate conveniences for the sexes are provided in the train, which can be made use of by second-class passengers, and it is not considered either necessary or desirable to provide such conveniences in the carriages.

(20.) Recreation Ground at Belmore, near Canowindra :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the racecourse, or recreation ground, at Belmore, near Canowindra, Molong district, county of Ashburnham, be dedicated and available for public purposes?

Mr. Garrett answered,—An application for a grant of 200 acres of reserve No. 1,069 for the purpose named, was presented by Dr. Ross, M.P., on the 9th January, and has since been referred to the District Surveyor for report. Upon receipt of this report the matter will be dealt with as early as possible.

(21.) Railway Through-tickets, Sydney to Brisbane :—Mr. Creer asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cost of a first-class through-ticket by rail from Sydney to Brisbane?
- (2.) For how long is such ticket available, and can the holder of such ticket break his journey at any of the intermediate stations?
- (3.) What is the distance by rail from Sydney to Brisbane?
- (4.) Can first-class through-tickets be obtained at the Newcastle Railway Station from Newcastle to Brisbane, or at any of the other stations along the line?
- (5.) If not, for what reason?
- (6.) What is the cost of a first-class through-ticket from Newcastle to Wallangarra, and from Wallangarra to Brisbane?
- (7.) How long are these tickets available for, and can passengers break their journey *en route* from Newcastle to Wallangarra?
- (8.) What is the distance from Newcastle, *via* Wallangarra to Brisbane?
- (9.) What is the difference in the distance by rail from Sydney to Brisbane, and from Newcastle to Brisbane *via* Wallangarra?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will lay information, in reply to this question, upon the Table of the House.

(22.) Commission of the Peace :—*Mr. Creer*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take immediate steps to strike off the Commission of the Peace the names of all gentlemen who have not been in the habit of attending to their magisterial duties?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—It is my intention to suggest that those gentlemen who are in the Commission of the Peace, and whose services are required in Courts in country towns, should be called upon to take their fair share of magisterial duties or resign their offices. (23.)

(23.) The Civil Service :—Mr. Day asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true, as stated in the Press, that Civil Servants are being paid the same amount of salaries as they received last year ?
- (2.) Is it also true that no reform in the Civil Service will be attempted until after the report of Royal Commission has been received ?
- (3.) Is it true, as also stated, that the Royal Commission is not likely to conclude its investigations before eighteen months or two years ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Under the authority of the January Supply Act, the Civil Servants have been paid for that month the same amount of salaries as they received last year, "subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1888."
- (2.) It is perfectly true that the Government desire to receive the report of the Board which has been appointed to inquire into the state of the Civil Service.
- (3.) I have no information that would justify me in giving any answer to this question.

(24.) Delay in arrival of Northern Mails :—Mr. Gould asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) What time was the northern mail received by train delivered on Thursday, 16th February ?
- (2.) What was the cause of the delay ?
- (3.) Will he cause steps to be taken to prevent a repetition of the like delay ?
- (4.) Did the late delivery on Thursday, 16th February, afford sufficient time for correspondents to reply by the northern mail closing at 3:30 p.m. ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) 9 a.m. to private boxholders and from the delivery windows, and 11:30 a.m. by letter-carrier.
- (2.) Mails reached the General Post Office at 7:45 a.m.
- (3.) Although the train was a little late, the mails were delivered at usual hours.
- (4.) Yes. The Honorable Member probably refers to the late arrival on the 17th of mails from places beyond Merriwa—the delay (about three hours) having occurred, I am informed, through the late arrival of the Queensland train.

(25.) Detention of Northern Mail Train :—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the mail train leaving Tenterfield on Wednesday, 15th February, was detained four hours, awaiting the arrival of the Brisbane train ?
- (2.) Is it intended to permit a similar delay in future, in view of the great inconvenience so caused to travellers and correspondents ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but the train arrived at its destination three hours late only.
- (2.) The inconvenience was reduced to a minimum on the occasion referred to by the running of a special train from Tamworth to meet the train from Sydney, and there was no delay whatever to mails or passengers between Tamworth and Sydney.

(26.) Delay in delivery of Northern Mails :—Mr. Gould asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the delivery of the northern mails, arriving by train, is not made until the second delivery, while those received by steamer are delivered at the early morning delivery ?
- (2.) Will he, in view of the fact that the northern mails from places beyond Singleton are all carried by train, take steps to insure their delivery in future at the same hours as those carried by steamer ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) I am aware of the fact.
- (2.) I regret that under the present railway time-table this is impossible. I understand that there are strong reasons which preclude the earlier arrival of the mail train at present, and I can only say that unless the railway time-table can be so arranged as to permit of the mails reaching the head office by 6 a.m. it will be impossible to send out their contents by the first morning delivery.

(27.) Cost of carrying Grain by Northern Railway :—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cost of carrying grain from Tamworth to Newcastle, and from Tamworth to Sydney ?
- (2.) What is the cost of trans-shipment at the river ?
- (3.) Is that charged to the consignees or borne by the Railway Department ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The rate from West Tamworth to Newcastle is £4 3s. 1d., and to Sydney £5 10s. 6d., in truck loads of not more than 6 tons. It is carried at the same relative rate in all parts of the Colony.
- (2.) It is not expected that it will exceed one shilling per ton.
- (3.) It is borne by the Department.

(28.) Bridge over the Hawkesbury River :—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the cylinder in the Hawkesbury Bridge was recently out of position; if so, has it been replaced in position ?
- (2.) It is a fact that the superstructure of the bridge is being completed before the foundations are finished ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) There are two caissons out of position, but they will, no doubt, be placed in their proper position by the contractors.
- (2.) No.

(29.) Railway Ticket-Collector Edward Coole :—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is there in the employment of the Railway Department a ticket-collector named Edward Coole ?
- (2.) If so, what are his duties ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that during the past month he has prosecuted several persons for travelling on expired season tickets ?

(4.)

- (4.) Is it a fact that the persons (or any of them) prosecuted had ordered season tickets or a renewal of their season tickets, prior to the date of the so-called offence?
- (5.) Is it a fact that a man named Candlish, residing at Burwood, was fined at the instance of Coole?
- (6.) Is it a fact that Mr. Candlish's ticket was at Burwood Station on the date of the evening of his so-called breach of the by-laws?
- (7.) Has any complaint been made at any time against Coole by the travelling public; if so, how many?
- (8.) How long has Coole been in the Service?
- (9.) In how many cases has he been prosecutor during that time?
- (10.) Does Collector Coole receive any remuneration for any cases, in addition to his ordinary salary; if so, how much?
- (11.) Is it the intention of the Secretary for Public Works to refund any of the fines?
- (12.) Is any provision made by the Railway Department to enable people to travel on the line during any delay in the renewal of season tickets?
- (13.) Will he cause immediate inquiries to be made as to the way in which the various collectors carry out their duties?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will lay information in reply to this question upon the Table of the House in a few days.

- (30.) Delays of Trains between Sydney and Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware of the frequent delays of trains on the suburban line between Sydney and Parramatta, and to avoid this, and in the interest of the public, is it the intention of the Government to take steps for the quadrupling of the line?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Compared with the number of trains running, the delays cannot be said to be frequent. Late trains bear a small proportion to the number of trains running to time. There is no question, however, that the delays which do occur would be reduced to a minimum if some portion of the line between Sydney and Parramatta (perhaps as far as Burwood) were quadrupled. The question is now receiving the consideration of the Government.

2. WHALING ROAD, NORTH SHORE:—Mr. Street presented a Petition from certain Directors of the North Shore Gas Company (Limited), whose registered Office is situate at St. Leonards, stating that the Petitioners, as such Directors, are in possession of land alleged to be included in the Whaling Road—the subject of inquiry before a Select Committee—and praying to be heard by Counsel, Attorney, or Agent before such Committee, with liberty to adduce evidence in support of their rights and claims.
Petition received.
Mr. Street (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.
Question put and passed.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 3rd November, 1887—“Application of Mr. J. F. Connolly to Mine in parish of Currajong.”
Ordered to be printed.
4. THE LAND LAWS:—Mr. Burdekin presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Shopkeepers, and Traders in Sydney, stating their reasons for believing that the operation of the various Land Acts has largely tended to restrict and cripple the permanent progress of the Colony; and praying the House to make the needful amendment in the Land Laws.
At the request of Mr. Burdekin, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
5. HUNTER STREET NEWCASTLE EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of Newcastle to construct a street continuing Hunter-street from its present termination to the sea-shore and for that purpose to acquire and re-sell certain lands and to raise certain loans.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Fletcher having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “A Bill to enable the Borough of Newcastle to construct a street continuing Hunter-street from its present termination to the sea-shore and for that purpose to acquire and re-sell certain lands and to raise certain loans,”—read a first time.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That the 61st Standing Order be suspended, to admit of the presentation of a Petition from the Silverton Tramway Company for the introduction of a Bill “to amend the ‘Silverton Tramway Act of 1886,’ the three months allowed for the presentation of the Petition, as prescribed by the 61st Standing Order, having elapsed.
Question put and passed.
7. HARDEN RAILWAY STATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The total tonnage of goods, inwards and outwards, received at and transmitted from the railway station at Harden during the year 1887 (exclusive of on service and locomotive traffic).
(2.) The actual revenue derived from the Harden railway station from all sources during the year 1887.
(3.) The total number of passengers booked to and from Harden during the year 1887.
(4.) The number of men employed and the amount paid them respectively at Harden station for the working of the said traffic.
Question put and passed.

8. **MURRUMBURRAH PLATFORM (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The total tonnage of goods, inwards and outwards, received at and transmitted from the Murrumburrah platform and siding during the year 1887 (exclusive of on service and locomotive traffic).
 - (2.) The actual revenue derived from the Murrumburrah platform and siding from all sources during the year 1887.
 - (3.) The total number of passengers booked to and from Murrumburrah during the year 1887.
 - (4.) The number of men employed and the amount paid them respectively at Murrumburrah for the working of the said traffic.
- Question put and passed.
9. **BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. De Courcy Browne presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Broken Hill and Silverton and adjacent localities, praying that, for the reasons set forth in the Petition, the House will refuse to sanction the construction of the Broken Hill Tramway.
Petition received.
10. **SILVERTON TRAMWAY AMENDING BILL**:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from the Silverton Tramway Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Silverton Tramway Act of 1886."
And Mr. Day having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Silver Age* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
11. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of 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 1888" through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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 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, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
- (3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £640,000, being £580,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February or following month of the year 1888, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1887, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1888; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to railway employes and for railway services generally during the month of March, 1888; and £10,000 to meet wages to become due to employes in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, and for other services of an urgent nature during the month of March, 1888.
- Mr. Burns moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Resolution read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Burns, agreed to.
13. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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, 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 1888, the sum of £640,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales
- On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
14. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2)**:—
- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, 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 1888.
 - (2.) Mr. Burns 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 1888,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

Interruption.

*Interruption.*15. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*Hellmrich v. W. J. Allen*):—

(1.) Mr. Garrard, as Chairman, 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, to whom was referred, on 14th February, 1888, the Petition of Charles Hellmrich against the return of William Johnston Allen as a Member for the Electoral District of Paddington.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 22nd September, 1887, to whom was referred, on the 14th February, 1888, a Petition from Charles Hellmrich, representing that at the recent Election for Paddington, William Johnston Allen, Edward J. H. Knapp, Charles Hellmrich, and Charles Stuart Cansdell were candidates for election, and alleging that at some of the polling booths votes were declared informal which were not informal, and should have been counted in favour of Petitioner; that the ballot papers were wrongly counted at some of the polling booths, whereby a larger number of votes were made to appear to be given in favour of the said William Johnston Allen than were so given; that the Returning Officer declared the said William Johnston Allen to be duly elected; and praying that this Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the return of the said William Johnston Allen may be declared null and void; that a scrutiny of all ballot-papers should be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; that it may be declared that the said William Johnston Allen was not lawfully elected; that it may be declared that Petitioner was duly elected; and that such further order and determination may be made in the premises as may be just;—have determined and do hereby declare,—

“ (1.) That William Johnston Allen, Esquire, the sitting Member has been duly elected.

“ (2.) That the Petition of Charles Hellmrich is not frivolous nor vexatious.

“No. 2 Committee Room,

“Legislative Assembly, 23rd February, 1888.

J. GARRARD,

Chairman.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Garrard, that the Report and Minutes of the Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

(2.) Mr. Garrard moved that the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matter referred to them having been disposed of.

Question put and passed.

16. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—The proceedings on this Bill, interrupted by the business recorded in Entry 15,—resumed.

(3.) 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 now read a third time.

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

Mr. Burns 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 1888.*”

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 1888,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd February, 1888.

17. NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION ACT REPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

18. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1888, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at eight minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1888.

There being only fourteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely:—Mr. Abigail, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Burns, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Day, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Tecce,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Wee Waa School of Arts:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the trustees be gazetted for Wee Waa School of Arts?

Mr. Garrett answered,—As soon as possible after the honorable gentleman supplies me with the names of the trustees in full.

(2.) Rifle Clubs:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he received any report from Major-General Richardson with reference to establishing rifle clubs in the different centres of population throughout the country?

(2.) If so, is it his intention to carry out the scheme recommended, and has he any objection to lay the report upon the Table of the House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government have received a report from the Major-General Commanding on this subject, and the whole question is now under consideration.

(3.) Supply of Coal for Railway Department, Singleton:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the names of the parties who have the contract for supply of coal for Railway Department at Singleton?

(2.) The price paid per ton, and when does the contract terminate?

(3.) Did Mr. Nowland, or any other person, offer to supply coal at Singleton, or at his coal-pits close by, at 8s. per ton in or about December last?

(4.) If so, was Nowland's or other person's offer to supply coal at 8s. per ton accepted?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Messrs. Read and Longworth.

(2.) 10s. 6d. per ton. Contract terminates on 31st December, 1889.

(3.) Yes; but subsequent to the contract made with Messrs. Read and Longworth.

(4.) No; it cannot be, without a breach of the contract already made.

(4.) Mr. Foskett:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How long has Mr. Foskett been in the Public Service; what salary does he receive?

(2.) Is he Secretary to the Volunteer force; if so, what salary does he get for it?

(3.) Was he away from his office whilst the late Centennial shooting matches took place; if so, how long was he away, and who did his work whilst he was away?

(4.) Is he Secretary to the Hyde Park Trust or other trusts; if so, what trusts, and what does he receive for it?

(5.) Does he do the work in office hours, and use Government paper for the purpose?

Mr. Burns answered,—The following information has been supplied to me, in answer to the above questions:—Mr. Foskett has been twenty-three years in the Public Service, and receives a salary of £290 per annum. He is not Secretary to the Volunteer Force, nor to the Hyde Park Trust, or any other trust. Under authority from the Colonial Secretary's Department, Mr. Foskett was absent from his office for a week during the late Centennial shooting matches. During such absence his work was performed by the next senior officer.

(5.) Mr. O'Malley Clarke:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has Mr. O'Malley Clarke lately been allowed leave of absence; if so, for what time?

(2.) Did he not get leave of absence a few months ago; if so, for what time?

(3.) How many months leave of absence has Mr. O'Malley Clarke received during the last seven years?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes; for eleven months, from 1st February instant—two months on full salary, and nine months without salary.

(2.) Yes; for two weeks, from 9th August, 1887, owing to family bereavement.

(3.) During the past seven years Mr. Clarke has had twelve months leave of absence (exclusive of the above), viz., from 1st January to 31st December, 1886. (6.)

(6.) Moore Park—Centennial Park :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did not the military barracks at Paddington, the rifle range, and the cricket-ground originally form part of the Sydney Common ?
- (2.) When was the Sydney Common, or Moore Park, as it is called now, dedicated to the City Corporation in trust for the citizens ?
- (3.) What quantity of the land belonging to Moore Park was taken from it by the Centennial Park Bill, passed by the present Government ?
- (4.) Is it his intention to compensate the Corporation by giving it an equal quantity of the land which forms the water reserve, in lieu of the land taken for roads, &c., for the Centennial Park ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) 490 acres were dedicated for a permanent common on 5th October, 1866, and placed under trust of Sydney Municipal Council on 15th August, 1871.
- (3.) About 25 acres.
- (4.) No such intention.

(7.) The Unemployed :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Wise, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Referring to the answer of the Colonial Secretary to Question No. 1 of the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, the 8th February instant, from which it appeared that there were 58 engineers, fitters, ironmoulders, and blacksmiths now employed on the Government relief works, how many of each of the above classes of workmen were so employed at the following dates, viz. :—(1) When the present Government took office, (2) six months ago, (3) three months ago ?
- (2.) Do the records of the Casual Labour Board show that the decrease in the number of the unemployed arises from a greater demand for labour throughout the Colony ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Chairman of the Casual Labour Board :—

- (1.) There are no records showing the various trades of the men employed on relief works when the present Government took office ; (2) six months ago there were 89 blacksmiths, 35 boiler-makers, 7 brass-finishers, 35 engine-fitters, 70 engineers, 13 galvanizers, 56 ironmoulders ; total, 305 ; (3) three months ago there were 45 blacksmiths, 30 boiler-makers, 20 engine-fitters, 32 engineers, 33 ironmoulders ; total, 160.
- (2.) Many of the men employed leave without informing the Board of their destination ; but, from the fact that the number of men employed on relief works have decreased from 5,677 in June, 1887, to 1,588 in February, 1888, it is presumed that a greater demand for labour has existed throughout the Colony.

(8.) Differential Railway Rates :—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cost of a first-class ticket on any line for the first 20 miles from Sydney ?
- (2.) The like with regard to first 20 miles on the northern section from Newcastle ?
- (3.) What is the cost per ton for conveying wool, scoured and unscoured, from Bourke to Sydney by rail,—what is the distance ?
- (4.) The like from Hay to Sydney ?
- (5.) The like from Tenterfield to Newcastle ?
- (6.) When was the system of differential rates first introduced,—who was the Secretary for Public Works at the time ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The first-class single fare for the first 20 miles from Sydney towards Newcastle is 2s. 10d. ; but for the 20 miles beyond the suburban area, where the population is less dense, it is 4s. For the same reason, for the first 20 miles from Sydney towards Liverpool the fare is 2s.
- (2.) The first-class single fare for the first 20 miles from Newcastle is 3s. 3d. The population is not so dense as it is within 20 miles of Sydney, and the trains are not so well filled.
- (3.) Scoured, £5 0s. 3d. ; unscoured, £4 0s. 3d. ; the distance is 503 miles.
- (4.) „ £4 5s. 0d. ; „ £3 14s. 3d. ; „ „ 454 miles.
- (5.) „ £5 11s. 3d. ; „ £4 9s. 0d. ; „ „ 381 miles. Bourke and Hay are in districts the produce of which is competed for by other forms of carriage.
- (6.) The differential rates have been in operation since the railways were established. The competitive rates were introduced when the railways were extended to the competitive districts in February, 1881. The Honorable John Lackey was Secretary for Public Works at that time.

(9.) Telegraph Messengers :—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) At what suburban telegraph offices are horses, saddlery, and shoeing supplied by the Government for the use of the telegraph messengers ?
- (2.) At which suburban offices have the messengers been directed to provide their own horses, saddlery, and shoeing, and since what date ?
- (3.) What pay and allowances do those in the first category receive ; also what pay and allowances do those in the latter—a general statement will be sufficient, not specifying individuals ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Horse and saddlery, supplied by Government at South Head. Shoeing paid for by Government at Balmain, Edgecliff, South Head, and Waverley.
- (2.) Ashfield, since 1884 ; Balmain, since 1887, shoeing paid by Government ; Burwood, Croydon, Edgecliff, since September, 1887, shoeing paid by Government ; Homebush, since 1884 ; Hunter's Hill, Manly, Marrickville, since February, 1884 ; Newtown, since 1884 ; Petersham, Randwick, Ryde, St. Leonards, since 1887 ; Summer Hill, Waverley, since 1887, shoeing paid by Government.
- (3.) South Head—Salary £52 per annum, and (shoeing paid for by Government) 2s. per diem forage allowance. Forage allowances at other stations, £26, £36 8s., and £39 per annum ; salaries from £26 to £52 per annum.

- (10.) **Horses purchased by Telegraph Department:**—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Has he asked an explanation from the Superintendent of Telegraphs as to the purchase by him of five horses for £50 from one firm on 31st May, 1887, and of four for £40 from another person on 30th September, 1887, without Ministerial authority?
 - (2.) If so, what explanation has that officer given, and what has been the action of the Postmaster-General?
 - (3.) Who is M. Maloney, from whom the four horses were purchased on 30th September, and in whose employment was he at that time?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Superintendent of Telegraphs explained that the purchase of these horses was necessary, in order to replace others which had been sold upon the authority of the Postmaster General, but that, through an inadvertence, the special authority to make the purchase was omitted. I have given directions whereby a similar omission will be prevented in the future.
- (3.) I am informed that M. Moloney resides at Asiatic Terrace, Point Piper Road; that he is sub-manager of the Holt-Sutherland Estate; assistant to Mr. Clibborn, secretary, A.J.C.; and a general agent, having an office at No. 3, O'Connell-street.

- (11.) **Bridge over the Upper Murray:**—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether any recent action has been taken by the Department in reference to the erection of a bridge over the Upper Murray?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Government have not yet come to a decision in this matter, but I hope will do so on an early occasion.

- (12.) **Landing Soiled Linen from s.s. "Mariposa":**—Mr. Teeco, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did the s.s. "Mariposa" land a large quantity of soiled linen, &c., at the Circular Quay, after that vessel was released from the Quarantine Station; and without such soiled linen having been previously passed through any boiling or disinfecting process?
- (2.) Is he aware of the name of the laundry to which this linen was sent, and the extremely dangerous results that might accrue from such proceeding?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The R.M.S. "Mariposa" was released from quarantine on Monday, the 13th instant, at 6 a.m., the vessel having been previously disinfected by fumigation and washing with carbolic acid, all clothing, beds, bedding, and all other articles the property of the ship, crew, or passengers having also been disinfected by boiling, fumigation, or dry heat at a temperature of 240 degrees, and all articles used by the patient or likely to convey infection having been destroyed by fire.
- (2.) This Department is not aware whether any linen was forwarded from the "Mariposa" to any laundry for preparation for return voyage to San Francisco.

- (13.) **Recruit Money due to Volunteers:**—Mr. Teeco, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that recruit money, authorized by clause 127, page 12, of the Revised Regulations of 1883, under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867, due to several volunteers of the Orange Volunteer Corps since April, 1886, has not been paid to them; and, if so, for what reason has payment been withheld?
- (2.) Are the Revised Regulations, dated 13th January, 1887, by which recruit money may be held as deferred pay, applicable to cases of those recruits who earned their allowance, and were passed into the ranks some months prior to that date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) The volunteers alluded to are not entitled to this money, as clause 127 of the Regulations directs it to be held as deferred pay, and to be paid only at the termination of the volunteer's service.
- (2.) Yes; because the Regulation alluded to was originally framed in 1885.

- (14.) **Medals for Centennial Commission:**—Mr. Day, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he inform the House what members of Centennial Commission were present at meeting when it was determined to provide members of Commission with medals?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The undermentioned gentlemen were present at the meeting of the Centennial Celebration Commission when it was decided to request Mr. Barnet to arrange for small badges being made to be worn by each Commissioner, viz.:—The Honorable John Lackey, M.L.C., President, the Honorable J. F. Burns, M.P., Mr. James Barnet, Mr. Edmund Fosbery, J.P., Mr. Daniel O'Connor, M.P., Mr. R. Burdett Smith, M.P., Mr. T. M. Slattery, M.P., Mr. J. R. Fairfax, and Mr. A. J. Riley, M.P.

- (15.) **Wood-paving:**—Mr. Fletcher, for Mr. Creer, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the total cost of wood-paving the thoroughfare surrounding the Circular Quay, including cost of wood-blocks, excavations, foundations, and all the necessary preparations?
- (2.) What amount has the Government paid for and towards wood-paving, including cost of wood-blocks, foundations, &c., in the city of Sydney and suburbs, giving the name and amount spent in each suburb, up to the end of 1887?
- (3.) What is the total amount paid for wood-paving, including cost of blocks, foundations, preparations, &c., in the city of Sydney and suburbs, up to the end of 1887?

Mr. Burns answered,—I shall be happy to supply this information in the shape of a Return, which will, however, take some little time to prepare.

- (16.) **Letter-carrier for Prospect and Sherwood:**—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—Will he cause inquiry to be made to consider the desirability of appointing one letter-carrier for the thickly populated portion of Prospect and Sherwood Municipalities, say from Fullegar's to Granville boundary?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Yes, with pleasure.

2. **BROKEN HILL TRAMWAY BILL:**—Mr. O'Connor, 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 17th November, 1887, and to whom the Report was referred back, on the 1st December, 1887, for further evidence; together with a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. O'Connor then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 27th March.
Question put and passed.
3. **PAPERS:**—
Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Information respecting Railway Through-Tickets, Sydney to Brisbane.
(2.) Information respecting Railway Ticket-collector Edward Coole.
(3.) Return to an Order made on the 15th November, 1887—"The Case of Daniel Corkery."
Ordered to be printed.
(4.) Further Correspondence respecting Wilkinson's and the Evans' Combination Trucks.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on "Combination Trucks."
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Information respecting Relief to Poor of Sydney, Centennial Week.
(2.) Report of the Goulburn Fire Brigade Board for year 1887, under Fire Brigades Act of 1884.
(3.) Return respecting Thefts of Workmen's Tools.
(4.) By-laws of Municipal District of Lismore, under Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Annual Return to an Order made on the 6th May, 1884—"Government Printing Office—Return for 1887."
(2.) Report upon Extension of Channel and Improvements to the Wharf at Moama.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Amendment of Regulation No. 111, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Report of the Superintendent of Drills on the Boring Operations on the 101½-mile, Bourke to Wanaaring Road.
Ordered to be printed.
4. **KIAMA TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from the Borough Council of Kiama, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Kiama Tramway Act of 1883."
And Mr. Cameron having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Reporter and Illawarra Journal* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
5. **PARRAMATTA MUNICIPAL QUARRIES BILL:**—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Parramatta, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to purchase or rent lands, either within or without the Borough, for use as stone quarries in connection with the Municipal Works within the said Borough, and to purchase lands within the said Borough for the purpose of amending the alignment of Church-street in the vicinity of Albert-street, and for the other purposes thereinafter mentioned.
And Mr. Taylor having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Cumberland Mercury* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
6. **PARRAMATTA CHURCH-STREET AMENDED ALIGNMENT BILL:**—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Parramatta, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to adopt and declare valid an amended alignment of Church-street, in the Borough of Parramatta, and to authorize the Council of the said Borough to erect a public fountain and other buildings on land now part of said street, and for the other purposes thereinafter mentioned.
And Mr. Taylor having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Cumberland Mercury* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
7. **THE CHINESE:**—Mr. Thompson (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on the Chinese Question have leave to sit during any adjournment of this Honourable House, and have leave to inspect premises in their discretion.
Question put and passed.
8. **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS:**—Mr. Dibbs having made a personal explanation, and proceeding to supplement such explanation, and objection being taken,—
Mr. Thompson moved, That the Honorable Member for the Murrumbidgee, Mr. Dibbs, be now heard.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Dibbs heard accordingly.
Sir Henry Parkes rising to address the House, and objection being taken,—
Mr. O'Connor moved, That the Honorable the Colonial Secretary be now heard.
Question put and passed.
Sir Henry Parkes heard accordingly.

9. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from William James Reid and Thomas Shaw, Lessees of the leasehold area of Yancannia pastoral holding, in the Western Division of the Colony, praying that the 101st clause of the Bill may be amended so as to carry out the intention of the 2nd clause, and that Petitioners may be heard by counsel, solicitor, or in person at the Bar of the House, or before the Committee, in opposition to the Bill.
At the request of Mr. Barbour, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
10. CASE OF SHEPHERD v. LEONARD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dawson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, depositions, and other documents in the case Shepherd v. Leonard, tried at Goulburn on the 4th January last.
Question put and passed.
11. MR. OLIVER, LATE INSPECTOR OF FISHERIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dawson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers connected with the removal from office of Mr. Oliver, late Inspector of Fisheries, including a letter addressed to the Colonial Secretary by the Fisheries Commission, relating to Mr. Alexander Oliver, a Commissioner for Fisheries, having withheld papers in Inspector Oliver's case.
Question put and passed.
12. SILVERTON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Day, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Silverton Tramway Act of 1886."
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Barbour having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Silverton Tramway Act of 1886,'"—read a first time.
13. COLO VALLEY RAILWAY SURVEY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all reports, papers, &c., connected with the Colo Valley survey, including Mr. Surveyor G. W. Townsend's final report, and the Engineer-in-Chief's report on the plan and estimate.
Question put and passed.
14. HOUR OF MEETING:—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, the hour of meeting for this House should be altered to 3:30 o'clock p.m. instead of 3 o'clock p.m. as at present.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
15. POSTAGE ON NEWSPAPERS:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—
(1.) That, with a view to assist in rendering the Postal Service in this Colony self-supporting, this House is of opinion that, in the future, a charge of one half-penny ought to be imposed on each newspaper transmitted through any Post Office in this "Colony."
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to his Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

Interruption.

16. ELECTORATE OF NEWTOWN:—
(1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the fourteenth instant, declaring the Seat of William John Foster, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Foster; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Joseph Mitchell, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Newtown.
(2.) Joseph Mitchell, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Newtown.
17. POSTAGE ON NEWSPAPERS:—The Debate on this subject,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry No. 16,—resumed.
Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That the Question be amended in paragraph (1) by the insertion, after the word "Colony," of the words, "and if carried by railway as parcels shall be subject to a charge not more than the rate charged for the conveyance of fourth-class goods."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Debate continued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Carruthers.

Tellers,

Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 23.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Brunker.
Mr. Kethel,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Wilson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original

Original Question put,—

(1.) That, with a view to assist in rendering the Postal Service in this Colony self-supporting, this House is of opinion that, in the future, a charge of one half-penny ought to be imposed on each newspaper transmitted through any Post Office in this Colony.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. McMillan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. De Courey Brown,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Carruthers.
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Hawken,	

Noes, 19.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Teece.
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Brunker.
Mr. Kethel,	
Mr. Lees,	

And so it passed in the negative.

18. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 29th March, 1887—"The Case of Patrick Sankey."

(2.) Return to an Order made on 8th December, 1887—"Mr. G. H. Emery, late Land Agent at Quacanbeyan."

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY, 1888, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY, 1888.

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

PURCHASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LAND ADJOINING THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S WHARF:—Mr. Melville, 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 28th September, 1887, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Assurance Fund, Real Property Act:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With reference to the answers given to Mr. Copeland's questions on the 6th December last, relative to the Assurance Fund under the Real Property Act, will the Colonial Treasurer obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether he is justified in retaining in hand instead of investing, as directed by the 28th clause of the Real Property Act 26 Vic. No. 9, the moneys of the Assurance Fund held by him?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have no doubt whatever that an obligation is cast upon the Government by the 28th clause of the Real Property Act (26 Victoria, No. 9) to invest the moneys accruing in connection with the "Assurance Fund" under that Act in New South Wales Government securities. It appears, however, that £22,000 only has been so invested, leaving an uninvested balance at this date of £57,479 7s. 9d. The high price ruling for Government debentures during the last few years may be regarded as a reason why further investments have not been made. I have recently directed that interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum be credited on the moneys in question, and that from the funds in hand £53,600 be invested in Government securities.

- (2.) The "Gulcher" Electric Machine:—Mr. Thompson asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Referring to answer "C," in reply to Question No. 1, contained in the Further Return to Order "The 'Gulcher' Electric Machine," laid upon the Table of this House on 14th February,—will he inquire why a certificate was not required from the engineer to whom the plant was delivered in the first instance?
 - (2.) Does he perceive that the explanation of his officer, given in answer "E," is impertinent and evasive?
 - (3.) Referring to the same answer, is it not a fact that another machine has been purchased to light the arcade at the Post Office; if so, what was that machine, what was the price, and from whom purchased, and when?
 - (4.) Has either the "Gulcher" or the "Gramme" machine been used by the Government antecedent to 1st January last; if so, when and where, and for what purpose, at what expense, and with what result?
 - (5.) If the "Gulcher" machine was bought to light the Post Office Arcade, why has it not been used for that purpose?
 - (6.) Is there any use to which it can now be put?
 - (7.) Did it exhibit signs of use when bought?
 - (8.) Have the occasions upon which it has been used proved that the machine was perfect for lighting purposes?
 - (9.) Referring to a statement in letter of 13th February, 1888 (No. 2 of Further Return) that the Engineer-in-Charge has not been able to test the Tyfemain lamps yet, will he inquire how many years this officer will require before he does what appears to be a necessary part of his work?
 - (10.) Was "last Monday week," referred to in the same letter, the first time that an official test was applied to that machine?

Mr.

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) It was not considered necessary to obtain a certificate from the engineer at the time the plant was delivered. The Superintendent of Telegraphs was himself satisfied with the machine.
- (2.) It is difficult to perceive either impertinence or evasiveness in the answer "E" given on 14th instant.
- (3.) I am informed that it is not a fact.
- (4.) Yes; the "Gulcher" apparatus was used at one of the Easter Encampments, but it was not submitted to what may be called an official test. It was used again at the Parliament Houses, where it worked successfully. The cost cannot be estimated, but it was very small.
- (5.) I understand that it was originally intended to light the arcade by electricity, and that the "Gulcher" was purchased in anticipation of this; but it appears now that there is some doubt as to whether it would be expedient to discontinue at present the lighting by gas.
- (6.) Yes; the new operating room, when ready for occupation, can be lighted by its means.
- (7.) No; it was perfectly new.
- (8.) Decidedly. The work done by it at the Centenary illuminations furnish good evidence of the perfect state it is now in.
- (9.) The lamps referred to will be tested immediately. The delay has been due to the fact that the engineer's time has been fully occupied with other urgent work.
- (10.) No; on the 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th January the machine was in use.

(3.) Railway Employés:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the increases of wages to Railway servants in receipt of daily wages for 1887 and 1888 have been stopped, such increases, according to the Commissioner's classification, being the maximum wages of the class in which they are employed after the prescribed service?
- (2.) Is it a fact that this has been done upon the authority of the Civil Service Act Amendment Act, passed 25th October, 1886, thus bringing Railway servants under the disadvantages of the Civil Service Act, whilst being debarred from enjoying its privileges?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The classification was suspended for the year 1887, but that portion of it not affected by the Civil Service Act has been revived for 1888.

(4.) Mounted Infantry:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Lee, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When do the Government propose forming the cavalry now in existence into mounted infantry, as mentioned in his remarks when laying General Schaw's report upon the Table of this House, and also in the Treasurer's speech on introducing the Estimates?
- (2.) Whether the whole of the said cavalry are to be so formed into mounted infantry, or only a certain number of them, or is the number to be 1,000?
- (3.) What pay is it proposed to give the mounted infantry—so much a year, or so much a drill?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is really impossible to give any definite answer to this question. As I have explained before, the reconstruction of the whole Force is under consideration, and it will take some little time—certainly the next three or four weeks—before any decision can be arrived at.

(5.) Licensing Act:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, while proprietors of hotels in the country districts are compelled to strictly observe the Licensing Act, by providing stables and feed for horses and accommodation for the travelling public, there are numbers of licensed houses in the city that are deficient of accommodation for either man or horse?
- (2.) Is it any part of a Licensing Magistrate's duty to inspect hotels when there is an officer appointed to do that duty?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to bring in an Amending Licensing Bill; if so, when?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes; under the 30th section of the Licensing Act the Licensing Court is authorized, within the boundaries of the city of Sydney or of any borough or municipal district, to dispense with the stabling accommodation, or such part thereof as it may think fit. As there is but very little demand for stabling accommodation in the city and suburbs, the Court frequently allows applicants for licenses to avail themselves of this provision.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Not at present.

(6.) Railway Employés:—*Mr. Fletcher* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the time recommended by the Commissioner for Railways for the suspension of increases to drivers, firemen, and cleaners has expired?
- (2.) Is it his intention to continue the suspension of increases; if so, for how long?
- (3.) If it is not his intention to continue the suspension of increases, from what date will the increased rate take effect, and will it be retrospective to the beginning of the year when the suspension was intended to cease?
- (4.) Is it a fact that a large number of drivers, firemen, and cleaners had matured for increases at the time the suspension occurred, and consequently have sustained a serious loss in their wages?
- (5.) Is he aware that the running hands are started at an exceptionally low wage, because of the customary increases given them?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It has been decided that the original classification shall be revived for 1888, and the increases due under it are to take effect from the 1st January last.

(7.) Deepening the Parramatta River:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the Government make provision on the Additional Estimates, according to the report obtained by his Department, after survey, for deepening the Parramatta River, from Newington to the Queen's Wharf at Parramatta?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I can only refer the Honorable Member to the answer given to a somewhat similar question of his of the 4th July last, wherein I stated that the question of carrying out the work would be considered when we had further dredging appliances; but I regret to say we have no available dredge yet.

(8.) Duties on Butter, Bacon, Cheese, and Timber:—*Mr. Crouch*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the duties on butter, bacon, and cheese, and reduce the duty upon timber from the 1st March, as indicated in the Financial Statement?
- (2.) If not, when is the proposed change to take effect?

Mr. Burns answered,—No change will take place in the collection of these duties till the fiscal policy of the Government is submitted by Bills to Parliament.

(9.) Terania Forest Reserve:—*Mr. Crouch*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will forest reserve (Terania) in parish of Dunoon, county of Rous, recently subdivided, be offered to the public?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The District Surveyor has recommended that 538 acres 1 rood 7 perches of the reserve in question be proclaimed a special area at £2 per acre. This recommendation I have not yet approved of.

(10.) Country Reserve Corps—Easter Encampment:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Moore*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it intended to bring the country Reserve Corps to the Easter Encampment this year?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is no part of the necessary training of these corps to appear in the Easter Encampment—it is simply a question of expense. Bringing them to Sydney would cost at least £1,000, and that must be considered. It would cost a much larger sum if the cavalry also came.

(11.) Inverell Reserve Corps:—*Mr. Moore* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has any decision been arrived at in reference to the petition from No. 2 Company, Inverell Reserve Corps, requesting to be formed into a Mounted Infantry Corps?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is not in my power to give any definite answer to this question. As I have explained, the question of the reconstruction of the Military Forces is under the attention of the Government, and I scarcely need say it is not a small question. It takes considerable time and considerable labour, and, with the other things upon the hands of the Government, it is not likely that I shall come to any decision within a month.

(12.) Hawkesbury River Bridge:—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is not the superstructure on the Hawkesbury bridge being proceeded with?
- (2.) Have not £71,000 been paid to the contractors on account of the superstructure?
- (3.) Does the Government intend to allow this work to proceed whilst there are two caissons out of position?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The superstructure over the two caissons which are out of position cannot be erected until they have been properly founded and the stone piers built upon them.

(13.) Castings for Harbours and Rivers Department, Newcastle:—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—For what special reason was the lowest tender (that of *Mr. R. Gibson*, of Newcastle) for castings for the Harbours and Rivers Department declined?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return which will fully explain the reasons for the action taken by the Department in reference to this matter.

(14.) Reserves in Eastern and Central Districts:—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Barbour*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table a Return showing—

- (1.) The number of reserves in the Eastern and Central Districts?
- (2.) The area of each reserve?
- (3.) The purpose for which it was made?
- (4.) The locality where situate?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The preparation of the Return suggested would occupy the time of ten clerks for some months, and, apart from the expense of printing, would be very costly.

3. KIAMA TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) *Mr. Cameron* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Kiama Tramway Act of 1883.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Mr. Cameron* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Kiama Tramway Act of 1883*,"—read a first time.

4. THE CHINESE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Thompson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing respectively,—

- (1.) The number of Chinese who paid the poll-tax in the year 1886.
 - (2.) The number who exhibited letters of naturalization which were admitted as correct in that year.
 - (3.) The same information for the year 1887 on both points.
- Question put and passed.

5. THE GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. McElhone*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- (1.) A copy of all minutes, letters, correspondence, documents, &c., between the Government and the Melbourne Tramway Company, or any other company or person or persons in reference to leasing the Government tramways of this Colony.
- (2.) Also, copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., between the Government and any company or person or persons in reference to using electricity or any other motive power to work the tramways of this Colony.

Question put and passed.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for one month be granted to Francis Woodward, Esquire, the Honorable Member for Illawarra.
Question put and passed.
7. PARRAMATTA CHURCH-STREET AMENDED ALIGNMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to adopt and declare valid an amended alignment of Church-street, in the Borough of Parramatta, and to authorize the Council of the said Borough to erect a public fountain and other buildings on land now part of said street, and for the other purposes thereafter mentioned.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Taylor having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to adopt and declare valid an amended alignment of Church-street in the Borough of Parramatta and to authorize the Council of the said Borough to erect a public fountain and other buildings on land now part of said street and for the other purposes hereinafter mentioned,*"—read a first time.
8. PARRAMATTA MUNICIPAL QUARRIES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to purchase or rent lands, either within or without the Borough, for use as stone quarries in connection with the Municipal works within the said Borough, and to purchase lands within the said Borough for the purpose of amending the alignment of Church-street in the vicinity of Albert-street, and for the other purposes thereafter mentioned.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Taylor having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to purchase or rent lands either within or without the Borough for use as stone quarries in connection with the Municipal works within the said Borough and to purchase lands within the said Borough for the purpose of amending the alignment of Church-street in the vicinity of Albert-street and for the other purposes hereinafter mentioned,*"—read a first time.
9. BRIDGE OVER THE UPPER MURRAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, petitions, correspondence, &c., in reference to the erection of a bridge over the Upper Murray.
Question put and passed.
10. SILVERTON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Silverton Tramway Act Amending Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barbour, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Kelly, Mr. De Courcy Browne, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Garrett, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
11. CENTENNIAL PARK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, minutes, and plans having reference to the construction and dedication of the Centennial Park.
Question put and passed.
12. HUNTER STREET NEWCASTLE EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice.—
(1.) That the Hunter Street Newcastle Extension Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Creer, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Melville, Mr. Schey, Mr. Slattery, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
13. PAPER:—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Tenders for Supply of Castings for the Hunter River District during the year 1888.
Ordered to be printed.
14. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT 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 constitute the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and to amend the 'Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,' and for other purposes.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th February, 1888.
15. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

16. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (NO. 2) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

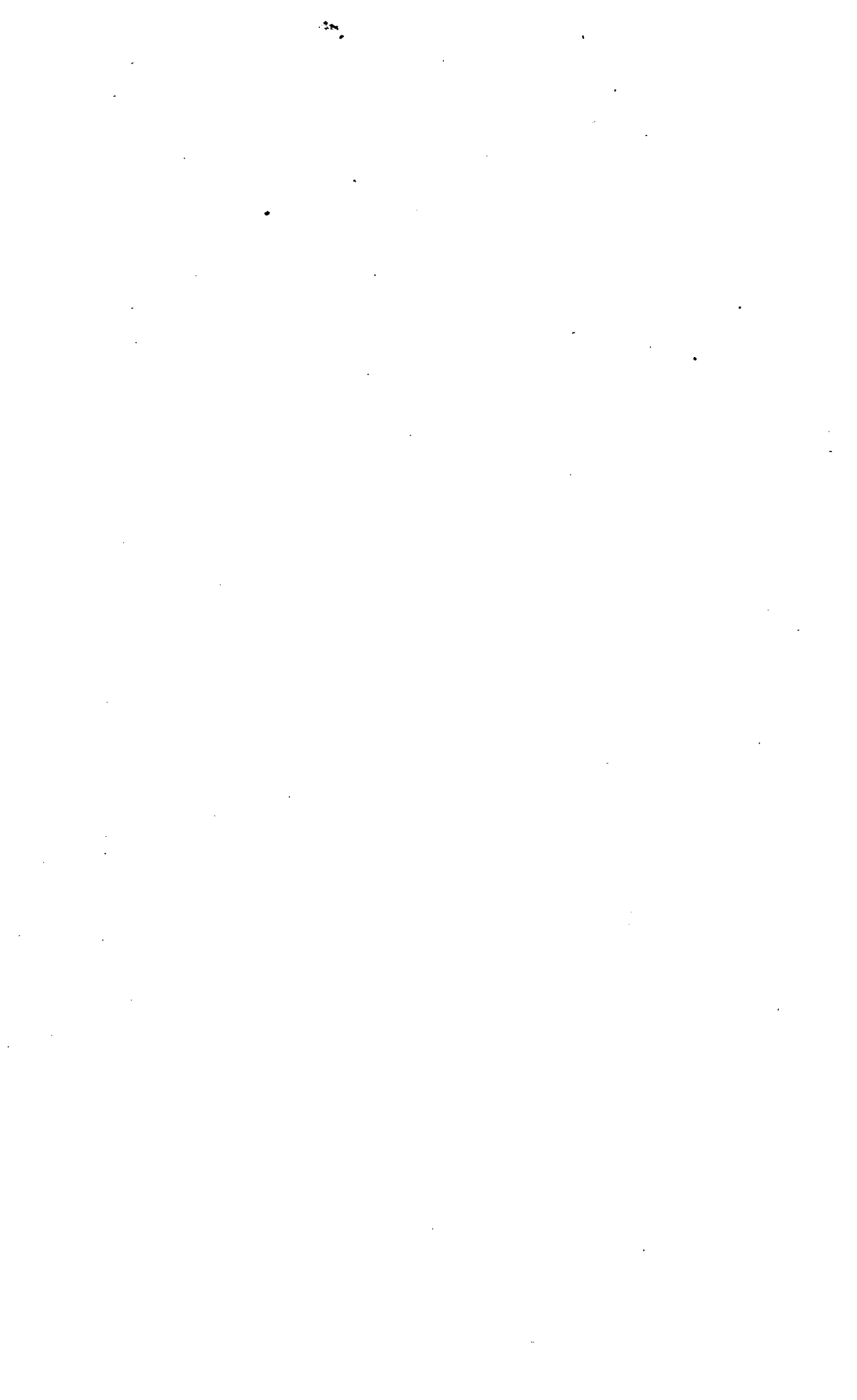
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1888*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th February, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

17. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2) :—The Debate on this Bill,—interrupted by the reporting of the Message from the Legislative Council recorded in Entry 16,—resumed.
Mr. Chanter moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
18. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Act Repeal Bill; second reading ;—until Thursday, 8th March.
(2.) Public Works Bill; third reading ;—until to-morrow.
19. CONVERSION INTO MINING CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—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 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. Garrett, 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 remove doubts which have arisen respecting the validity of the conversion of Conditional Purchases applied for under the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861' into Mining Conditional Purchases under the 19th section of that Act.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th February, 1888.
20. RABBIT PEST SUPPRESSION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, 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 repeal the "Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883," and to make better provision for the suppression of the rabbit pest.
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 repeal the "Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883," and to make better provision for the suppression of the rabbit pest.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
21. PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in this Bill read, and, on motion of Mr. Garrett, discharged.
22. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 MARCH, 1888.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 35.

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 1888,*"—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, 1st March, 1888.

(2.) Leichhardt Council Chambers (Mortgage) Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 36.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Leichhardt to Mortgage certain land for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall or Council Chambers thereon,*"—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, 1st March, 1888.

2. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Varney Parkes, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Seat of Varney Parkes, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Varney Parkes.

Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bridge over the Darling at Wilcannia:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Loan Estimates a sum of money for the purpose of erecting a bridge over the Darling at Wilcannia?

(2.) If it has not yet been decided, will he say whether the proposal will receive the careful consideration of the Government at an early date?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—An amount of £12,000 has been noted for consideration when the Loan Estimates are receiving attention.

(2.)

(2.) Jury List.—*Mr. Fletcher*, for *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he take measures this Session to make an alteration in the present system of summoning men to serve on the jury, whereby a fairer distribution of the work among the eligible residents of the district will be secured?

(2.) Will he at once require that the name of every eligible person shall be placed on the Jury List, so that each shall not be called upon to take more than his fair share of the duties?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) This matter will receive due consideration.

(2.) The Jury List is at present compiled by the police, and inquiries will be made to ascertain if any improvement can be effected.

(3.) The "Vernon"—*Mr. Schey* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many officials are employed on the "Vernon," and what are their designations?

(2.) What number of hours per week is each on duty?

(3.) What leave does each one get?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

No. of Officials—14.	Hours weekly (7 days), approxi- mately.	Leave.
Commander and Super-... intendent.	No stated time	... No stated time.
Lieutenant	67 hours ...	... Monday, Wednesday, Friday, after 4 p.m. until 8.30 next morning, and alternate Saturdays or Sundays (after church).
Schoolmaster	33 ,, ...	... Every day after school hours. Sundays, Saturdays, after 11 a.m.
Second Officer	68 ,, ...	... Tuesdays and Thursdays after 4 p.m.; alternate Saturday or Sunday.
Assistant Schoolmaster... ..	38 ,, ...	... Tuesdays and Saturdays, 11 a.m., until following Monday morning.
Carpenter	65½ ,, ...	... Same as lieutenant, with alternate Saturday from noon.
Boatswain	67 ,, ...	... Same as second-officer.
Senior Seaman	69 ,, ...	... Tuesdays and Thursdays after 4 p.m. until next morning, with alternate Sundays after church.
Seamen (3)	68 ,, ...	... One goes every afternoon after 4. Sundays after church in turn.
Cook and Steward	65 ,, ...	... Mondays and Thursdays after 2 p.m. to next morning.
General Assistant	69 ,, ...	... Wednesdays and Saturdays after 4 p.m. Sundays after church.
Bandmaster	56 ,, ...	... Wednesday and Friday after 4 p.m.; alternate Sundays after church.

(4.) General Post Office.—*Mr. Schey* asked the Postmaster General,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table a Return showing:—

(1.) The names of clerks employed in the Secretary's Branch of the Postal Department; also, the names of temporary clerks and the names of probationary clerks in the same Department?

(2.) Also, a Return showing the names of the clerks employed in the Mail Branch of the Postal Department; also the names of the temporary clerks and the names of the probationary clerks in the same Branch?

(3.) Also, a Return showing the length of service of each on the clerical staff?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I shall be glad to comply with the Honorable Member's request early next week.

(5.) Court-house Lawrence—Court-house Maclean.—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he say when the promised improvements and additions to the Court-house at Lawrence will be carried out?

(2.) Is it a fact that much inconvenience was experienced by the public at the Maclean District Court last week, owing to insufficient accommodation in the Court-house at that place?

(3.) Will he cause immediate inquiry to be made respecting same, and consider the advisability of erecting new buildings suitable for the requirements of the town?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Colonial Architect that a plan for additions to Court-house, Lawrence, is being prepared by him, and will be submitted in a few days.

(2.) I am not aware that such is the case.

(3.) Yes.

(6.) Boxing Matches.—*Mr. Henson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that Inspector Brennan has given notice that he will not allow any more boxing matches with gloves to a finish in the Police District of Newcastle?

(2.) If this be so, will a similar notice be given, applying to the whole Colony?

Mr. Burns answered,—My honorable colleague is informed by the Inspector-General of Police that instructions have been given to the police, both in Sydney and Newcastle, that when parties box to exhaustion, or when injuries are inflicted, such contests are illegal, and the principals, with all persons present, render themselves liable to prosecution. Under such circumstances, should they occur, prosecutions will be instituted. Boxing with proper gloves, as an amicable contest merely, is not, I believe, illegal.

- (7.) Mining on Church and School Lands:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to introduce a Bill during the present Session to make provision for mining on Church and School lands?
 - (2.) Is it not a fact that the mining industry is seriously hampered, and the mining community put to great inconvenience, in consequence of the miners being debarred from entering upon Church and School lands to prospect?
 - (3.) Is it not a fact that portions of the Church and School lands are known to contain rich deposits of gold, coal, and iron, and if open to the public would give a large return to the State?
- Mr. Inglis answered,—
- (1.) Yes, as soon as the despatch of important business before Parliament now will allow of it.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (8.) Persons Employed by Squatters:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Can he furnish any approximate estimate of the number of hands employed by squatters or lessees of Crown lands on their respective runs compared with our present population of 1,000,000?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—I cannot furnish the information the Honorable Member desires.
- (9.) Application of Mr. Thomas Brown, of Garra, near Molong:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has he arrived at any decision yet in regard to an application of one Thomas Brown, of Garra, near Molong, in the county of Ashburnham, to purchase or lease a certain portion of land (3 or 4 acres), which he has, at considerable expense, fenced in and placed under cultivation as a market garden?
 - (2.) If so, will he state what that decision is?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—The papers in reference to Brown's trespass on the land in question were, on 6th January last, forwarded to the District Surveyor at Orange for report. No report has yet been received.
- (10.) Differential Rates for Carriage of Wood:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the rate for the carriage of wood charged on the Southern, Western, and Illawarra lines respectively, for distances up to 30 miles, and the rate charged for the same distances on the line Sydney to Peat's Ferry?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to reduce the charge for the carriage of wood on the last-named line?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) The rates vary according to distance: for 30 miles on the Southern and Western lines it is 3s. 1d. per ton. The Illawarra line is not open for a distance of 30 miles from Sydney. The rate for 30 miles on the Hawkesbury is 3s. 9d. per ton, 20 per cent. being added for distances beyond the suburban section.
 - (2.) Not at present.
- (11.) Canley Vale Platform:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will an officer-in-charge be stationed at Canley Vale?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that there are many men in the Railway Department who, by length of service and good conduct, are entitled to promotion as officers-in-charge or station-masters, but that it frequently happens that their claims are overlooked, and men less entitled obtain the positions?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) The matter is under consideration?
 - (2.) Senior officers are always selected, provided they are qualified for such positions; but efficiency must necessarily be the first consideration.
- (12.) Crossing at Auburn Station:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the level crossing at Auburn station is dangerous to school children and the public who have to cross the line?
 - (2.) If so, will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view of remedying this and having an over-bridge erected?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) The level crossing at Auburn is no more dangerous than any other.
 - (2.) Inquiry has been made, but it is not considered that there is any pressing necessity for this work.
- (13.) Bridge over Tarban Creek:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have plans and specifications been prepared for the construction of a bridge over Tarban Creek, which would connect and make the distance 2 miles shorter between Sydney and Hunter's Hill; if so, when is it intended to proceed with the work?
 - (2.) Was not an amount placed on the Estimates some time since to cover the cost of this bridge?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) A preliminary section and outline of a bridge have been prepared, but not the working plans and specifications.
 - (2.) I find the matter was considered in connection with the Estimates for 1886, but no amount was submitted on the Estimates for this work.
- (14.) Revenue received at Lewisham, Macdonaldtown, and Stanmore:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the total revenue received at Lewisham platform, Macdonaldtown, and Stanmore respectively for the month of January, 1888?
 - (2.) What salaries do the officer-in-charge at Lewisham and the station-masters at Macdonaldtown and Stanmore receive?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

1.) The total revenue for 1888 was as follows:—Lewisham, £783 2s. 10d.; Macdonaldtown, £254 13s. 11d.; Stanmore, £529 8s. I have not had time to ascertain the number of tickets issued at the stations named; but as Lewisham is the longest distance, the fares would consequently be higher than from the other stations, and the amount of earnings is not therefore proportionate to the extent of the work done.

(2.) The salary of the officer-in-charge at Lewisham is £150, and of the station-masters at Macdonaldtown and Stanmore £180 per annum and quarters, or allowance for quarters in each case. The officer-in-charge at Lewisham has only held the position for ten months, while the station-masters at Macdonaldtown and Stanmore have been in charge of those stations for five and a quarter and three and a half years respectively.

(15.) Net-fishing, Hawkesbury River:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Adverting to a deputation of fishermen from Peat's Ferry that waited on him some time since in reference to the opening of a larger portion of the Hawkesbury River for net-fishing, has he taken any action in the matter; if so, in what way?

Mr. Burns answered,—Yes; and the necessary Proclamation, opening certain portions of the waters of the Hawkesbury River for net-fishing, will be published without delay.

4. ST. SAVIOUR'S GLEBE LAND LEASING BILL:—Mr. Colls, 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 22nd December, 1887. Ordered to be printed.

5. ANIMALS INFECTIOUS DISEASES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Garrett, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 37.

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 regulate experiments with diseases and to regulate the introduction and propagation of such diseases amongst wild or domestic animals.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st March, 1888.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Copy of *Gazette* Notice, setting forth the resumption of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 6th section of the Act, 44 Victoria No. 16. Ordered to be printed.

7. 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 next. Question put and passed.

8. DUPLICATION OF RAILWAY LINE, GOULBURN TO THE COOMA LINE JUNCTION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Walker, for Mr. O'Sullivan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and reports in connection with the duplication of the line Goulburn to the Cooma Line Junction. Question put and passed.

9. PARRAMATTA MUNICIPAL QUARRIES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Parramatta Municipal Quarries Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Day, Mr. Melville, Mr. Teece, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Colls, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

10. PARRAMATTA CHURCH-STREET AMENDED ALIGNMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Parramatta Church-street Amended Alignment Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Day, Mr. Melville, Mr. Teece, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Colls, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

11. KIAMA TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Kiama Tramway Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Davis, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Martin, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

12. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Public Works Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

13. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2.)—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Point of Order :—Mr. Tonkin submitted that the Honorable Member for The Murray, Mr. Chanter, was discussing the Bill in detail, instead of referring to its principles, and that he was guilty of the tedious repetition referred to in Additional Standing Order No. 4.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that Mr. Chanter's speech on the Bill was not a discussion in detail of its several clauses, nor was it one which brought it within the meaning of the Standing Order referred to.

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at three minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 MARCH, 1888.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 38.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to constitute the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and to amend the 'Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880' and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.

- (2.) Conversion into Mining Conditional Purchases Validation Bill—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 39.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to remove doubts which have arisen respecting the validity of the conversion of Conditional Purchases applied for under the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861' into Mining Conditional Purchases under the 19th section of that Act,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.

2. RABBIT PEST SUPPRESSION BILL:—Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the 'Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883,' and to make better provision for the suppression of the Rabbit Pest,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 14th March.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Duplication of Line, Goulburn to Cooma Line Junction:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works:—

(1.) What was the original estimate for duplicating the line, Goulburn to the Cooma Line Junction?

(2.) What officer, under the Engineer for Existing Lines, prepared the estimate?

(3.) What has been the cost of the work up to date, and what will it cost to complete?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) £13,287.

(2.) *Mr. Richard Watkins* prepared the estimate for all works on this service, with the exception of the estimate of the bridges, which was prepared by *Mr. Townsend*, but the design of bridge he estimated for was not adhered to.

(3.) Cost to date, £10,200; to complete, £6,409.

(2.) Pooncarie School:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) On what date did the Department intimate that a teacher would be sent to Pooncarie school?

(2.) Has one yet been sent; and, if not, when will he be sent?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) On 15th October, 1887.

(2.) One has not been sent, owing to the great distance and isolation of Pooncarie, and consequent difficulty in obtaining a teacher. The local Inspector now reports that, after much trouble, he has secured the services of a teacher, who has been instructed to open the school on Monday next, if possible.

(3.)

(3.) David Pollack's Selection of Forfeited Conditional Purchase, Nangus:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did David Pollack select a forfeited conditional purchase within the leasehold area of 561 acres on the 6th of August, 1885, in the parish of Nangus, and pay the usual deposit, the said conditional purchase being, it is believed, in the Gundagai district?

(2.) Did the Land Board decide that Pollack's conditional purchase was not a valid one?

(3.) Is it a fact that Albert Jenkins, a grandson of Mr. Jenkins, the lessee of Nangus, has selected the conditional purchase which the Land Board decided was not valid in David Pollack's case?

(4.) Under the circumstances of this case, will he reverse the decision of the Land Board, and give the selection to David Pollack, who gave up this conditional purchase owing to a decision of the Land Board which has been reversed by the decision of the Privy Council in the case of *Edols v. Tearle*?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes; the land was declared forfeited on the 5th November, 1880.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The same land was applied for by one Albert Edward Jenkins, on the 2nd February last. This application has not yet been dealt with by the Board.

(4.) Decision of the Board in Pollack's case cannot be reversed, as the land was not open to selection when applied for by him, it having been included in the leasehold area of Nangus holding.

(4.) The "Vernon":—*Mr. Thompson*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What are the names of the four boys who recently absconded from the "Vernon"?

(2.) The names of those who have been caught?

(3.) What punishment has been inflicted in each case, on what date, and by whose orders?

(4.) Has the officer-in-charge the authority to have these boys flogged at his pleasure?

(5.) Is it a fact that one of the boys fainted while undergoing the flogging, and that nevertheless the flogging was fully carried out?

(6.) Is the "tawse" with which these boys are flogged an instrument strongly resembling the cat-o'-nine tails?

(7.) Is it a fact that the boy who was flogged, and fainted under it, was informed that there were four charges against him, and that he had only received twenty lashes as a punishment for one offence, and that three more floggings were to be given him at an early date?

(8.) Has the officer-in-charge of the "Vernon" the power to dismiss any of the staff at his own pleasure, and without inquiry?

(9.) What position did the officer-in-charge of the "Vernon" occupy prior to his first appointment to the "Vernon"?

(10.) Will the Minister grant an inquiry with open doors into the administration of the "Vernon"?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Charles Boyd, William Donovan, William Smith *alias* Crane, and Thomas Larkins.

(2.) William Donovan and Thomas Larkins.

(3.) Donovan received twenty strokes with the "tawse" on the 24th ultimo, and eleven days' confinement. Larkin received twenty strokes with the "tawse" on the 24th, and twelve strokes with the "tawse" on the 27th ultimo, and confinement for eleven days. These punishments were inflicted by authority of the Superintendent, who, in consequence of the penitence displayed since by both lads, remitted part of their confinement.

(4.) Yes; but flogging is rarely resorted to.

(5.) No.

(6.) The "tawse" is a flat piece of leather strap with one end split into pieces. The punishment inflicted by the "tawse" is not nearly so severe as that which would be caused by the cat-o'-nine tails.

(7.) No.

(8.) Yes, in the case of the lowest rank of officials; but the power is rarely exercised.

(9.) Captain Neitenstein held no situation under the Colonial Government prior to his first appointment on board the "Vernon."

(10.) I do not think it necessary."

(5.) Easter Encampment:—*Mr. Joseph Abbott* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are the Metropolitan and Country Reserve Corps to go into camp at Easter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The whole question depends upon expense, and at this moment we cannot say whether all the Reserve Forces will or will not go into camp.

(6.) Railway Employés:—*Mr. Fletcher* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Government decided to again bring into force the annual increases under the Commissioner's classification; if so, will the increases apply to all parties employed in the Railway Department, clerical and otherwise, who commenced at low salaries and wages, with the expectation of being recouped by the annual increases?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—As I have already explained, in answer to similar questions, that portion only of the classification has been revived which was not affected by the provisions of the Civil Service Act.

(7.) Payment of Military Service:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the Military Service received its pay on the 1st of the month when it was due?

(2.) If not, has this occurred on several occasions?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The Military Service has been paid on the 1st of each month, as far as the same could possibly be made.

(2.) No unavoidable delay has at any time occurred at the Treasury in the payment of the Military. Owing, however, to the number of officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, and the arrangements made for their payment, through the adjutants, it is impracticable for all to be paid on the 1st of the month.

(8.)

(8.) *Supersedeas* to Bankrupt Justices of the Peace:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the Government issue a *supersedeas* in all cases where a Justice of the Peace is a bankrupt or insolvent?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It has been usual to take this course; but at times it is rather difficult to ascertain the fact. The Court sometimes reports the fact, sometimes it is discovered in the ordinary way, and occasionally it is lost sight of.

(9.) Municipal Council of Liverpool:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the attention of the Government been called to the matter of the Municipal Council of Liverpool paying, out of a Government grant, for some 983 yards of metal on the Camden Road, while less than 700 yards had been supplied; and, if so, do the Government intend to take any action in the matter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The attention of the Government has been called to this matter, which is being inquired into at the present time.

(10.) Delay in issue of Railway Time-table:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was there a delay in the issue of this month's railway time-table; if so what was the reason of the delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A new time-table is not issued every month. There will be an amended time-table issued on the 12th instant.

(11.) The State House:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government any objection to lay upon the Table the plans, specifications, and any tenders for the State House which may be invited, before accepting any tender for the erection of the building?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There will be no objection whatever to lay these plans before Parliament.

(12.) Postal Contract with Pacific Mail Steamship Company:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Government, on 10th October, 1884, agree with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company of New York for the carriage of New South Wales mails between Sydney and San Francisco for the year, from November, 1884, to November, 1885, for the sum of £11,750, if New Zealand concurred?

(2.) Did the Company, with the concurrence of New Zealand, carry the New South Wales mails between Sydney and San Francisco during the year named?

(3.) Did the Company claim payment of the amount due for the service they had performed?

(4.) Has the Government paid the amount of that claim, or any part of it, to the Company, in accordance with such agreement?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter is involved in some difficulty, involving differences of opinion. It is at present receiving special consideration from the Government; and, until that consideration has been given to it, it is best not to say anything definite.

(13.) Hawkesbury Railway Bridge:—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the security given by the contractors for the Hawkesbury bridge on account of the superstructure?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—There is no special security for the superstructure. The amount of security for the whole contract is £10,000.

(14.) M'Sharry's Arbitration Case:—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that, in M'Sharry's arbitration case, the Government have paid £1,000 on account of fees to Mr. Poole and Mr. Jennings, two of the arbitrators, and refuse to pay anything to Mr. Watkins, the third arbitrator?

(2.) If this is true, what is the reason?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Mr. Poole was the Commissioner's arbitrator and Mr. Jennings was the umpire. Mr. Watkins was the plaintiff's arbitrator; and unless an advance is made to him by the plaintiff, who appointed him, he cannot be paid by the Government until the question of costs—now being adjudicated upon—is settled.

(15.) Railway Survey, Colo Valley:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the late Secretary for Public Works, the Honorable F. A. Wright, authorized the survey of a line through the Colo Valley, on the strength of a statement made by Mr. Surveyor G. W. Townsend, that a line could be constructed for about £1,500,000, with no grade sharper than 1 in 100, and no curve sharper than 20 chains?

(2.) Has the survey been completed?

(3.) What has been the cost of the survey up to the present time?

(4.) What is the estimated cost of the proposed line, based on the survey?

(5.) What is the Engineer-in-Chief's Estimate for the line?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) As a matter of fact, Mr. Secretary Wright did not authorize this survey. It was the Honorable George Dibbs, acting during Mr. Wright's absence, who authorized it in the following minute:—"Now that the railway proposals of the Government contain a proposed line to Wilcannia, and as heavy extensions will no doubt be sanctioned out westward, it becomes more than ever desirable that a trial survey of the route indicated herein should be made. This survey will, of course, be made in Mr. Whitton's department, but Mr. Townsend is to be placed in charge of it under the Engineer-in-Chief." Mr. Townsend reports in this matter as follows:—"My reply to Mr. Wright concerning this matter was,—'It is a most unusual and risky thing to give an estimate on the strength of a mere exploration,' and I only did so at his urgent request, so that he might know what he was authorizing a survey for. My first estimate of £1,500,000

£1,500,000 was based on a mere examination of the country without survey. When I came to make the track, I found that a great deal of the country that looked sound when cut into proved to be liable to landslips, to avoid which I increased the length of tunnels from $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles to $20\frac{1}{2}$ miles, altering them from double-line to single-line tunnels. I further found that the floods were much more serious on the Colo and its tributaries than I at first supposed. I therefore largely increased the bridge area. The bridges are still estimated for double line. The increase in the cost of these two items will nearly make my first and second estimates balance. The distance from point to point differs only one mile between my first report and my survey, and I have not exceeded my limit of grades and curves, viz., 1 in 100 and 20 chains radius respectively."

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Inclusive of the cost of making a track—about £3,000—the cost of survey has been £7,687 1s. 8d. to end of December last.

(4.) Mr. Townsend's estimate is £2,695,000, inclusive of $21\frac{1}{2}$ miles of single-line tunnels.

(5.) The Engineer-in-Chief states that he has not yet been furnished with sufficient information to enable him to prepare an estimate of the cost.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 8th February, 1888—"Rents for Crown Lands."
Ordered to be printed.

5. WILLIAM SKENE'S PRE-LEASE AT CONARGO (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Chanter, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the following letters, papers, plans, and other correspondence in relation to a pre-lease taken up by Wm. Skene, at Conargo, near Deniliquin, in the year 1878:—

(1.) Application for improvement purchases by C. Walker and Austin D. Millar.

(2.) Papers referring to application by A. Armstrong and C. Walker (prior to that of 5th July, 1883), asking leave to pay overdue rent.

(3.) Austin and Millar's application for a pre-lease of 160 acres, made on the 19th May, 1883.

(4.) C. Walker's letter to the Lands Department, and their reply thereto (sent through J. M. Chanter, M.P.).

(5.) C. Walker's letter to the Lands Department.

(6.) W. O. Walker's application for pre-lease of 320 acres, showing the boundaries of the land applied for.

(7.) Wm. Skene's application for pre-lease, showing boundaries of land applied for.

(8.) Departmental notice, presented by C. Walker to the Crown Lands Agent, Deniliquin, when paying back rent, 29th August, 1883.

(9.) Survey plans of Licensed Surveyors Callaghan and Woods, showing improvements and value.
Question put and passed.

6. CASE AGAINST MR. T. W. CHAMBERS, AT TIBOOBURRA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, 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 informations, summonses, depositions, and order of conviction, in the case against Mr. T. W. Chambers, heard before Mr. King, P.M., at Tibooburra, on the 8th April, 1886, and also copies of all correspondence, petitions, reports, and other documents relating to the same.
Question put and passed.

7. CAPTAIN A. H. P. SAVAGE, PERMANENT ARTILLERY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall 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 papers and correspondence in connection with the appointment of A. H. P. Savage to the rank of Captain and Adjutant of the Permanent Artillery.
Question put and passed.

8. TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH ROSEHILL RACECOURSE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all orders, recommendations, letters, or other documents between the Telegraph Department and the owners of the Rosehill racecourse, relating to telegraphic communication with that place.
Question put and passed.

9. ATTORNEYS BILLS OF COSTS AND PRACTICE OF CONVEYANCING AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hutchison,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Gale,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Dowd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. Walker,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Carruthers.

Tellers,

Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Gormly.

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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 20th March. .

10. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Day moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Day, 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. Day, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
11. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Ministerial Election Bill postponed until to-morrow.
12. SEDUCTION PUNISHMENT 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 the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. J. S. Farnell (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Original Grants of Land Boundaries Bill postponed until Tuesday, 20th March.
14. TRADES CONCILIATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 establishment of Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration for the settlement of trade and labour disputes.
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 establishment of Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration for the settlement of trade and labour disputes.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
15. CONTRACTORS DEBTS ACT EXTENSION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 extend the provisions of the Act 42 Victoria No. 22, intituled the "Contractors Debts Act," for the purpose of better securing the payment of debts due for material supplied by tradesmen and others.
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 extend the provisions of the Act 42 Victoria No. 22, intituled the "Contractors Debts Act," for the purpose of better securing the payment of debts due for material supplied by tradesmen and others.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
16. REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cortis moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration of legally qualified medical practitioners, to prevent unqualified persons from assuming certain titles, or giving certificates of deaths or evidence as experts in medical or surgical cases, and for other purposes.
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, viz., Mr. Abigail, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Cortis, Mr. Davis, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Henson, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Jeanneret, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lees, Mr. O'Connor, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Sutherland,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at Six o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Station-master at Eveleigh :—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the name of the present station-master at the Eveleigh railway station, and what is the amount of his salary?

(2.) Who was his immediate predecessor, and what amount of salary did he receive?

(3.) Is the present station-master entitled to the same amount of salary as his predecessor; if not, for what reason?

(4.) Will the Minister cause inquiry to be made, for the purpose of ascertaining whether he is deserving of the amount of salary paid to his predecessor, with the view to his receiving the same if found to be entitled to it?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Joseph Walsh is to be paid £150 per annum from the 1st instant.

(2.) Mr. Abbott (deceased); £165 per annum.

(3.) No; Mr. Abbott was classed as a station-master; Mr. Walsh is only officer-in-charge.

(4.) Mr. Walsh's salary has been increased to £150, the maximum paid to officers-in-charge. If Eveleigh were classed as a station, there are many others who are entitled to the position before him.

(2.) Duplication of Line, Granville to Penrith :—Mr. Henson, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What officer in the Works Department prepared the estimate for duplicating the railway line from Granville to Penrith?

(2.) What was the estimate, and what the actual cost of such work?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

(3.) Telegraph Office, Orange :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any final arrangement yet been made for removing the present miserable telegraph office at the Orange railway station to more suitable rooms, viz., to the upper floor of the railway station buildings, which have been vacant for some considerable time past?

(2.) Will he see that the necessary steps are taken to have this much needed change carried out as speedily as possible, in the interests of the officials as well as the travelling public?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This matter is now under consideration, and a decision will be arrived at without unnecessary delay.

(4.) Penny Postage System :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—Have the Government considered the desirability of extending the penny postage system throughout New South Wales, or at least to all places accessible by railway?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The Government have not yet come to a decision upon this question.

(5.) Model Farms :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the promises of the late Government to establish model agricultural farms in country districts, as soon as eligible sites are secured, is it the intention of the Government to send an officer to the district of Parramatta to view and report on sites for a model farm for that district, and when will it be convenient to do so?

Mr. Abigail answered,—When this matter has been definitely settled by the Government, the request made here will receive attention.

(6.)

(6.) Lock-up at Parramatta North:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it the intention of the Government to call for tenders for the erection of a lock-up at Parramatta North, plans having been prepared, and tenders promised to be called for in 1887?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—I find that plans have been prepared, but there is at present no Vote available.

(7.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to refund to all officers, who cannot partake of the advantages of the Superannuation fund, the amounts contributed by them to such fund, and further cease to collect contributions to the said fund by such officers?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Chairman of the Civil Service Board that if deductions have been made from the salaries of any persons not entitled to contribute, and who therefore cannot partake of the advantages of the Superannuation Account, upon this being made to appear to the Civil Service Board the amount paid will be refunded and no further contribution will be collected.

(8.) Snagging Mooney Mooney Creek:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the work in connection with the snagging of Mooney Mooney Creek be proceeded with?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The contractor is now making a start with the work.

(9.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has the actuarial investigation provided by the 54th section of the Civil Service Act, as to the state and sufficiency of the Superannuation Account, yet been made?
(2.) If so, what is the result of such investigation?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following replies have been furnished to me by the Civil Service Board:—

(1.) No.

(2.) The actuarial investigation is being proceeded with, but being a work of considerable complexity cannot be completed for some weeks.

(10.) Jervis Bay:—Mr. Gale asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Government considered the importance of Jervis Bay as a coaling and shipping port?

(2.) Is the principal portion of the bay in private hands; if so, who is the proprietor?

(3.) Is the lighthouse at Jervis Bay built on private property?

(4.) If so, do the Government intend to resume it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Jervis Bay has always been considered a safe and important port, admirably adapted for shipping the coal which is known to exist in its vicinity.

(2.) I am unable to say upon such short notice.

(3 and 4.) It is believed that the lighthouse, which was built many years ago, is on Government property.

(11.) Improvements at Clarence River:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will Sir John Coode's plans for improving the entrance to the Clarence River be laid upon the Table of the House?

(2.) Can he say when the work will be resumed at Clarence breakwater?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The plans will be laid upon the Table next week.

(2.) I will make inquiry in the matter.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Report (with plans) by Sir John Coode, K.C.M.G., M.I.C.E., upon the Lake Macquarie Harbour Works.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return showing names and length of service of Clerks, &c., employed in the Correspondence and Record Branch, and in the Mail Branch of the General Post Office.

Ordered to be printed.

3. TOTALIZATOR LEGALIZING BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalize an instrument called the Totalizator on Racecourses*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th March.

4. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. Fitzgerald presented a Petition from Edward Grace, of Bando, Gunnedah, selector and grazier, representing that he conditionally purchased 512 acres, at the Gunnedah Land Office, and took possession of the land; that he fulfilled all the conditions of residence and improvements to the satisfaction of the Inspector; that, at an inquiry held by the Local Land Board at Gunnedah, such Board recommended that the said conditional purchase be forfeited; that an appeal against this decision was dismissed by the Minister; and praying the House to consider the whole of the circumstances of his case, and direct that such relief may be afforded the Petitioner as may seem fit.
Petition received.

Mr. Fitzgerald (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition of Edward Grace be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. HUNTER STREET NEWCASTLE EXTENSION BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Ellis presented a Petition from certain Ratepayers in the Municipality of Newcastle, praying the House to favourably consider the Petitioners representations of the advantages which will be obtained by the extension of Hunter-street in the direction of the Ocean, and the benefit that will accrue to the citizens of Newcastle by the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Ellis presented another Petition, in reference to this Bill, from the Reverend Sydney Calvert Jackson Grime, and Frances, his wife, and William Howard Greenway, and Charles Sweetland, all of Newcastle, praying that the House will either reject this Bill or amend the same, by restricting the quantity of land to be taken under its provisions to sufficient for the construction of Hunter-street, and by making better provision for securing the due and prompt payment of the compensation payable thereunder.

Petition received.

6. SESSIONAL ORDER RESCINDED (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Sessional Order, agreed to on 27th October last, appointing Friday a Sitting Day of this House, be rescinded.

Question put and passed.

7. RINGBARKING ON CROWN LANDS (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the area and number of cases, or list of runs, in which permission to ringbark on Crown lands has been granted, since the 31st March, 1881, to the present date.

Question put and passed.

8. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF JAMES C. STEVENSON (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications, reports, plans of, and papers relating to, the conditional purchases of James C. Stevenson, made at Bathurst, together with minutes of evidence taken before the Board at Bathurst, as to a conditional lease, No. 87-13, copies of the decision of the Local Board, also notice of appeal, and the decision of the Minister upon such appeal.

Question put and passed.

9. FORBES MUNICIPALITY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Stokes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all petitions, papers, letters, and telegrams, that have been forwarded to the Government by ratepayers of the Forbes Municipality, with reference to the special audit of municipal accounts just granted; also, a copy of all letters and telegrams sent from the Department to the ratepayers having reference to the same.

Question put and passed.

10. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to extend the Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883.*"

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 extend the Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883,*"—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, 7th March, 1888.*

11. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Accomplices Evidence Amending Bill, postponed until Tuesday, 3rd April.

12. COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in this Bill, discharged, on motion of Mr. Cameron.

13. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Tuesday, 3rd April.

(2.) Grafton School of Arts Trustees Enabling Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 3rd April.

(3.) Christian Chapel Lands Sale Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 17th April.

14. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Jeanneret rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to bring under notice the condition of the railway labourers on the Blayney and Cowra Railway, and matters in connection therewith, matters of urgent public importance."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. Jeanneret moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

15. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address made on the 10th November, 1887—
“The Rev. H. H. Britten, of Ryde.”

Ordered to be printed.

16. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to further amend the Act of 1857 to incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society and Amendment Act of 1873.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by, a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th March 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd April.

17. PRIVILEGE—GARRETT v. DIBBS:—Mr. Dibbs, as a matter of *Privilege*, referred to a Writ which had been served upon him in this case, and moved, That the Crown Solicitor be instructed to defend the action of *Garrett v. Dibbs*, in the interests of the Privileges of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

18. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled “A Bill to provide against the communication of Infectious Diseases to Animals,” through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

19. ANIMALS INFECTIOUS DISEASES BILL:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), 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 against the communication of Infectious Diseases to Animals.

Question put and passed.

20. CROWN LANDS BILL. (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 MARCH, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Prospecting Vote for Gold:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. See, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) The names of the different electorates in which the £15,000 Prospecting Grant was apportioned, and the sum granted to each of such electorates?
 (2.) The names of the person or persons in each electorate to whom the money has been paid, or to be paid?
 (3.) Upon whose recommendation was the money granted to the respective recipients?
 (4.) The number of applications from other persons in other electorates for a portion of the money?

Mr. Abigail answered,—A Return will be prepared setting out the information asked for, and, as soon as possible, will be laid upon the Table.

- (2.) Charge on Oyster Spat:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a charge of 2s. per bag is made on spat taken from Crown lands to be deposited by lessees on their oyster leases?
 (2.) If so, will he take such steps as will abolish this charge?

Mr. Burns answered,—The charge of 2s. per bag on spat taken from Crown lands is imposed in terms of the authority given under the 34th Regulation of the "Oyster Fisheries Act of 1884." The proposal to abolish the charge shall receive consideration.

- (3.) Combination Trucks:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to lay upon the Table of this House, a letter addressed by Mr. W. B. Wilkinson to him, asking that he would lay the matter therein contained upon the Table, the subject being an answer to a report from Mr. Harper, relative to the trials of the Evans and Wilkinson Combination Trucks?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—When Mr. Harper's report upon the statements made by Mr. Wilkinson in the letter referred to is received, the papers will be laid upon the Table.

- (4.) Locomotive Engineer:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the Locomotive Engineer, Mr. Scott, about to retire from the Railway Service?
 (2.) Is it his intention to appoint Mr. Midelton to the vacancy?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I have no knowledge of Mr. Scott's alleged intention to retire.

- (5.) Construction of Locomotives:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Mr. Midelton wrote to the Baldwin Company to ascertain the price at which that Company would construct locomotives of the "Mogul" and "Consolidation" type?
 (2.) Has he communicated to the Minister that that Company will construct them, all round, for £2,250 each.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) No.

- (6.) Timber Licenses:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Creer, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the cost per annum for a timber license?
 (2.) Do all the men working for a timber licensee require to have licenses; if so, how much per man per annum?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) On Crown lands, £3 per annum for timber other than cedar, which is £6; timber reserves—class A, £6; class B, £9; class C, £6 (a royalty is charged on timber in this latter class). State forest licenses are sold by auction or by tender. The minimum fee is £10 per annum per square mile, and the timber is subject to a royalty. Licenses are also granted for cutting mining props at £3, and for piles at rates varying according to the value of the timber.

(2.) Excepting on State forest blocks, each man employed in getting timber is required to hold a license at the rates above specified. Licenses are granted for a month, quarter, or year.

2. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Cortis rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to draw attention to the removal of a large number of men from the Railway Workshops and Sheds at Bathurst, and to the fact that the answers given in this Chamber on the “above subject by the Minister for Works were inaccurate and misleading.” And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Cortis moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. **CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:**—Mr. Walker presented a Petition from Stephen Fennell, of Wagga Wagga, Selector, stating that Petitioner inadvertently, in making final declarations upon several selections owned by him upon which all conditions of the Land Act of 1861 had been duly observed, omitted to make declaration referring to selection 76-375, Wagga Wagga, 57 acres 1 rood, although conditions to be declared to were duly completed, and, in consequence of such omission, the selection was duly notified as lapsed, and reverted to the Crown; that after such reversal the land was embraced within a leasehold, which fact renders it difficult for the Crown to reverse the lapsing; and praying the House to take the whole of the circumstances into consideration, and in its wisdom direct such action as shall seem fit.
Petition received.
Mr. Walker (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition of Stephen Fennell be referred to the Select Committee of the House appointed to inquire into, examine, and report upon the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill.
Question put and passed.
4. **PRECEDENCE OF NOTICE OF MOTION:**—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Notice of Motion given by Mr. Dibbs for Tuesday next, referring to the purchase of Josephson's land, take precedence of all other business on that day.
Question put and passed.
5. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at thirteen minutes after Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 MARCH, 1888.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions in reference to Agricultural Societies, postponed until Tuesday, 17th April.
2. PURCHASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LAND ADJOINING THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S WHARF—VOTE OF CENSURE:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the evidence taken before the Select Committee of this House in the matter of the purchase of the property known as Josephson's land, at the Circular Quay, discloses—(1) Injudicious and unsatisfactory administration on the part of the Government; (2) That the amount paid for such property was in excess of its value.
 (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, 14 MARCH, 1888, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Fletcher,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Dibbs,
 Mr. Slattery,
 Mr. Creer,
 Mr. Garvan,
 Mr. O'Mara,
 Mr. Toohy,
 Mr. W. J. Allen.

Tellers,

Mr. Walker,
 Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 47.

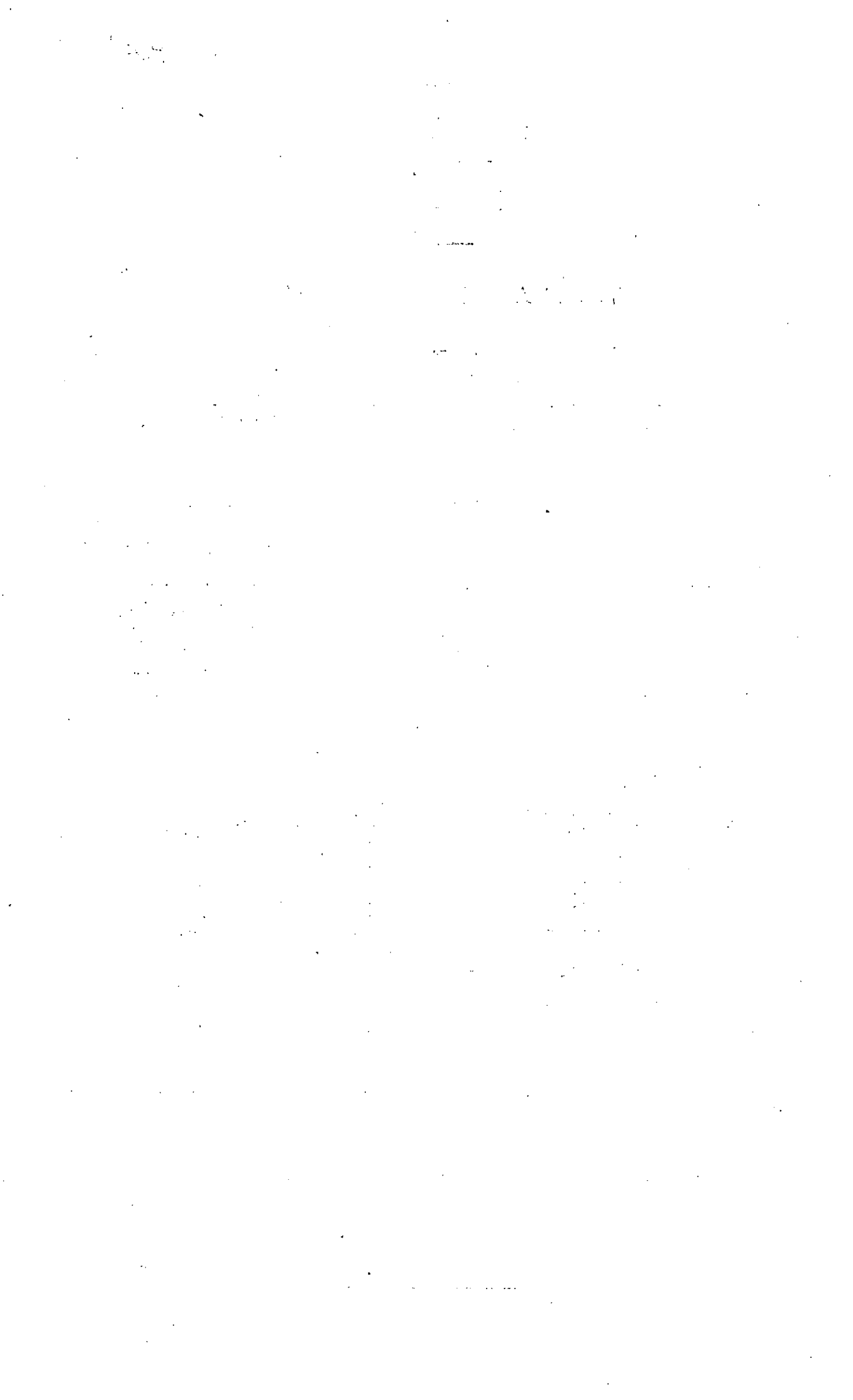
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Ball,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Kethel,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Lec,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Moore,	Tellers,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Bowman,	

And so it passed in the negative.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at nineteen minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Careless use of Fire :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he state approximately, or otherwise, the number of prosecutions and convictions that have taken place during the last two years under the Act to prevent the careless use of fire, or furnish a Return of the same?

Mr. Abigail answered,—In 1885 there were sixteen persons proceeded against for “careless use of fire,” and in 1886 there were three. The returns for 1887 are not yet compiled by the Government Statistician.

- (2.) Reformatory for Boys :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect a reformatory for boys; if so, when, and where?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is not in my power to give any definite answer on this subject at the present time. I think the House is aware that the Government are really anxious to create a reformatory for boys.

- (3.) Duplication of Line, Granville to Liverpool :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of the duplication of the line of railway from Granville to Liverpool; and, if so, when will the work be commenced?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I regret I can give no information until the railway policy of the Government is explained to Parliament.

- (4.) Hawkesbury Railway Bridge :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it stated in the terms of contract between the Government and the Union Bridge Company, that rivets only shall be used in the construction of the superstructure of the Hawkesbury bridge?

(2.) Are the conditions of the contract in this respect complied with?

(3.) Is it a fact that bolts, instead of rivets, are being used; if so, by whose authority?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1 and 2.) No conditions of this kind are stipulated in the specification.

(3.) Application was made to use bolts instead of rivets to connect the sections of the top booms of main girders, as it would be difficult to make good work in such a position with rivets, also to connect the rail-bearers with the cross-beams, and was acceded to by the Engineer-in-Chief.

- (5.) Receipt Stamps :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the Civil Servants compelled to pay for stamps on the receipt of the money paid to them as salaries?

(2.) Under the “Stamp Duties Act of 1880,” are not labourers, artificers, and workmen exempt from the payment for stamps for money received as wages?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) It is considered that all Civil Servants paid by salaries are under the obligation to affix a 2d. stamp to their receipts, and this practice has been uniformly followed.

(2.) I am aware that under the “Stamp Duties Act of 1880,” labourers, artificers, and workmen are exempt from the payment for stamps for money received as wages.

- (6.) Mr. Deputy-Stipendiary Magistrate Delohery :—Mr. Fletcher, for Mr. O’Sullivan, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Cornelius Delohery, Clerk of Petty Sessions at the Central Police Court, has been appointed a Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate during the absence of Mr. O’Malley Clarke?

(2.) What experience has this gentleman had as a magistrate, and are there not over thirty in the interior who are entitled to the position? (3.)

(3.) Has the Minister read the protests written by the magistrates over two years ago against the innovation?

(4.) Is it a fact that this officer has drawn upwards of £1,200 a year for the past five years as Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar of the Small Debts Court?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Mr. Delohery has acted for many years as a Justice of the Peace in a ministerial capacity. I assume that the Honorable Member wishes to know whether there are not over thirty Police Magistrates outside of Sydney who are "eligible" for the position. This information I am not in a position to give.

(3.) Yes; I have read the protests of certain Stipendiary Magistrates, made in February, 1886, also recommendations in favour of Mr. Delohery's appointment as Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate, by Mr. John Dillon and Mr. William Craue, late Stipendiary Magistrates, and Mr. George O'Malley Clarke, Stipendiary Magistrate, together with two numerously signed recommendations by members of the legal profession—one sent to this Department in 1886, and the other in 1888.

(4.) Mr. Delohery informs me that such is not the fact.

(7.) Railway Station, Blayney:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Garland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Government call for tenders for the increase of railway station accommodation at Blayney?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I intend to inquire into the necessity for additional accommodation at Blayney when I visit that place.

(8.) Bega-Eden Railway:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Plans and Book of Reference of the Bega-Eden railway be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Fresh surveys in this matter are now in hand, and as soon as survey is received the question will be considered by the Government.

(9.) Telegraphic Communication between various Racecourses:—*Mr. Stephen*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is there telegraphic communication between the Randwick, Canterbury, Liverpool, Hawkesbury, and Rosehill racecourses, respectively, and the New South Wales telegraphic system?

(2.) Which of the owners or trustees have recouped the Telegraph Department for its outlay in making connection?

(3.) From which has a demand been made for such repayment; if so, by whom, on whose authority, and on what dates?

(4.) Is it a fact that telegraphic communication was suspended on Saturday last at Rosehill; if so, by whose order?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Department to continue this suspension of the telegraphic communication at that place; if so, for how long?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) There is telegraph communication between Randwick, Canterbury, Hawkesbury, and Rosehill racecourses.

(2.) None.

(3.) An account for construction and maintenance was rendered to the proprietors of the Rosehill racecourse on 16th March, 1885, and reminders have since been sent to Mr. Clibborn by the Accountant of the Telegraph Department, upon the authority of the Superintendent.

(4.) Yes; by the direction of the Superintendent of Telegraphs.

(5.) Having looked into this matter, I have given directions for telegraphic communication with Rosehill to be continued.

(10.) Decree *re* Stephen *v.* Erwin:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it true the decree *re* Stephen *v.* Erwin, as fixed by the Master-in-Equity in September last, was signed by the Judge who adjudicated?

(2.) If so, is the same in accordance with the judgment pronounced on 11th May; if so, was it signed by the Judge?

(3.) If any, what conveyances for valuable consideration were made void by the Master's decree?

(4.) Is it a fact the Master is now inquiring by examining the same witnesses as at the hearing of the suit; if so, for what purpose, and by whose direction?

(5.) Does the decree, as pronounced on 11th May, warrant such inquiry; if so, has the Master power to alter judgment contrary to the shorthand-writers' (appointed by the Court) report of same?

(6.) If any, what correspondence has taken place upon the subject of such alteration?

(7.) Has he any objection to lay the same upon the Table of the House?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—As this case is still pending before the Court, and these questions affect private interests only, as distinguished from public interests, and as the information, I am informed, can be obtained by the parties concerned, I do not think it would establish a desirable precedent for me to furnish replies to the Honorable Member's questions.

(11.) Railway Department:—*Mr. Henson*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is there a person employed in the Railway Department about whom various complaints have been made as to obtaining goods and money to a large extent by false pretences?

(2.) Has any inquiry been made by the Commissioner as to these complaints; if not, for what reason?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No direct complaint has been made, and the matter has in no way come under the attention of the Commissioner for Railways. (2.)

(2.) On notice of this question being given, inquiry was made; and it seemed that the inquiry was directed to the conduct of a man named Johnston who advertised himself as Secretary to a Railway Ball, which was to take place in the Exhibition Building on 13th February last, in connection with which certain tradesmen had not been paid their accounts. The particulars of the affair are not known to the Department, but it is understood there is to be an appeal to the Law Courts. As regards Johnston, it was found that he absented himself from duty on the plea of ill-health, whereas he was engaged in preparing for this ball. For this misrepresentation he has been dismissed from his employment.

(12.) Mr. Read—Glebe Island Abattoirs:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was a man named Read employed by the Government at the Glebe Island Abattoirs?
- (2.) Was he subsequently dismissed; if so, for what reason?
- (3.) Has he since been re-employed; if so, who employed him, and what are his duties?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Mr. Read was engaged by the Treasury Department at Glebe Island Abattoirs as Engineer-in-charge of refrigerating machinery.

(2.) His services were dispensed with when the Glebe Island chill-rooms were closed, as he was no longer required.

(3.) He has been re-employed in the construction of chill-rooms, &c., and completion of new meat market, Darling Harbour. His appointment was approved by the Secretary for Public Works when the work in connection with the meat market was transferred to the Railway Department. He is employed on the work he has expert knowledge of, viz., the erection and arrangement of refrigerating machinery.

(13.) Maintenance Men, Road Boree to Parkes:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that the maintenance men on the road between Molong and Meranburn have been kept out of their pay for the last four months, and what is the reason of the delay in paying the men their wages, and when will their wages be paid?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I regret to find that the facts are as stated, and the explanation given by the Commissioner for Roads is—that the delay which occurred on the road “Boree to Parkes,” not “Molong to Meranburn,” was owing to a change of officers and the sudden illness of the relieving officer. The men have now been paid. I am making further inquiry into the matter, and will deal with those in fault.

(14.) Orderly Clerks, Brigade Office:—Mr. Walker, for Mr. Melville, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many orderly clerks have been engaged during the last twelve months in the Brigade Office, Phillip-street?
- (2.) What are the various salaries paid and the allowances connected therewith?
- (3.) By whom were they appointed, and when?
- (4.) By whom were they recommended?
- (5.) How long were they in the Colony previous to being so employed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—During the afternoon I will lay upon the Table the information required by these questions.

(15.) Seaweed Nuisance, Botany Bay:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he cause full inquiry to be made to ascertain the extent of the accumulation of seaweed on the north shore of Botany Bay, with a view to the abatement of any nuisance that may arise therefrom?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the necessary reclamation during the present year?

Mr. Sutherland answered:—

- (1.) A report has been received, but no action has yet been taken thereon.
- (2.) There are no funds available.

(16.) Tram Time-tables in Chinese Language:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there are tram time-tables in circulation printed in the Chinese language?
- (2.) If so, have these time-tables been printed at the public expense?
- (3.) Did the Government employ an interpreter in the preparation of these time-tables for printing; if so, what amount of fees did he receive?
- (4.) What was the total cost of preparing and printing these time-tables?
- (5.) Were they printed on the recommendation of any officer or employé in the Tramway Service; if so, what is his name, the nature of his services in connection with the tramways, and what amount of salary or pay does he receive?
- (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to have time-tables printed in the various languages of the people of every nationality in New South Wales?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No; but a notice was printed for the special purpose of freeing the Department from liability in case of accidents through trams running past stopping-places between Waterloo and Botany. The notice is merely to the effect that passengers wishing to alight at some of the stopping-places must give notice to the conductor when paying their fares.

(2.) Yes; the notices have.

(3.) Yes; but no fees were charged.

(4.) £1 1s.

(5.) Attention was drawn at an inquest on a Chinaman to the necessity of printed notices being used to prevent accidents arising from the non-stoppage of the trams at the places referred to. Mr. Inspector O'Brien reported the matter, and the notices were printed. His salary is 15s. per day.

(6.) No.

(17.) Trains late in Arrival:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is a register kept of all trains that do not arrive at the time named in the time-tables exhibited at the railway stations?
- (2.) If so, how many trains were registered late at the Redfern Terminus from the 1st to the 29th of February, 1888?
- (3.) Is any inquiry made to discover why the trains are not punctual?
- (4.) Can any arrangements be made to secure greater regularity?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) 486, out of a total of over 2,700 trains; but a very large number out of these late arrivals were only of a very few minutes. In all cases of serious delay the causes have been unavoidable—such as break-down of engine, special trains or mail trains late, thus delaying suburban trains.
- (3.) Yes; in every instance.
- (4.) The question of quadrupling some portion of the suburban line so that the through trains can run independently of the stopping trains is being considered. At present the whole of the goods, mails, and suburban trains have to be run on one up and down line, and one train running late upsets the running of a number of others. There are now 136 trains in and out of Sydney between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., besides numerous trains before and after these hours.

(18.) Case of the Queen v. Bowler:—Mr. Hawken, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) The names of the persons who made application to the Attorney-General for change of venue from Forbes to Bathurst, in the case of the Queen v. Bowler?
- (2.) What reasons were assigned for the proposed change?
- (3.) Did the Attorney-General cause inquiries to be made to the Forbes Bench of Magistrates, asking if, in their opinion, the interests of justice would suffer by the case referred to being tried at Forbes?
- (4.) Did the Bench report against the change of venue?
- (5.) Was there any counteracting influence which induced the change of venue, as against the opinion of the Bench of Magistrates sought and specially convened for the purpose?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—With reference to these questions, the Honorable the Attorney-General, to whose Department they relate, has made the following minute, viz:—"I will be very glad if Mr. McCourt will be good enough to withdraw these questions for the present, and give fresh notice, if he wishes to do so, after the trial of Mr. Bowler at the next Bathurst Circuit Court. I do not think it will be conducive to the ends of justice that the information asked for should be furnished now. Mr. McCourt will, on reconsideration, very probably agree with me."

(19.) Penny Postage System:—Mr. Hawken, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Postmaster General,—Will he take steps to extend the penny postage system to all letters circulating within the police districts in which they are posted?

Mr. Roberts answered,—This suggestion will be considered when the whole question of the extension of the penny postage system is under the consideration of the Government.

(20.) Railway Employés:—Mr. Hawken, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that certain railway employés have been deprived during 1887 of increases in wages due to them under the Commissioner's classification; if so, will the Minister take steps to pay the amounts due under such classification from 1st January, 1887?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—In common with all other employés in the Government service, no increases were paid to the railway employés for the year 1887; but it has been decided, in the case of the railway employés unaffected by the Civil Service Act, to restore the original classification of 1878, and pay the increases from 1st January last to those entitled thereunder.

(21.) Easter Encampment:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the supernumerary volunteers who attended last Easter Encampment yet been paid for such services?
- (2.) If not, when will they be paid?
- (3.) What is the cause of delay in making such payments?
- (4.) Is it proposed that these supernumerary volunteers shall attend forthcoming Easter Encampment?
- (5.) If so, will they be paid the same as the other men, and at the same time?

Sir Henry Parkes answered.—The following answers have been furnished by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) They will not be paid.
- (3.) There is no money available. The attendance of these men was entirely optional, and on the distinct understanding that any claim to payment would only be entertained in the event of sufficient funds being available at the end of last year.
- (4.) Their attendance will be optional.
- (5.) No.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing number of Orderly Clerks employed in the Brigade Office during the last twelve months.
- (2.) Additional By-law for the Borough of Waverley.
- (3.) Further Return to an Order made on 7th December, 1887—"Orders for Papers."
- (4.) Return to an Address adopted on 6th March, 1888—"Captain A. H. P. Savage, Permanent Artillery."
- (5.) Return to an Order made on 7th March, 1888—"Forbes Municipality."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Despatch respecting the possibility of opening up a Trade in Wheat between Australia and Barcelona.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 29th February, 1888—"The Chinese."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Report of Health Board and other Papers on Proposals to effect Destruction of Rabbits by means of Diseases to be introduced.

Ordered to be printed.

3. REMOVAL OF TIMBER FROM CROWN LANDS NEAR CLARENCETOWN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Creer moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of letters and documents sent by William Croaker, J.P., to the Secretary for Mines, *re* the illegal removal of timber from Crown lands in the vicinity of Clarencetown, on the Williams River, and copies of all letters and correspondence from the Forest Ranger; also, copies of all letters from the Secretary for Mines on the same subject.
Question put and passed.

4. ANIMALS INFECTIOUS DISEASES BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Garrett, 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 against the communication of Infectious Diseases to Animals.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 against the communication of Infectious Diseases to Animals.

On motion of Mr. Garrett, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Garrett then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide against the communication of Infectious Diseases to Animals*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (3.) 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 now read a third time.

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

Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to provide against the communication of Infectious Diseases to Animals*."

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 against the communication of Infectious Diseases to Animals*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th March, 1888.*

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Melville rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to consider the attack made in an article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of to-day's date, referring to the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Melville."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. Melville moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Public Works Bill postponed until to-morrow.

7. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at four minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 MARCH, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Volunteer Corps, Molong:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that when the Volunteer Corps was formed in Molong, in 1885, a valuable document, viz., a discharge from the 72nd Highlanders, belonging to Peter M'Ardle, of Molong, was handed to Drill-Instructor Ingall, and since retained by him?

(2.) Will he state the reason why the said document has not been returned to the owner?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces that the document referred to appears to have been handed to Drill-Instructor Ingall, with the view to getting M'Ardle enrolled in the Molong Volunteer Corps; but, in the meantime, M'Ardle disappeared and Ingall accompanied the New South Wales Contingent to the Soudan. On his return, it was found that this document, with others which had been put away by him, could not be found, owing to the removal of his family to another house during his absence.

(2.) Wallabadah Common:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was a new permanent Common of 640 acres granted and dedicated for Wallabadah?

(2.) If so, upon what date was the dedication gazetted?

(3.) If the dedication has not taken place, will he have it done and gazetted without delay?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) It has been approved to set apart 640 acres for a permanent common.

(2.) It has not yet been gazetted.

(3.) As the town design requires alteration to effect the desired object, nothing further can be done until the expiration of the necessary legal notice on 24th May next.

(3.) Easter Encampment:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has official notice been issued to all Departments of the Civil Service, granting leave of absence to those Civil Servants who are members of the Volunteer Force of this Colony to attend at the Easter Encampment this year?

(2.) If notice has not been given, will the Colonial Secretary have same duly issued?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The usual concession has already been granted.

(4.) Asylums at Newington and Parramatta:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Cortis*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What changes (if any) have been made in the management of the asylums at Newington and Parramatta since the report of the Board of Inquiry into their management was published last year?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not quite understand the question. If it means changes in the arrangements for the dieting and attendance, some changes have been made, the most important of which is the appointment of trained nurses to attend to the more infirm and the more afflicted; but, as I have at other times announced, the charitable institutions of the Colony require to be placed under a different system altogether. This will take some considerable time even now, and especially in the difficulty of getting proper persons. For example, at the present time the office of Manager of these asylums is vacant, and we do not wish to fill it until this re-organization has been completed, because the office will probably assume quite a different character, and we are anxious to get the most competent person, whether amongst our own population or from abroad, to take charge of these institutions.

(5.) Hawkesbury Railway Bridge:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to obtain and lay upon the Table of this House a report from *Mr. Whitton* on the measures proposed to be adopted by the contractors to compensate for the displacement of one of the cylindrical foundations of the Hawkesbury railway bridge?

Mr. Burns answered,—No.

2. PAPERS :—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return to an Order made on the 23rd February, 1888—"Harden Railway Station."
 (2.) Return to an Order made on the 23rd February, 1888—"Murrumburrah Platform."
 (3.) Return of Traffic to and from Narrabri Railway Station for the years 1886 and 1887, showing increase for 1887 over 1886.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN SEMPILL'S ESTATES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the distribution of certain Funds among certain Creditors, in respect of claims by them against Insolvent Estates, formerly assigned to Robert Hamilton Sempill, late Official Assignee.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Clarke then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the distribution of certain Funds among certain Creditors, in respect of claims by them against Insolvent Estates, formerly assigned to Robert Hamilton Sempill, late Official Assignee,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
4. WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-SERGEANT OF POLICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Walker, for Mr. O'Sullivan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, and affidavits which have passed between William Stafford, ex-sergeant of police, and the Inspector-General of Police, since 10th January, 1888, having reference to the said William Stafford's dismissal from the Force.
 Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Public Works Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
6. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Interruption.

7. ANIMALS INFECTIOUS DISEASES 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 provide against the communication of Infectious Diseases to Animals,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 15th March, 1888.*

JOHN HAY,
 President.

8. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2) :—The Debate on this Bill, interrupted by the reporting of the Message from the Legislative Council recorded in Entry 7,—resumed.
 Mr. Hawken moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 MARCH, 1888.

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

ELECTORATE OF CENTRAL CUMBERLAND:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 1st instant declaring the Seat of Varney Parkes, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Parkes; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of John Nobbs, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

2. **QUESTIONS:**—

(1.) Furniture for Court-house, Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Have directions been issued to the Colonial Architect to forward the furniture and fittings required for the new Court-house buildings at Narrabri, as per requisition?
 (2.) Will such reach their destination by the 26th instant, the time fixed for the opening?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes.
 (2.) I have been informed by the Colonial Architect that every effort will be made to have the furniture, &c., in the Court-house at Narrabri by the 26th instant.

(2.) Trustees for Pilliga Park:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the names of the trustees be gazetted which have been submitted for public park at Pilliga, reserve No. 1,600, the said land having been measured and so dedicated?

Mr. Garrett answered,—In the course of a few days.

(3.) Road from Coonamble to Pilliga:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the road from Coonamble to Pilliga been finally surveyed; if not, will it be?
 (2.) Did Surveyor Davidson and the Local Road Superintendent decide on this line of road?
 (3.) Does it follow the telegraph line or deviate, and in what respect and the distance?
 (4.) What clearing has been done, and where, on this road?
 (5.) What portions remain to be cleared, will it be proceeded with, and will this road be scheduled, and to what extent?
 (6.) Will a public tank or dam be constructed on this road, the distance without water being very great?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) The road has been recently surveyed.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) Yes; as closely as possible, only deviating where a better general direction could be obtained. The distance is about 52 miles.
 (4.) Twenty miles have been cleared at the Coonamble end of the road.
 (5.) Thirty-two miles remain to be cleared, which will be done as soon as funds admit.
 (6.) This matter is under consideration.

(4.) Pilliga Common:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the temporary common at Pilliga been surveyed; if so, will there be any objection to furnishing a description, with sketch and area, thereof; if not surveyed, when will it be?
 (2.) When will trustees be gazetted for such?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) The case is at present under reference to the District Surveyor.
 (2.) The appointment of trustees for commons is a matter for the Mines Department to deal with.

(5.)

- (5.) Narrabri Railway Station :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the Returns promised on 21st February (Votes and Proceedings No. 55) respecting Narrabri railway station, be laid upon the Table and printed ?
 - (2.) Will there be any objection to include in the said Return the in-tonnage received at the same station for the same period ?
- Mr. Inglis* answered,—This Return was laid upon the Table of the House on the 15th instant, and was ordered to be printed. The Return included the goods received at Narrabri.
- (6.) Amalgamation of Postal, Money Order, and Telegraph Systems :—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Have the Government taken into consideration the possibility of amalgamating the postal, money order, and telegraph systems, as is done in Victoria, South Australia, and Queensland, with the view to economy in working ?
 - (2.) Will he give this matter his attention ?
- Mr. Roberts* answered,—
- (1.) I have already given the matter some consideration.
 - (2.) I will further consider the matter.
- (7.) The Superintendent of Telegraphs :—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) What number of days has the Superintendent of Telegraphs been absent from his duties in Sydney since 1st January, 1887 ?
 - (2.) Upon what services ?
 - (3.) At what cost to the Government ?
- Mr. Roberts* answered,—
- (1.) Sixty-nine days.
 - (2.) On the service of the Department generally, with the exception of nine days on leave.
 - (3.) £90.
- (8.) Purchase of Iron Poles for Telegraph Department :—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that two certificates were given by Mr. Cracknell for the balance of purchase-money for iron poles supplied in 1886-7 ?
 - (2.) To whom were the certificates given ?
 - (3.) When will the Returns promised by him on 7th June last in reference to iron poles be laid upon the Table ?
- Mr. Roberts* answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Cracknell informs me that such is not the case.
 - (2.) Answered on previous question.
 - (3.) I beg to remind the Honorable Member that they were laid upon the Table on the 1st December last.
- (9.) Nandi Flat, Castlereagh River :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has Surveyor Dewhurst's report been received on the application for dedicating for public use Nandi Flat, Castlereagh River, near Coonabarabran ?
 - (2.) If so received, when, and will such land be so dedicated ; if report not received, will it be expedited ?
- Mr. Garrett* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The land applied for embraces a large portion of the permanent common frontage to the Castlereagh River, and as soon as the report of the Department of Mines is received the matter will be dealt with.
- (10.) Road through portions on Belar Creek :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—*Re* petition from S. Turner, John Blackburn, and others for opening up a road through portions on Belar Creek, county of Gowen, parish of Deringullen, referred to Surveyor Dewhurst, 7th April, 1887,—has the report been received, and with what result ; if not received, what is the cause of the delay in furnishing such report ?
- Mr. Garrett* answered,—A report has been received, and survey of the road was directed early in January last.
- (11.) Runs forfeited since passing of Land Act of 1884 :—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Barbour, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have any runs, as runs, been thrown up since the passing of the Land Act of 1884 ?
 - (2.) If so, will he give the names of the runs, the names of the last occupiers, the areas, and the rentals fixed by the Act of 1884 ?
- Mr. Garrett* answered,—The rents of a number of runs held under the repealed Acts, and not brought under the operation of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, have been reported unpaid, and consequently the runs became forfeited. The rents of these runs were not determined under the Act of 1884. Besides these, rents and license fees of a number of leasehold and resumed areas have been reported as unpaid by the Treasury ; but the holdings have not yet been declared forfeited. Under the law of 1884 the non-payment of rent does not necessarily bring about the forfeiture of the lease itself. It is optional for the Crown either to sue for the rent or to forfeit ; and in the case of forfeiture—suppose we did forfeit for the non-payment of rent—it would not extinguish the debt due for the rent which had accrued on the date of forfeiture.

(12.) Silver-mining:—*Mr Chanter*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to circumstances connected with the prevailing so called "Silver-mining Boom?"
- (2.) If he be of opinion, or should ultimately form the opinion, that the subject calls for inquiry, will he order a report on the subject from the officers of his Department for the information of Parliament?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) It is not clear to what "circumstances" the Honorable Member refers.
- (2.) Should any matter affecting or connected with the mining interest arise which, in my opinion, calls for inquiry, I shall, no doubt, order a report to be made by officers of the Department of Mines.

(13.) Magistrates, Young District:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many magistrates are there on the Roll for the Young district?
- (2.) How many of them were summoned to revise the Jury List in October last, and what number of them attended, and how many of them signed the return?
- (3.) What has been the average attendance of each of them at the Police Court during the last twelve months?
- (4.) Does the Police Magistrate request them by circular, or otherwise, to attend the Court for the despatch of public business?
- (5.) If they do not attend, can any reason be assigned for their non-attendance to their magisterial duties?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Seventeen, including the Police Magistrate.
- (2.) Sixteen (one not then in the district); seven attended; one and the Police Magistrate, according to the Act.
- (3.) *Dr. Heeley*, 6; *Dr. Hutchings*, 6; *P. Crane*, 3; *G. Spring*, 1, and *R. B. Armstrong*, 1.
- (4.) Yes, by circular, when required by statute.
- (5.) No reason can be assigned.

NOTE.—Not in any single instance during the last twelve years has the Court been kept waiting for want of magistrates to perform the duties.

(14.) Assurance Fund, Real Property Act:—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Copeland*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the Treasurer's statement of the 29th February, that he has recently directed that interest at the rate of 4 per cent. be credited on the uninvested portion of the Assurance Fund under the Real Property Act, will he state if the interest so credited has been calculated annually on the sums received during each year, and have yearly rests been made, or in what manner does he propose to credit the account?

Mr. Burns answered,—Simple interest on the arrears to the 31st December last has been calculated, and the amount required for the credit will be placed on an Estimate for the consideration of Parliament.

3. SILVERTON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:—*Mr. Waddell* presented a Petition from *Charles Bath*, of Sydney, Merchant, praying that he may be heard by Counsel, Attorney, or Agent, before the Select Committee now sitting on the Silverton Tramway Act Amending Bill, in opposition to the said Bill, with liberty to adduce such evidence as he may be advised in opposition thereto, or in support of this Petition.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of Resumption of Land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes at Cooney.
- (2.) Return showing the Suburban Railway Traffic on the Four Sundays of November, 1887.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 30th November, 1887—"Auburn Park Road Trust."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Further Correspondence respecting Future Mail Communication between Great Britain and Australia, *via* Suez.
- (2.) Correspondence respecting Transit Charges on Mails through France and Italy.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 28th February, 1888—"Case of *Shepherd v. Leonard*."

5. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF ZACHARY BENN (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Crouch* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, minutes, depositions of evidence, declarations, or other correspondence, in reference to the conditional purchase of *Zachary Benn*, 202½ acres, parish of Shannon, county of Richmond, applied for at the Lands Office, Casino, in July, 1884, and recommended for forfeiture by the Casino Land Board on 9th August, 1887.
Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—
 - (2.) Original Grants of Land Boundaries Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—
 - (3.) Totalizator Legalizing Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 3rd April.
- } until Tuesday, 17th April.

7. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Slattery do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Neild rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “in order to comment upon the action of the Home Government in reference to the Divorce Extension Bill.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Neild moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. **EIGHT HOURS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Schey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Schey, 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 *Mr. Slattery* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.
10. **MEMBER SWORN**:—John Nobbs, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.
11. **EIGHT HOURS BILL**:—On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to resume the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
12. **ROBERT MACKRELL'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT FORBES**:—Mr. Vaughn, 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 8th November, 1887, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
13. **TRADES CONCILIATION BILL**:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for the establishment of Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration for the settlement of trade and labour disputes,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 17th April.
14. **CONTRACTORS DEBTS ACT EXTENSION BILL**:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to extend the provisions of the Act 42 Victoria No. 22 intituled the ‘Contractors Debts Act’ for the purpose of better securing the payment of debts due for material supplied by tradesmen and others,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 17th April.
15. **PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. P. Abbott, 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 *Mr. Slattery* reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Abbott (*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 six minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Site for Benevolent Asylum, Parramatta North:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he give instructions for the issue of the deed for 2 acres 2 roods 30 perches of land, fronting Grose, Ross, and Bullard Streets, Parramatta North, and which was dedicated some time ago as a site for a Benevolent Asylum?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The land has not been dedicated, and a deed of grant will not issue.

- (2.) Survey of Proposed Railway to Oberon, *via* Cox's River:—Mr. F. Jago Smith, for Mr. Cortis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to a promise made to a deputation, on Friday, 20th January—

(1.) Has Mr. Gipps received instructions to go on with the flying survey of the proposed railway to Oberon, *via* Cox's River?

(2.) If not, what is the cause of the delay in this matter?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that no promise was made that instructions should be given for this survey, and no further information can be given in the matter until the return to town of the Honorable the Minister for Works.

- (3.) Tram to meet Western Mail Train at Redfern:—Mr. F. Jago Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that no tram runs to meet the Western mail train at Redfern in the morning, notwithstanding his promise that one should do so?

Mr. Burns answered,—There is no record in the office of a promise of the kind. It is true that no tram runs to connect with the Western mail train arriving at Sydney Station at 5.50 a.m. A tram formerly ran to connect with this train; but, on account of the patronage it received not being sufficient to pay even the running expenses, it was withdrawn.

- (4.) Tramway to Field of Mars:—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a paragraph in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, as follows:—
"Tramway from Sydney to the Field of Mars.—The Government have, it is understood, decided to construct a tramway from Sydney to the Field of Mars, and tenders are likely to be called for the work very shortly. The route fixed upon is *via* Harris-street, across Glebe Island, through Balmain, Drummoyne, Birkenhead, and Gladesville. Mr. Frank Farnell, M.L.A., has been persistent in his efforts to induce the Government to undertake this work, which will cost some thing like £190,000?"

(2.) Is it a fact that the Premier promised this House during last Session that Parliament should have an opportunity of considering this matter before any definite action was taken?

(3.) Will he submit this proposed expenditure for the consideration of Parliament before any further expenditure is incurred in respect of it?

(4.) When will the complete return of the estimated receipts and expenditure in connection with the Field of Mars Common, ordered by this House on the 5th of July, 1887, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The answer supplied to me is as follows:—

(1.) A survey has been made of this line and estimates obtained of the probable cost of constructing it, but no definite or final action has been taken in regard to its construction. Those interested in the Field of Mars Common contend that one of the conditions of the surrender of commonage rights was the construction of improved means of communication, to be paid for out of the proceeds of the sale of the common.

(2, 3, and 4.) I have not sufficient knowledge at this moment to enable me to answer these questions in detail.

(5.)

- (5.) Train Arrangements, Ashfield Station.—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the train arrangements for taking passengers from the Ashfield station into the city between 8 and 9 o'clock a.m. are unsatisfactory and insufficient?
 - (2.) Will he cause such arrangements to be made as will suit the convenience of passengers?
 - (3.) Will he cause the necessary steps to be taken for the conveyance of passengers by train to the Rosehill and other racecourses along the railway line without interfering with the ordinary passenger traffic?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) My honorable colleague is not aware that the arrangements are insufficient. Under the new time-table, which came into force on the 12th instant, there is an extra train leaving Ashfield at 8:34 a.m., which runs through to Sydney without stopping.
- (2.) The present table suits the greater number of passengers from Ashfield between 8 and 9 a.m.
- (3.) It is not possible to arrange for carrying a heavy race traffic over one double line of rails at the busiest time of the day without causing some slight disarrangement of the ordinary traffic. The question of quadrupling some portion of the suburban line is under consideration, with a view to meet the increasing requirements of the traffic.

- (6.) Land Revenue, District of Inverell:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Moore, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Return relating to “Land Revenue, &c., Inverell District,” ordered by this House on 17th May, 1887, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The Return is in the hands of the Treasury Department for preparation. I beg to refer the honorable gentleman to that office for information.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Despatch respecting Divorce Extension Bill of 1887.
 - (2.) Despatch respecting position of Chinese in Her Majesty's Colonies.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

3. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.

Question put and passed.

4. THE REV. H. H. BRITTEN, OF RYDE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell 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 letters written to the Minister of Justice by Mr. J. E. Manning on 2nd December, 1886, and 20th January, 1887, in reference to the alleged arson case at Ryde.

Question put and passed.

5. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Law of Divorce. Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to extend the Law of Divorce*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd April.

6. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL VETO BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hutchison moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Parliamentary electors in their various districts to veto all liquor licenses.

Question put and passed.

7. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. Brunker presented a Petition from Joseph Marshall, Henry Westcott, John Joseph Horrocks, Thomas A. Strickland, and Harry Stockdale, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Joseph Marshall, Henry Westcott, Edmund Henry Taylor, John Joseph Horrocks, Thomas A. Strickland, and Harry Stockdale, or their Assignees, to use the waters of the Darling River Menindie and Speculation Lake for the purpose of supplying Broken Hill with fresh water.

And Mr. Brunker having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Broken Hill Times (Willyama)* and *Barrier Ranges Mining Record*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of 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 1888*,” through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 40.

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 March or following month of the year 1888, together with provision for other Services of the year 1888 of an urgent nature.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st March, 1888.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

10. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL VETO BILL:—Mr. Hutchison presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Parliamentary Electors in their various districts to veto all Liquor Licenses*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 17th April.
11. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, PARISH OF METZ:—Mr. Tonkin presented a Petition from John Moore and John McBean, of Armidale, praying that they may be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before the Select Committee on "*Mineral Conditional Purchases, Parish of Metz*," with liberty to adduce such evidence as may be advised concerning the subject of the inquiry, in the interests of the Petitioners.
At the request of Mr. Tonkin, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
12. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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, 22 MARCH, 1888, A.M.

Disorder :—

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Slattery* reported that disorder had occurred, and obtained leave to sit again after the disorder had been dealt with.

Mr. Slattery then stated that, in Committee, the Honorable Member for Newcastle, Mr. Fletcher, had walked across the Chamber and assaulted the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Haynes, while the latter was addressing the Chair; and that he, as Deputy Chairman, had directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove Mr. Fletcher from the Chamber, which was done accordingly.

Mr. Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring Mr. Fletcher to the Chamber to explain,—and that Honorable Member having addressed the House, apologised for his conduct, and withdrew.—

Mr. Speaker said it was now for the House to take such course as might seem right in its judgment.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Honorable Member for Newcastle, Mr. Fletcher, having committed a great disorder by an assault on the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Haynes, while the latter was addressing the Chair in Committee of the Whole, and the said Honorable Member having been called in by Mr. Speaker to offer any explanation which he might desire to make, and the Honorable Member having thereupon tendered a full and unreserved apology, this House is of opinion that his suspension from the service of this House for the remainder of this sitting will be sufficient for the offence committed; and that the Honorable Member be suspended accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And Mr. Fletcher having attended, by direction of Mr. Speaker, the decision of the House was read to him by Mr. Speaker, when the Honorable Member again apologised, and withdrew.

On motion of Mr Burns Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Slattery* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Slattery also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Slattery*, that the report be now received.

Mr. Slattery then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

(4.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,043,033, being £493,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March or following month of the year 1888, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1887, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1888; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway employes, and for Railway Services generally, during the month of April, 1888; and £10,000 to meet wages to become due to employes in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, and for other services of an urgent nature during the month of April, 1888; and £440,033 for Construction and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

13. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Slattery* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Slattery also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Slattery*, that the report be now received.

Mr. Slattery then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(4.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1888, the sum of £1,043,033 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

14. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3)**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 4), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1888.

(2.) Mr. Burns 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 1888*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) 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 *Mr. Slattery* reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

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

Mr. Burns 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 1888*."

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 1888*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd March, 1888, a.m.*

15. **TATTERSALL'S CLUB BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the members of Tattersall's Club to sue and be sued in the name of its Chairman to alter its existing rules and in other respects to carry out the objects of the Club*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st March, 1888.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 1st May.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 MARCH, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rents from Crown Lands, Balranald, Wentworth, and Bourke:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—What was the total amount of rents derived from Crown Lands in the Electorates of Balranald, Wentworth, and Bourke, during the year 1886?

Mr. Garrett answered,—It is impossible to furnish the information desired at such short notice, but I shall be glad to supply particulars to the Honorable Member in the course of a few days.

- (2.) Rabbit Subsidy, Balranald, Wentworth, and Bourke:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—What was the total amount paid as rabbit subsidy during 1886 in the Balranald, Wentworth, and Bourke Electorates?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The total sum paid as subsidy on owners expenditure in the work of rabbit destruction during the year 1886 in the Electorates named was—Balranald, £23,928 2s. 9d.; Wentworth, £29,590 13s. 11d.; Bourke, £6,006 7s. 6d. The above information can only be regarded as approximate, the Electoral Division lines in some instances intersecting the holdings, and thus rendering it an impossibility to determine what proportion of certain subsidies should be allotted to each Electorate. In cases of this nature, the subsidy has been equally divided between those Electorates within which the holdings are partly situate.

- (3.) Examination Fees, University of Sydney:—Mr. Kethel asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the total amount of examination fees received in connection with the University for the years 1886 and 1887, including both public or outside examinations and University examinations proper?

(2.) What proportion of these fees was retained for the general funds of the University, and what amount was paid to the examiners?

(3.) What are the names of the examiners, and what are the amounts which they respectively received as remuneration for their work?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table, in the form of a Return.

- (4.) Duty on Timber:—Mr. Kethel asked the Colonial Treasurer.—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Customs authorities collect an import duty of 1s. 6d. per 100 feet on all undressed timber in logs or boards, and that they admit the same timber duty free if it is cross-cut into lengths ready for case-making and other purposes?

(2.) What is the reason that this prepared timber is exempted from the payment of duty under the provisions of the Customs Duties Act?

(3.) Will he give instructions that all merchantable timber, of whatever size, imported into the Colony shall pay duty while the Customs Duties Act, as far as it concerns timber, remains in force?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have received the following replies from the Collector of Customs:—

(1.) Duty, at the rate of 1s. 6d. per 100 superficial feet, is collected on all undressed timber, in logs or boards. The same rate is charged on boards cross-cut into lengths, and imported for case-making and other purposes.

(2.) Timber for case-making is not exempted from duty.

(3.) All merchantable timber, of whatever size, is charged duty on importation.

- (5.) Carrington Grounds:—*Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Stephen*, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is he aware that there are certain grounds in the city or suburbs, used for sports and athletics, called the "Carrington Grounds"?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that these grounds are used for the purposes of betting and gambling, and that a charge of £1 1s. or £1 is made for the privilege of carrying on such practices there; if so, is it legal to do so?
 - (3.) Will he cause inquiry to be made to ascertain whether such practices are carried on, with a view of putting a stop to them if found to be illegal?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) I am informed by the Acting Inspector-General of Police that the grounds referred to are used for the purpose of betting, and an annual registration fee of £1 is charged in certain cases, and that it is doubtful whether the betting is contrary to law. This question will, however, be submitted by me to the Attorney-General for his opinion.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (6.) Land for Sale, Parish of Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—If lots 21 (179 acres), 56 (192 acres), 59 (135 acres), and 60 (129 acres), in the parish of Molong, county of Ashburnham, were ever offered for sale by auction; and if so, when and where, and the date of *Gazette* in which the sale was proclaimed?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Portions 59 and 60 were advertised in *Gazette* of 12th October, 1858, to be offered at auction at Molong on 30th November, 1858. They were offered on that date, and not bid for. Portions 21 and 56 were advertised in the *Gazette* of 7th February, 1865, to be offered at auction at Molong on 7th April, 1865, but were withdrawn.

- (7.) Compensation to Joseph Gersbech, Parish of Canoblas:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Was any compensation given to one Joseph Gersbech, in the parish of Canoblas, county of Ashburnham, for a Government road running and proclaimed through his purchased land, in fee simple, of 40 acres; if so, the amount; and, if not, will compensation be allowed?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No; but if he will apply, under section 69 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, for an unnecessary boundary road in lieu of the proclaimed road, such application will, if possible, be favourably considered.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—*Mr. Burns* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That *Thomas Michael Slattery*, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Examination Fees at the Sydney University during the years 1886–7.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 28th February, 1888—*"Colo Valley Railway Survey."*
Ordered to be printed.

4. PARRAMATTA MUNICIPAL QUARRIES BILL:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, 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 1st March, 1888, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Taylor then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 17th April.
Question put and passed.

5. PARRAMATTA CHURCH-STREET AMENDED ALIGNMENT BILL:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, 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 1st March, 1888, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Taylor then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 17th April.
Question put and passed.

6. SILVERTON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:—*Mr. Day*, 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 29th February, 1888, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Day then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 1st May.
Question put and passed.

7. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Brunker*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable *Joseph Marshall Henry Westcott Edmund Henry Taylor John Joseph Horrocks Thomas A. Strickland and Harry Stockdale* or their Assignees to use the waters of the Darling River Menindie and Speculation Lake for the purpose of supplying Broken Hill with fresh water.
Question put and passed.

8. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, PARISH OF METZ (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Tonkin*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the prayer of the Petition, presented on the 21st March from *John Moore and John McBean*, of Armidale, for leave to be heard by counsel or solicitor before the Select Committee on "Mineral Conditional Purchases, Parish of Metz," be granted.
Question put and passed.

9. PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION BOARDS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Wall*, for *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the balance-sheets of each of the Pastures and Stock Protection Boards for the year ending 31st December, 1887.
Question put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the City of Sydney Mayoral Election Bill postponed until Tuesday, 24th April.
11. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Garrett*, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
- Interruption.*
12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—*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 1888,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN HAY,
Sydney, 22nd March, 1888. President.
13. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—The Debate on this Bill,—interrupted by the reporting of the Message from the Legislative Council recorded in Entry 12,—resumed.
Mr. F. Jago Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
14. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN SEMPILL'S ESTATES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of *Mr. William Clarke*, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
15. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN SEMPILL'S ESTATES BILL (No. 2):—
(1.) *Mr. William Clarke* moved, That the Order of Leave, under which the Distribution of Funds in Sempill's Estates Bill was brought in, be now read.
Question put and passed.
And the said Order of Leave (*as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 15th March, 1888*) read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*.
(2.) *Mr. Clarke* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the distribution of certain Funds among certain creditors in respect of claims by them against Insolvent Estates formerly assigned to Robert Henry Sempill late Official Assignee,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
16. SYDNEY HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL:—*Mr. Garrard*, 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, 1888, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Garrard then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 1st May.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-two minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 MARCH, 1888.

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

THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a summons to appear before the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, at Darlinghurst, Sydney, on Thursday, the 5th day of April next, in the case of "The Queen v. Gainor," attempting to personate at an election; and produce the Writ, bearing date the fifteenth day of February last, issued for the election of one Member to represent the Electoral District of Newtown in the Legislative Assembly,—

And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such summons without leave of the House,—

Put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said summons 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.

2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 41.

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 1888,"—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,

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Richmond Park:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Were Joseph Onus, his son Joseph Edward Onus, and Charles Septimus Guest (Council Clerk for the Borough of Richmond) appointed trustees of the Richmond Park; if so, on whose recommendation?

(2.) Is it usual to appoint father and son on the same trust?

Mr. Abigail answered,—This question should have been asked of the Secretary for Lands; but the following reply has been handed to me:—Messrs. Joseph Onus, Joseph Edward Onus, and Charles Septimus Guest were appointed on the 2nd instant, on the recommendation of the Mayor of Richmond. It was not known that the Messrs. Onus were father and son.

(2.) Salaries of Civil Servants on Leave of Absence:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What pay (if any) is to be allowed to Mr. O'Malley Clarke, Stipendiary Magistrate, and Mr. Yates, Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate, during their leave of absence from duty?

(2.) What officials (if any) are receiving pay whilst on leave of absence since the Resolutions moved and carried by Mr. McElhone in reference to payment of salaries whilst away on leave of absence, and what proportion of their salary (if any) is paid to them whilst on leave of absence?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I find that the Honorable Member was informed of the terms of Mr. O'Malley Clarke's leave of absence by the Minister of Justice on the 28th ultimo, viz., "two months on full pay, and nine months without salary." Mr. Yates has been granted twelve months leave of absence on half salary as Police Magistrate, Maitland.

(2.) The reply to the second question asked by the Honorable Member will take some time and trouble to prepare, and can only be furnished in the shape of a Return, which, if moved for, shall be supplied. As far as the Department of Justice is concerned, I am informed that the only other official who is absent is Mr. Chippindall, C.P.S., Waratah, who has been granted three months' leave of absence on full pay.

(3.)

- (3.) Mr. Dalglish, District Surveyor :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has Mr. Dalglish, a district surveyor, applied for leave of absence ?
 - (2.) If so, has his request been granted; and, if so, for how long has he received leave of absence ?
 - (3.) Is he to be paid any salary whilst on leave ?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—
- (1.) Acting District-Surveyor Dalglish has applied for leave of absence.
 - (2.) Yes; six months.
 - (3.) Mr. Dalglish will receive half salary whilst on leave.
- (4.) Centennial Park :—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the amount paid to date in connection with the Centennial Park ?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will presently lay a Return upon the Table giving the amount.
- (5.) Show-ground at Walgett :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What decision has been arrived at with reference to the application for the exchange of the Show-ground at Walgett, and will the request of the Pastoral and Agricultural Association of that place be granted ?
 - (2.) If the report has not been received or a decision given, will the matter be expedited, so that the Committee may commence improvements ?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—
- (1.) No decision has yet been arrived at.
 - (2.) The report has not been received. It will be expedited.
- (6.) Narrabri Racecourse :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will portions 285, 286, 287, &c., at Narrabri, dedicated for additions to Narrabri racecourse, be granted and vested in the trustees ?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—The dedication of an additional area to the Narrabri racecourse is now before the Executive Council for approval. Action will be completed in the course of a fortnight, when the appointment of trustees will be proceeded with.

4. PAPERS :—

- Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return showing the Estimated Population on 31st December, 1887, of New South Wales and Victoria respectively.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Forbes, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
 - (3.) Statistical Register for 1887, Part III.—Trade and Commerce.
 - (4.) Return to an Order made on the 15th March, 1888—“ William Stafford, ex-Sergeant of Police.”
 - (5.) Report from Immigration Agent for 1887.
 - (6.) Statement of Payments made on account of the Centennial Park from 1st August, 1887, to 21st March, 1888.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 3rd August, 1886—“ Mining Leases in the Bingera District.”
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on the 28th February, 1888—“ Colo Valley Railway Survey.”
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting Authentication of Extradition Papers.
- Ordered to be printed.
5. THE LAND LAW :—Mr. McMillan presented a Petition from certain Residents of New England, representing that the Minister for Lands, in fixing the rents of pastoral and conditional leases, had assumed powers which were not intended to be conferred upon him by the Land Act of 1884, and that in raising the rents he has greatly depreciated the value of pastoral securities; and praying that the House will take such steps as shall remedy the grievance complained of, and that in any future legislation the power of fixing Crown rents may be exercised only by a competent Court. At the request of Mr. McMillan, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
6. CASE EMERY *v.* BARCLAY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Martin 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 papers, documents, and plans having reference to the case Emery *v.* Barclay, retained at the Supreme Court.
- Question put and passed.
7. SUPPLY OF COAL ON GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all correspondence, papers, minutes, &c., in reference to the contracts for the supply of coal by Messrs. Reid & Longworth to the Railway Department from Singleton.
 - (2.) Copies of all correspondence, papers, minutes, &c., between the Railway Department and Messrs. Nowland, offering to supply coal on the Great Northern Railway at much lower prices than the price paid to Reid & Longworth.
 - (3.) Also, copies of all contracts entered into between the Railway Department and Reid & Longworth for supply of coal on the Great Northern Railway.
- Question put and passed.
8. MERCHANDISE MARKS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wise 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 in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to fraudulent marks on merchandise.
- Question put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Perpetual Trustee Bill; third reading:—*until to-morrow.*
- (2.) Fuel Bill; second reading:—*until Tuesday, 1st May.*

10. STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the whole of the Standing Orders of this Honorable House be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for the consideration and revision or amendment of the same.
- (2.) "That the Standing Orders Committee shall have power to sit during any adjournment or prorogation of the House, or during the sitting of the House."
- (3.) That the Standing Orders Committee shall make their report to this House at as early a date as possible, either during the present or the next Session of Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McMillan moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words, "That the Standing Orders Committee shall have power to sit during any adjournment or prorogation of the House, or during the sitting of the House."

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

- (1.) That the whole of the Standing Orders of this Honorable House be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for the consideration and revision or amendment of the same.
- (2.) That the Standing Orders Committee shall make their report to this House at as early a date as possible, either during the present or the next Session of Parliament,—put and passed.

11. FORFEITED CONDITIONAL PURCHASES WITHIN LEASEHOLD AREAS:—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, as the Privy Council has, in the case of *Edols v. Tearle*, affirmed that conditional purchases of land which are situated within the boundaries of the leasehold areas of runs, and which have been forfeited since the division of such runs, are open to conditional purchase, this House is of opinion the reserving of the same from conditional purchase is opposed to the best interests of the country, and such conditional purchases, and the leases attached to the same, should at once be thrown open for conditional purchase.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. W. J. Allen.

Tellers,

Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Stevenson.

Noes, 34.

Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Burdakin,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Tecece,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Garrard,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Garland,	Tellers,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. Lees,	

And so it passed in the negative.

12. OAKLEY PARK COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Hurley, 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, 1888, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hurley then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 1st May.

Question put and passed.

13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, stand adjourned until Wednesday next.

Question put and passed.

14. DEDUCTIONS FROM WAGES OF EMPLOYEES FOR MEDICAL ATTENDANCE:—Mr. Walker 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 way in which contractors on railway construction, sewage, and other public works, collect and utilize moneys deducted from the wages of their employes for medical attendance and medicine, &c.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Schey, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Wall, Mr. Carruthers, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

15. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. Brunker having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Joseph Marshall Henry Westcott Edmund Henry Taylor John Joseph Horrocks Thomas A. Strickland and Harry Stockdale or their assignees to use the waters of the Darling River Menindie and Speculation Lake for the purpose of supplying Broken Hill with fresh water.*"—read a first time. 16.

16. SMELTING WORKS FOR TREATING BULK SAMPLES OF ORE:—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the extensive mining discoveries throughout the Colony of New South Wales, immediate steps should be taken by the Mines Department towards the erection of smelting works for the purpose of treating bulk samples of ore.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
17. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH, 1888.

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

MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND AUSTRALIA, VIA SUEZ:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Roberts, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

*Message No. 42.**Governor.*

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 the Mail Service between Great Britain and Australia, *via* Suez.

*Government House,**Sydney, 28th March, 1888.*

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) State House:—Mr. F. Jago Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Does the Centenary Celebration Act of 1887 authorize the payment by the Colonial Treasurer of the cost, not being more than £200,000, of the State House without any further authority from Parliament?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Centenary Celebration Act no doubt authorizes the appropriation of £200,000; but, of this amount, £50,000 may be expended in connection with the laying out and improvement of the park.

(2.) Hawkesbury Railway Bridge:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he be pleased to order a report from the Chief Government Engineer in reference to the following points, and place it upon the Table of the House:—(1) Which of the caissons of the Hawkesbury railway bridge rest on a foundation of solid rock; (2) where the excavations for the foundations have not been carried down to the solid rock, what measures have been taken to ensure security, and on what foundations do the caissons rest, each caisson being referred to specifically; (3) is it, in the opinion of the Government Engineer-in-Chief, a safe procedure to commence the superstructure over any of the stone piers until all the caissons have been satisfactorily laid?

(2.) Will the Minister instruct the Government Engineer-in-Chief to report, for the information of the House, his opinion of the measures proposed to be taken by the contractors, in view of the obvious physical impossibility of shifting the displaced cylinder into line with the others?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Mr. Whitton reports:—(1 and 2) None of the caissons rest upon rock, and it was never intended that they should. It is not necessary for the safety of the piers that they should do so. All the completed piers rest upon similar material, namely, firm hard sand, which gives a perfectly sound and solid foundation. (3) There is no reason why the superstructure should not be erected over those piers that are in position. The fact of two caissons being at present out of position will not interfere with this work; and if these cannot be brought back into their places, some method of enlarging or extending them will be adopted.

(2.) The question of the measures to be adopted is temporarily deferred until Mr. Macdonald, of the Union Bridge Company, who is now on his way to London, has had the opportunity of consulting with Sir John Fowler and Mr. Baker, under whose supervision the working plans for the present structure were prepared.

(3.)

- (3.) Civil Servants' Salaries for Month of March :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the reason that the Civil Servants are not to receive their salary till the 3rd proximo?
 - (2.) Is he aware that such a course will entirely debar many of them from enjoying their Easter holidays?
 - (3.) Is he aware that on all similar previous occasions such salaries have been paid prior to the commencement of the holidays?
 - (4.) Will he cause the said salaries to be paid not later than 29th instant?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Civil Servants will be paid their salaries to-morrow.

- (4.) Holidays in General Post Office :—Mr. Schey asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) In view of the approaching holidays, viz., from Thursday next till Tuesday following, and seeing the number of clerks in the Mail Branch of his Department, who, under usual circumstances, will not be able to take advantage of such, will he give instructions that each clerk in such branch be allowed three clear days in lieu thereof, irrespective of their ordinary three weeks annual leave, and not half-holidays, as stated by Postmaster-General in answer to Mr. Schey's previous question, as allowed on written application?
 - (2.) Will he direct that in future all officers employed in the Mail Branch be allowed a day in lieu of every holiday on which they have to work?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I assure my honorable friend that it would afford me much pleasure to grant the additional concession asked for; but it must be borne in mind that the convenience of the public must be studied—hence, I can only promise to grant such consideration and indulgence to the officials referred to as may appear to be justified, having due regard to the public interest.

- (5.) Croydon Park :—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What has been done in regard to the land at Croydon Park presented to the Government by Mr. Hobbs for a public park?
 - (2.) Have trustees been appointed; if not, when will the appointments be made?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) The land will shortly be proclaimed a public park under the Parks Act.
- (2.) Trustees will be appointed as soon as possible after the proclamation appears in the *Government Gazette*.

- (6.) Reservoir at Pott's Hill :—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Did the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers recently ask for a sum of money to construct a high-level reservoir at Pott's Hill?
 - (2.) If so, what was the amount?
 - (3.) Has the amount been placed at his disposal?
 - (4.) If not, for what reason?
 - (5.) What were the reasons given for constructing the proposed high-level reservoir?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) No; but the Engineer-in-Chief recommended the construction of a storage reservoir at Pott's Hill.
- (2.) £120,000.
- (3 and 4.) The question of submitting the item on the Loan Estimates is under the consideration of the Government.
- (5.) The reasons given for the construction of the storage reservoir referred to are, that it is desirable to have a week or ten days' supply at Pott's Hill, for Sydney, western suburbs, and North Shore.

- (7.) Advertising on Tramcars :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Are Horder's placards on the tramways paid for?
 - (2.) If so, at what rate?
 - (3.) Will other firms be allowed the same privilege as Horder in utilizing the tramways as advertising mediums?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The advertisement is to appear for one week only, the Department to be paid £25, and to be put to no cost.
- (3.) It was done as an experiment only. As at present advised, there would be no objection to any other firm advertising in like manner, on terms to be arranged.

3. PAPERS;—

- (1.) Despatch as to extending provisions of the Foreign Deserters Act, 1852, to the Republic of Paraguay.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (2.) Despatch respecting new Design for Coining Sixpences at Royal Mint.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Statement of Accounts of the Government Savings Bank for the year 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

4. RUSHCUTTERS BAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, presented a Bill intitled "*A Bill to amend the Rushcutters Bay Act of 1878*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 1st May.
5. MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND AUSTRALIA, VIA SUEZ (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Roberts moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—
- (1.) That this House approves of the contracts entered into between the Imperial Government (with the concurrence of the respective Governments of the Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria,

Victoria, and South Australia), and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company and the Orient Steam Navigation Company, dated respectively the 19th January, 1888, and the 23rd January, 1888 [laid upon the Table of this House on the 20th March, 1888], for a weekly mail service between Great Britain and Australia, £95,000 of the total subsidy of £170,000 per annum, payable to the two companies, to be provided by the United Kingdom, and the remainder, £75,000, to be contributed by the Australasian Colonies.

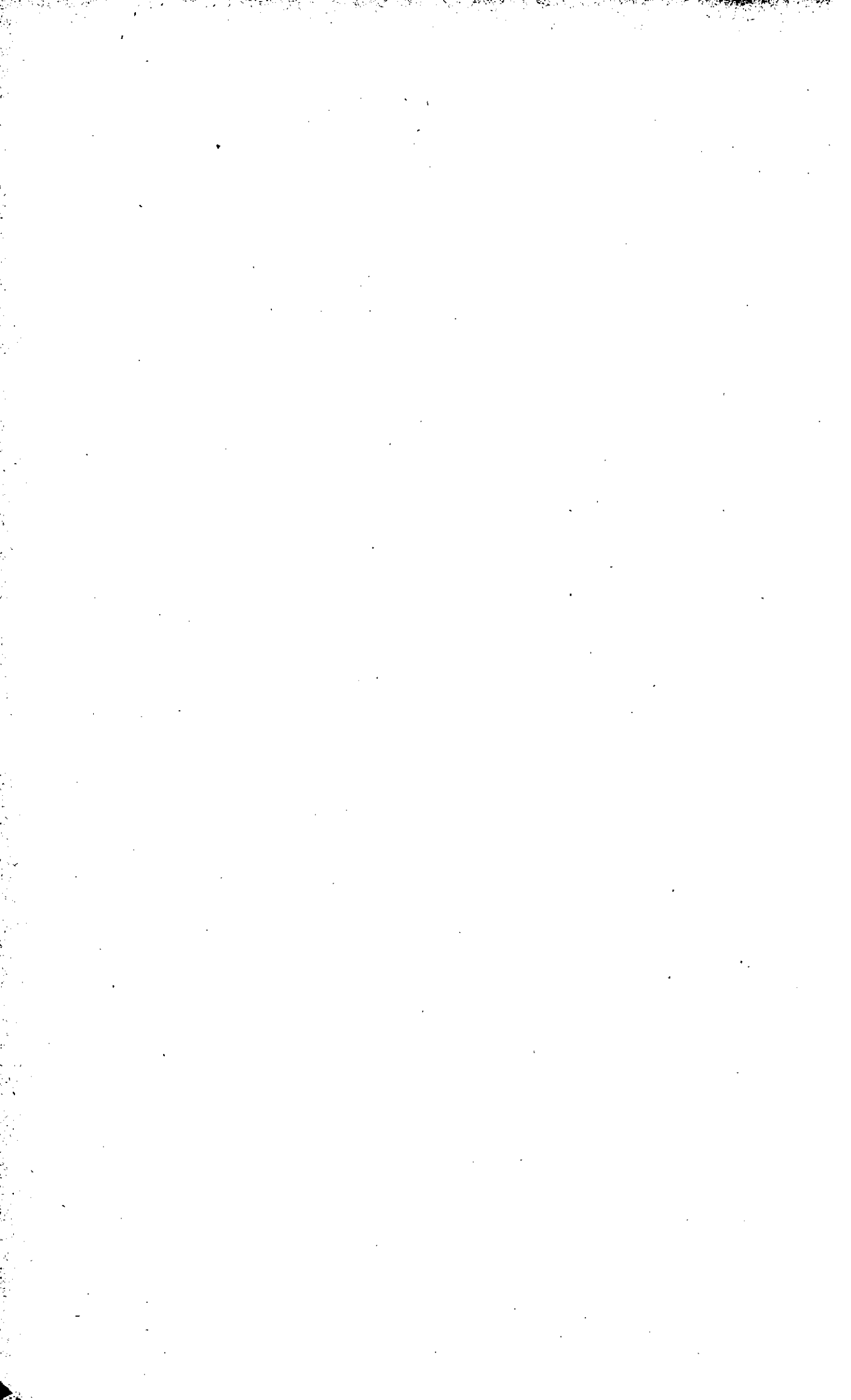
(2.) And this House further approves of the following arrangement, agreed to at the recent Inter-colonial Postal Conference:—(a) That the Australian subsidy of £75,000 per annum be apportioned amongst New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia, and any other Colony that may agree to contribute a direct subsidy thereto, on the basis of their respective populations; (b) That any Colony not contributing on the basis of population be charged, on correspondence despatched by the packets under these contracts, the following sea transit rates:—Letters, £1 5s. 4d. per lb. net; packets, 1s. per lb. net; newspapers, 6d. per lb. net.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. Question put and passed.

6. SELECTIONS BY JOHN HARRISON, OF LISMORE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence, with reference to selections by John Harrison, of Lismore, declared forfeited at last Appeal Court.
Question put and passed.
7. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. J. S. Farnell moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before Twelve o'clock, until *Wednesday next*, at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL, 1888.

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

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Burns (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Jacob Garrard, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Easter Encampment:—*Mr. Stephen*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the answer given to Mr. Schey's question No. 21, on 14th March, is it not a fact that supernumerary volunteers who attended last Easter Encampment were promised that they would be paid for such attendance, although there might be some delay in making such payment?

(2.) Were these men told that if they did not so attend camp, their names would be struck off the rolls altogether?

(3.) How many men in each regiment does this matter affect?

(4.) Are there not many of our oldest and most efficient volunteers among such supernumeraries?

Mr. Burns answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) Twenty-eight in the 1st Regiment, thirteen in the 2nd Regiment, five in the 3rd Regiment, and three in the 4th Regiment.

(4.) One; and he elected to be placed on the supernumerary list.

(2.) Hawkesbury Railway Bridge:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the sub-contractors on the Hawkesbury railway bridge were permitted to use bolts instead of rivets; if so, by whose authority, and on what ground?

(2.) Are not bridges of similar construction in other parts of the world riveted, and not bolted, in the superstructure?

(3.) Did one of the inspectors stop the use of bolts?

(4.) Is it considered more difficult to construct the bridge with rivets than with bolts; and, if so, why?

(5.) Are there any rivets used in any part of the bridge?

(6.) What money would the contractors save by the use of bolts instead of rivets?

(7.) What time have the contractors to run to complete their work?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) This question was answered on the 14th ultimo as follows:—"Application was made to use bolts instead of rivets to connect the sections of the top booms of main girders, as it would be difficult to make good work in such a position with rivets, also to connect the rail bearers with the cross-beams, and was acceded to by the Engineer-in-Chief." There is nothing further to add.

(2.) Different engineers adopt different practices in this respect.

(3.) Neither rivets nor bolts have yet been used, and therefore the use of them could not have been stopped.

(4.) Whether rivets or bolts should be used in a particular place depends upon the special circumstances of the case. No rule can be laid down.

(5.) Yes; all the sections, except the eye-bars, are of riveted work.

(6.) Cannot say; the gain would be chiefly one of time.

(7.) Till November this year.

(3.)

- (3.) Prisoner Holt :—Mr. Henson asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is it true that Holt, now undergoing sentence at Darlinghurst, is to be liberated on account of ill-health?
 (2.) If so, will other prisoners suffering from ill-health be also liberated?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) No decision has been come to in Holt's case.
 (2.) Every case submitted will be decided on its merits.

- (4.) Special Trains to Windsor :—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) How many special trains were run to Windsor on Saturday, 24th March?
 (2.) What was the total cost of such trains, and what were the receipts?
 (3.) What was the total receipts from the ordinary or regular trains to Windsor on the same day?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Five specials were run to the Hawkesbury on the 24th March.
 (2.) Cost, at 5s. per mile per train, £90; receipts, £506 16s.
 (3.) Total receipts to Windsor and Clarendon by the ordinary trains, £27 19s. 7d.

- (5.) Refunds due to Lessees of Crown Lands :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it intended (and, if so, when) to pay the refunds due to lessees of Crown Lands and others who paid up in full their rents and appealed, and whose rents have accordingly been reduced by the Board or Minister?

Mr. Garrett answered,—So soon as the dealing with the rents has been completed. I then intend to deal with all appeals, and immediately thereafter refunds will be made.

- (6.) Duplicating Line between Parramatta and Penrith :—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Who designed the bridges for duplicating the line between Parramatta and Penrith?
 (2.) Who superintended the construction of these bridges?
 (3.) Have any of the abutments and wing-walls of these bridges shown decided signs of weakness; if so, which?
 (4.) Are any repairs being done to these bridges; and, if so, to what extent?
 (5.) What is the estimated cost of putting these bridges in a satisfactory state?
 (6.) Who made the estimate for the duplication of this line, and what was the amount?
 (7.) What did this work actually cost?
 (8.) On what portion of the line were the hydra-headed rails laid, how long have they been laid, and in what condition are they and the steel sleepers supporting them?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Mr. G. W. Townsend prepared the original designs, which were subsequently altered by the Engineer for Existing Lines.
 (2.) Mr. Halligan at first, and subsequently Mr. G. R. Cowdery.
 (3.) The four bridges at Parramatta Park, Wentworthville, Toongabbie, and Blacktown—three only to a slight extent—have shown signs of weakness in the portions altered by the Engineer for Existing Lines.
 (4.) The abutments and wings are being strengthened where required.
 (5.) £2,000.
 (6.) Mr. G. W. Townsend; amount, £84,203.
 (7.) The actual cost of the works provided for by Mr. Townsend, and included in his original estimate, was £98,493 3s. 3d., a difference of £14,290 3s. 3d., of which £9,800 was for extra earth-works. Additional works, principally new station buildings and platforms, which were not included in Mr. Townsend's estimate, made the total cost £126,505 12s. 8d.
 (8.) *a*, Between Parramatta Park and Toongabbie; *b*, about two years; *c*, the rails are in fair condition—a few of the sleepers have bent slightly.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption of Land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes at Bongongo and Wagoribil.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Copy of *Gazette* Notice, setting forth the Resumption of certain Land, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (6.) Notifications of amendment of Timber and State Forest and Quarry Regulations of 18th August, 1885; of cancellation of Regulations Nos. 43 and 44, and of Amended Regulations Nos. 64 and 130 under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Information respecting Duplication of Line, Granville to Penrith.
 (2.) Further Correspondence respecting Wilkinson's Combination Truck.
 Ordered to be printed.

4. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (Formal Motion)** :—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Ewing*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the 61st Standing Order be suspended, to admit of the presentation of a petition from the Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited) for the introduction of a Bill "to enable the Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited) to construct gas-works within the town and suburbs of Broken Hill," the three months allowed for the presentation of the petition, as prescribed by the 61st Standing Order, having elapsed.
Question put and passed.
5. **PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)** :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Dr. Wilkinson*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873."
Question put and passed.
6. **CLASSIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Formal Motion)** :—*Mr. Frank Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing name, position, length of service, and date of acquiring present classification of teachers holding 1 B and 1 A certificates.
Question put and passed.
7. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Formal Motion)** :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Matheson*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for one month be granted to *Jonathan C. B. P. Scaver, Esquire*, Member for Gloucester, on account of urgent private business requiring his attention.
Question put and passed.
8. **BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL (Formal Motion)** :—*Mr. Thompson*, for *Mr. Bruncker*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Broken Hill Water Supply Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Kelly, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Jones, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Wall, Mr. De Courcy Browne, and Mr. Bruncker*.
Question put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Mail Service between Great Britain and Australia, *via Suez*; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions ;—*until to-morrow*.
(2.) Totalizator Legalizing Bill; second reading ;—*until Tuesday, 22nd May*.
(3.) Divorce Extension Bill; second reading ;—*until Tuesday, 15th May*.
10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—*Mr. Burns* made a Statement with reference to the Revenue Receipts and Expenditure during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1888.
11. **BROKEN HILL AND SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY'S BILL** :—*Mr. Day* presented a Petition from the Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable "the Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited)" to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Broken Hill.
And *Mr. Day* having produced the *Government Gazette* and *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Broken Hill Times (Willyama)* and *Barrier Ranges Mining Record* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
12. **CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Garrett*, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 5 APRIL, 1888, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Matheson.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Tellers,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Gould.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Lericn,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Hayes.

Tellers,

Mr. Day.
Mr. Bowes.

And so it passed in the affirmative.

Bill

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 *Mr. Garrard* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 APRIL, 1888.

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

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Jacob Garrard, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Revenue derived from the Namoi Electorate:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Return ordered by the House on 4th October, 1887, respecting “Revenue derived from the Namoi Electorate from 1881 to 1888,” be laid upon the Table and printed?

Mr. Inglis answered,—It cannot be stated. The Treasury Department does not keep a Revenue Account for each electorate, and consequently an immense compilation will require to be made by the Department of Lands before the revenue can be stated by the Treasury. If the Honorable Member would accept a Return, compiled in accordance with Land Districts, it could be readily prepared. Such a Return would, however, only be approximately correct, so far as regards the Namoi Electorate, which embraces portions of different Land Districts.

- (2.) Land Revenue, &c., Inverell District:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Moore, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Return relating to “Land Revenue, &c., Inverell District,” ordered by the House on 17th May, 1887, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Burns answered,—It cannot be stated, with any degree of certainty, when the voluminous Return asked for by the Honorable Member, which covers a period of twenty-six years, will be ready to be laid before Parliament. To prepare this Return, it is necessary to obtain information, not supplied by the Treasury books, from the Department of Lands and the Auditor-General, to whom the necessary applications have been made, and when obtained the Return will be proceeded with. I should state, however, that the work will require to be done outside office hours, as the time of the Treasury officers during those hours is fully occupied.

- (3.) Ulmarra Light Horse:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. McFarlane, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the capitation fees due to the Ulmarra Light Horse for the year ending 1886 have not yet been paid?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Captain of the Ulmarra Light Horse has repeatedly written to the Cavalry Office respecting same, but has received no reply?

(3.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, and ascertain who is responsible for the alleged neglect?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) The reason why the fees referred to have not been paid is, that the Vote for the Volunteer Service for 1886 was exhausted, and the application for placing a sum upon the Supplementary Estimates was not received in time to admit of that being done. Arrangements have now been made, however, to secure, if possible, the payment of this and other claims with the least possible delay.

- (4.) Through Tickets between Sydney and Melbourne, *via* Blayney:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Garland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are through tickets issued on the railways from Melbourne to Sydney, *via* Blayney, or Sydney to Melbourne, *via* Blayney?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Through tickets are issued from Sydney to Melbourne, *via* Blayney, at the following rates, viz.—1st class single, £4 5s.; 1st class return, £6 7s. 6d.; 2nd class single, £3 4s.; 2nd class return, £4 15s. 6d. Through tickets are not yet issued from Melbourne to Sydney, *via* Blayney, but the arrangement has been agreed upon, and it is expected to be shortly brought into force. (5.)

- (5.) Public School at Milparinka:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Public School at Milparinka has been closed for want of a teacher since the 8th of January last?
 - (2.) What steps have been taken to provide a teacher?
- Mr. Inglis* answered,—
- (1.) This school has been closed since 8th January last on account of the difficulty in obtaining the services of a teacher willing to accept the appointment.
 - (2.) On 22nd March ultimo a teacher was instructed to take charge of the school, and it is expected that she has entered on duty by this time.
- (6.) Athenæum at Wilcannia:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Has any intimation been given to the Committee of the Athenæum at Wilcannia that the subsidy heretofore paid by the Government to that institution is to be discontinued?
 - (2.) If so, what is the reason for the discontinuance of the same, and is it intended to discontinue similar subsidies to all Schools of Arts in the Colony?
- Mr. Inglis* answered,—
- (1.) No intimation has been given to the Committee of the Institution named that the annual subsidy heretofore paid by the Government is to be discontinued. The Committee was informed, on the 23rd ultimo, that such subsidy would be continued.
 - (2.) It is not intended to discontinue the subsidies usually granted to Schools of Arts and other kindred institutions.
- (7.) Compensation for Improvements under Crown Lands Bill (No. 2):—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—In the event of the Land Bill becoming law in its present form, what will be the probable amount of compensation required to be paid to squatters for present improvements in the Eastern, Central, and Western Districts respectively, should the runs happen to be surrendered?
- Mr. Inglis* answered,—From information extracted from the papers relating to the appraisalment of each holding, it is estimated that the value of the improvements situated on Crown lands in the Eastern, Central, and Western Divisions, held under pastoral lease and occupation license, is £4,090,751 2s. 10d. It is not proposed that the Crown should pay for these improvements. Any payment will be by the persons who may, after the termination of the present leases or licenses, become the holders of the land on which improvements are situated which the law may require to be paid for.
- (8.) Supply of Water to Moama:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he call for a report from the District Engineer as to the cost, and best and speediest means, of supplying the residents of Moama with water from the River Murray?
- Mr. Sutherland* answered,—There are no funds at the disposal of the Department from which the cost of obtaining a report of the kind could be defrayed.
- (9.) Reserve at Maloga:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has he yet given instructions for the survey of separate portions of land upon the aboriginal reserve at Maloga for the use of individual aboriginals?
 - (2.) If not, will he do so at once, in order that these portions may be quickly occupied?
- Mr. Inglis* answered,—Instructions have been issued to survey several portions of about 25 acres each.
- (10.) Lighting of Bridge at Moama:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he yet taken any steps to confer with the Victorian Government *re* the lighting of the Murray River Bridge, at Moama, by gas?
 - (2.) If not, can he say when he will do so, and the probable period that will elapse before the matter is finally settled?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—This communication has not yet been made, but I intend to send the letter off to-night.
- (11.) Conference for Destruction of Rabbits:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for *Mr. Dibbs*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What Colonies in the Australasian group have been invited to take part in the Rabbit Conference?
 - (2.) Has *Dr. Wilkinson*, an Honorable Member of this House, been appointed President of the New South Wales Board?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—All the Australian Colonies have been invited to send representatives to this Conference, and I think I may say all of them have consented—certainly all, with one exception, I think. The Conference will meet at as early a date as convenient to those distant Colonies. *Dr. Wilkinson* is one of the representatives of this Colony.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—*Sir Henry Parkes* stated to the House the action which the Government had taken with reference to Chinese Immigration.
4. PRIVILEGE—SPEECH MADE BY *MR. HAYNES*:—*Mr. Melville* brought under the notice of the House the report of a speech made by the Honorable Member for Mudgee, *Mr. Haynes*, as published in *The Australian Star* of 29th March, 1888,—a copy of which newspaper he laid upon the Table,—and moved, That a statement in such speech be read by the Clerk.
- Question,—That the statement be read by the Clerk,—put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read the statement referred to, as follows:—

“When Members of Parliament, because of their position, knew where and when a railway was to be constructed, they flocked on the land like crows on carrion, and, in consequence, the country had to pay a thousand times the value of the land. He would put a stop to this.”

Then Mr. Speaker invited Mr. Haynes to offer any explanation he desired to make, and that Honorable Member, having declined to make any explanation, withdrew.

Whereupon Mr. Melville moved,—

(1.) That the Honorable Member for Mudgee (Mr. Haynes), having made statements reflecting upon the honour and integrity of Members of this House at a public meeting held last Wednesday, 28th March, viz., in the Town Hall, Sydney, is deserving of the censure of this House.

(2.) That the Honorable Member for Mudgee (Mr. Haynes) be called to the Bar of the House and reprimanded by Mr. Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Slattery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Croer,	
Mr. Gale,	
Mr. Collis,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Henry Clarke.	

Noes, 24.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Henson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hurlay,	Mr. Lees.
Mr. Frank Farnell,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. BROKEN HILL AND SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the “Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited)” to construct gas works within the town and suburbs of Broken Hill.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Day having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “A Bill to enable the ‘Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited)’ to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Broken Hill,”—read a first time.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 1st May.*

(2.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—*until Tuesday, 29th May.*

(3.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—*until Tuesday, 15th May.*

(4.) Public Works Bill; third reading;—*until Wednesday next.*

7. MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND AUSTRALIA, *via* SUEZ:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Roberts, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That this House approves of the contracts entered into between the Imperial Government (with the concurrence of the respective Governments of the Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia), and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company and the Orient Steam Navigation Company, dated respectively the 19th January, 1888, and the 23rd January, 1888 [laid upon the Table of this House on the 20th March, 1888], for a weekly mail service between Great Britain and Australia, £95,000 of the total subsidy of £170,000 per annum, payable to the two companies, to be provided by the United Kingdom, and the remainder, £75,000, to be contributed by the Australasian Colonies.

(2.) And this House further approves of the following arrangement, agreed to at the recent Inter-colonial Postal Conference:—(a) That the Australian subsidy of £75,000 per annum be apportioned amongst New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia, and any other Colony that may agree to contribute a direct subsidy thereto, on the basis of their respective populations; (b) That any Colony not contributing on the basis of population be charged, on correspondence despatched by the packets under these contracts, the following sea transit rates:—Letters, £1 5s. 4d. per lb. net; packets, 1s. per lb. net; newspapers, 6d. per lb. net.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

Mr. Garrard then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—

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(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

8. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN SEMPILL'S ESTATES BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Clarke, 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 *Mr. Garrard* reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at sixteen minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 APRIL, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mineral Leases at Captain's Flat:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a portion of the mineral lease granted to Garland & Party, at Captain's Flat, has been allowed to include the house and garden of a miner named McNeill, who has resided on the land for over seven years?

(2.) Will he take steps to have the site of McNeill's house and garden excised from the lease in question?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) As Mr. Garland's application was for a surveyed portion, the Department had no means of knowing whether the area applied for included a house and garden.

(2.) A report has been obtained, and so much of the surface will be withdrawn from the lease as may be necessary to protect the rights of Mr. McNeill.

- (2.) Site for Police Court at Captain's Flat:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a site for a Police Court was recently granted as portion of a mineral lease at Captain's Flat?

(2.) Is it also a fact that a fresh site for a Police Court has been surveyed on a mineral lease at Captain's Flat held by Mr. Forrester?

(3.) Will he take steps to protect Mr. Forrester in his mineral lease?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No; but it is reported by the Warden that a Mr. Forrester has improperly taken up, under his mineral license, land which had been exempted from occupation for mining purposes.

(3.) Mr. Forrester has no mineral lease, nor has he applied for one.

- (3.) Defences of the Colonies:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many communications has the Premier received from the Government of Victoria since 21st September, 1887, in reference to the proposed joint action of these Colonies to procure the services of an Imperial Officer of high rank for the purpose of advising them as to the taking of united measures by the Military Forces of each for their general defence?

(2.) What was the date of each respectively?

(3.) Have replies to these communications been sent; if so, on what date?

(4.) What has been the tenor of these replies?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Precisely this form of question was asked of the Attorney-General in the Legislative Council, and a reply given. I can give no other reply.

- (4.) Commissioner for Affidavits, Moama:—*Mr. Levien*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware of the immediate necessity of the appointment of some gentleman at Moama as a Commissioner of Affidavits?

(2.) Will he cause a communication to be forwarded to His Honor the Chief Justice, recommending the immediate appointment of a Commissioner?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(5.)

(5.) Mr. Reginald Bloxsome :—Mr. Hassall asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Reginald Bloxsome been appointed Secretary to the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board?
- (2.) What salary is he to receive?
- (3.) Was his appointment recommended by the Board?
- (4.) What are his qualifications for the appointment?
- (5.) Who were the other applicants for the post?
- (6.) What are the applicants' positions in the Civil Service, showing salaries and length of service?
- (7.) Was Mr. Bloxsome in the Civil Service, and has he passed the Civil Service Examination?
- (8.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to compel him to pass that examination?
- (9.) Was the Civil Service Inquiry Commission, the Civil Service Board, the Water and Sewerage Board, or the Works Department, consulted as to the fitness of Mr. Bloxsome for this appointment?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In respect to this question, I may state that the salary is £400 a year. There were about eight applicants for this office, and the course taken was this: I sent for the official members of the Board—Colonel Rowe, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Darley—and I submitted all the applications to them. I told them that I did not desire to exercise any patronage in the matter at all, and that my only desire was to appoint the person whom they considered fittest for the duties. I may mention that among the applicants there were two, if not more, who I understood are already receiving salaries considerably in excess of the salary attached to this office, and if they had had the offer of the appointment they would have declined it. In regard to the person who has been appointed, I should think he is about as well fitted to perform the duties of Secretary as any man in this community. He received his first training under that admittedly able administrator, Sir Hercules Robinson, and he was for some considerable time afterwards performing the same duties under Lord Augustus Loftus. Altogether, he is a man of considerable ability, and of precisely the attainments which would fit him to perform the duties of Secretary; and, so far as I can form a judgment, he is admirably suited for the situation. I suppose it is no fault to be a native of the country; and he is a son of an old and highly respected colonist. So far as the Government have had to do with the appointment, we submitted the whole of the applications to the Board, and desired them to make their choice to the best of their ability, and we acted on their recommendation.

(6.) Land at Junction of Illawarra and Great Southern Railways :—*Mr. Joseph Abbott*, for Mr. Mitchell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are the Government aware that the land at the junction of the Illawarra and Great Southern Railways is about to be offered at auction?
- (2.) Has that land been offered to the Government for railway purposes?
- (3.) Will the Government take steps to resume the land in question in the interest of the Railway Department and of the district generally, prior to the auction sale?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No recent offer has been made.
- (3.) This matter is now having consideration.

(7.) Importation of Spirits :—*Mr. Levien*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What quantity of spirits was imported in the year 1886, and what was the amount of duty paid on the same?
- (2.) What quantity of spirits was imported in the year 1887, and what was the amount of duty paid on the same?
- (3.) Has the revenue suffered or benefited by the increase of the spirit duty to 14s. per proof gallon?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Imported, 1,196,630 liquid gallons. The duty paid on spirits taken from bond was £696,975.
- (2.) Imported, 1,278,613 liquid gallons. Duty paid on spirits taken from bond, £761,832.
- (3.) There was an increase for quarter ended 31st March, 1888, of £25,799 in the duty paid on spirits taken from bond.

(8.) Ventilation of Mines :—*Mr. Levien*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Board of practical miners to investigate and report upon the best method of ventilating all mines of New South Wales?

Mr. Abigail answered,—No; it is not intended to appoint a Board, as provision is made in the law as it now stands, and able Inspectors are employed to see that the provisions in that behalf are observed by mine owners. Any defects in the existing law will be dealt with in Bills to be submitted to Parliament.

(9.) Tarago Railway Station :—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Rylie, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are all goods dispatched from Tarago railway station weighed there before leaving for their destination, and is an account kept at Tarago of the amount derived from such goods?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Small consignments are weighed before leaving Tarago. Goods forwarded in large quantities, such as bark, wheat, &c., are weighed at the receiving station, and advice of such weights is returned to Tarago, where an account of all goods forwarded, with the charges thereon, &c., is kept.

(10.) Quarantine Station :—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Gale, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether, in view of the recent outbreak of small-pox at Manly, which is commonly attributed to the close proximity of the Quarantine Station, he will cause immediate steps to be taken for the removal of the Quarantine Station to some more suitable and less dangerous site?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am requested by the Department to ask the Honorable Member to postpone this question, as the information as to what has been done does not appear to be at hand; but

but I may state that, irrespective of any steps that have been taken, the Government have determined for other reasons to remove the Quarantine Station, and to do it as speedily as possible. I may as well inform Parliament, as no object can be served by not allowing it to be made public, that it is intended to appoint the waters opposite the Quarantine Station as a mooring-ground for foreign ships of war. It has been thought not in accordance with the policy of other nations to permit foreign ships of war to anchor in Farm Cove, and it has been determined to appoint the sea-room opposite the Quarantine Station as a mooring-ground for the ships of war of foreign nations. For that reason the Quarantine Station must be removed, if there were no other reason, and we shall therefore remove it without delay.

- (11.) Government Domain :—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Frank Smith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What rights, permissive or otherwise, are held by any persons or person to use any portions of the Domain ; and what (if any) are the trusts upon which such are held ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following are the rights and permissions granted :—Technological Museum, by permission of the Colonial Secretary ; Sydney Infirmary Dispensary, by permission of the Colonial Secretary ; Art Gallery, under trust, by sanction of the Colonial Secretary ; Wilson's Baths, under Government lease ; Corporation Baths and Engine-shed, under Government lease ; University Boat Club, by permission of the Colonial Secretary ; East Sydney Rowing Club, by permission of the Colonial Secretary ; Cricket Ground, under trust, by sanction of the Colonial Secretary. My impression is that, so far as I am individually concerned, none of these concessions were given by me ; but I think, however, that they have been properly given.

- (12.) The Estimates :—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Creer, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When do the Government intend to proceed with the consideration of the Estimates ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not in a position to-day to give a direct answer to this question, which I admit is a very proper one to be asked of the Government. I shall be prepared in two or three days to give an answer.

2. HUNTER STREET NEWCASTLE EXTENSION BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. Hassall presented a Petition from Alexander Ogilvie Grant, of Parramatta, praying that the Hunter Street Newcastle Extension Bill may not receive the sanction of the House without such alteration as may secure to the Petitioner the right of compelling the Borough Council of Newcastle to purchase all or so much of the several allotments as will not destroy the value of the land, and at such fair prices as may maintain for the Petitioner his income as life tenant, and protect the interests of the tenants in remainder.
Petition received.

- (2.) Mr. Hassall then presented another Petition from the same Gentleman, referring to his previous Petition in opposition to the Hunter Street Newcastle Extension Bill, and praying that he may be heard at the Bar of this House by Counsel or Attorney against the passing of such Bill, and in support of the objections raised by him in that Petition.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Further Correspondence respecting Chinese Immigration.
- (2.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of North Illawarra.
- (3.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Cootamundra.
- (4.) Additional and Amended By-laws of the Borough of North Willoughby.
- (5.) Electoral Rolls for the years 1880 to 1888, showing the past operation of the expansive clauses (6, 7, 8, and 9) of the "Electoral Act of 1880."
- (6.) Return to an Order made on the 29th February, 1888—"The Government Tramways."
Ordered to be printed.

4. BROKEN HILL AND SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barbour, Mr. De Courcy Browne, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Colls, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Hayes, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Grafton School of Arts Trustees Enabling Bill postponed until Tuesday, 29th May.

6. KIAMA TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Cameron, 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 1st March, 1888, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 1st May.
Question put and passed.

7. RAILWAY FROM NARRABRI TO WALGETT :—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House is of opinion that a cheap line of railway to connect Narrabri with Walgett should be constructed as speedily as possible.

Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

8. MR. SWIFT, CUSTOM HOUSE OFFICER, BREWARRINA :—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and documents in connection with the dismissal of Mr. Swift, Custom House Officer at Brewarrina.

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

9. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE :—Mr. Kethel moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in view of the importance of a proper system of agriculture prevailing in this Colony, and for the better scientific instruction of those engaged in the cultivation of the soil, it is highly desirable that an Agricultural College should be established without delay.

(2.) That the unoccupied buildings erected for a Boys' Reformatory between Rookwood and Bankstown, on the main suburban railway line, would, with portion of the ground surrounding them, form suitable premises and site for a central Agricultural College, as they are ready for immediate occupation, and conveniently situated.

(3.) That, in connection with the proposed Agricultural College, a system of test or experimental farms should be established in various districts throughout the Colony, with competent instructors and lecturers from the metropolitan institution, and that the local management of these farms be placed under the Agricultural or other kindred societies of the district.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

10. PAPER :—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 10th April, 1888—" Mr. Swift, Custom House Officer, Brewarrina."

Ordered to be printed.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

12. RAILWAY FROM BYROCK TO BREWARRINA :—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, any railway policy submitted to Parliament should include a light line from Byrock to Brewarrina.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House adjourned, at a quarter before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 APRIL, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Agricultural Societies :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will the subsidy to Agricultural Associations for last year be paid at the rate of £1 to £1 ?
 (2.) When will the subsidy due to the Moama Agricultural Association for last year be paid ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The subsidy for last year to Agricultural Associations is being paid at the rate of 5s. per £1, in accordance with the vote of Parliament taken for that purpose.
 (2.) The list of subscriptions from Moama upon which subsidy is payable has not yet been received at the Treasury.

- (2.) Stock Route, Moulamein to Koondrook :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has the stock route, leading from Moulamein to Koondrook, on the River Murray, been proclaimed as open for traffic ?
 (2.) If not, when will it be ?
 (3.) Will the public incur any risk of having to defend actions for trespass by runholders through whose runs this route is surveyed if they use it at the present time ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—All the necessary action to establish the road has been taken, and a surveyor was, on the 4th instant, instructed to formally open it; and when this is done, the public will incur no risk in using the road.

- (3.) Licensing Board, Inverell :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Are Mr. W. W. Fraser, the Chairman of the Licensing Board at Inverell, and Mr. P. C. Campbell, another member of the Board, brothers-in-law ?
 (2.) Is he aware that a member of the Licensing Board has a mortgage for a large amount over the property of another member of the Board ?
 (3.) If the above statements are facts, does he think it is a desirable state of things; and, if not, in the interests of justice, will he have same changed ?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) I do not feel called upon to inquire into, or interfere with, transactions of a private nature between members of Licensing Courts.

- (4.) Silver-mining :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Adverting to the answer given by him to a previous question on the subject of the prevalent silver-mining boom, in which he stated it was not clear what "circumstances" were referred to;—the circumstances referred to as calling for serious and immediate consideration are the rapid development of both sound and bogus mining companies, which enable promoters and original holders to appropriate so large a proportion of the share capital as to leave an insufficient share to work even the most unexceptionable ventures;—Will he engage to consider this matter, with a view to possible early legislation, on similar lines to those determined on by the British Government in connection with the Bill it has actually drawn up, and has, or is about, introducing into Parliament on identically the same subject.

Mr. Abigail answered,—The matter is already engaging my attention; but I am not at present in a position to state what action, if any, will be taken. (5.)

(5.) Shares Liable to Forfeiture :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that valuable shares are, under the present law, liable to forfeiture by reason of non-payment of calls, trivial in amount compared to the current value of such shares?
- (2.) Will the Government undertake to consider whether the interests of absentee or afflicted shareholders may not be preserved from such risks, either by regulations or fresh legislation, if otherwise impossible?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Shareholders who are prevented by absence or affliction from looking after their own interests should employ some person to look after such interests.

(6.) Late Arrival of Mail Train at West Maitland :—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was the mail train late in arriving at West Maitland from Mullet Creek on the night of Friday, the 23rd March?
- (2.) If so, how much was it late?
- (3.) What was the cause for its being late?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Nine minutes.
- (3.) The neglect of a gatekeeper to have the crossing-gates open for train, and the stoppage of train at Honeysuckle Point and Hamilton on the down journey, which was not provided for when framing the time-table. As soon as it was found that the stoppage at these stations caused late running, the order to stop the train was withdrawn.

(7.) Court-house, Silverton :—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the erection of the Court-house at Silverton has been stopped for a long time?
- (2.) What steps have been taken to settle the dispute?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The erection of this building has been delayed in consequence of the contractors being unable to procure the necessary material.
- (2.) A proposition which has been made by the contractors is under consideration, and a decision will be given in the course of a few days.

(8.) Melbourne Exhibition :—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Commission issued to the Executive Commissioner of the Melbourne Exhibition, as also a copy of the General Commission?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not see what good could arise from the laying of this Commission upon the Table. There can be no objection to that being done, except that it might lead to an inconvenient practice in the future. I may mention that the Commission is in exactly the same terms as that issued to the Executive Commissioner, Dr. Renwick, for the Melbourne Exhibition some years ago, and in precisely the same terms as that issued to the Executive Commissioner, Mr. Neild, for the Adelaide Exhibition last year. If the Honorable Member really desires it, I will lay the Commission upon the Table.

(9.) Conference for Destruction of Rabbits :—Mr. Fletcher asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) On what date was Tasmania invited to send representatives to the Conference about to be held relative to the destruction of rabbits?
- (2.) What was the date of the invitations sent to the other Colonies respectively?
- (3.) Which of the Colonies has not consented to send a representative, as stated by Sir Henry Parkes in his answer of 6th April, which was as follows :—“I think I may say all of them have consented—certainly all, with one exception, I think?”
- (4.) Was any reason given for this refusal; if so, what?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The 10th of February last.
- (2.) The 10th of February last. The fact is, that the invitation was by circular letter, which went from the Colonial Secretary's Office on the same day, and in the same terms, to all the Colonies.
- (3.) The Colony which has declined to send a representative is Western Australia, and the reason given is that the rabbit plague does not affect that Colony.

(10.) Passenger Traffic on Great Northern and North-western Railways :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What has been the number of first and second-class passengers by rail from Sydney to all stations on the Great Northern and North-western Lines (including Queensland passengers) for the months of January, February, and March, 1888, respectively?
- (2.) What are the fares for the single journey, first and second classes respectively, between Sydney and Newcastle?
- (3.) The same for return journey?
- (4.) The same information as under questions 2 and 3 as to the fares for single and return journeys from Sydney to East and West Maitland respectively?
- (5.) The same information as under questions 2 and 3 for single and return journeys from Newcastle, West Maitland, and East Maitland, respectively, to Sydney?
- (6.) The same information as to fares for journeys from Sydney to stations on Western and Southern Lines about the same distances as Newcastle, East and West Maitland respectively?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

(11.) Public Revenue and Expenditure:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether, in view of the condition of the public finances, as disclosed by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer on the 4th instant, it is the intention of the Government to submit to Parliament proposals for increased taxation, or for such curtailment of the abnormal disbursements disclosed by the Treasurer's statement as to equalize the public revenue and expenditure.

Mr. Burns answered,—The honorable gentleman has erroneously assumed that the statement which I made on the 4th instant showed that the disbursements of the Treasury of last quarter, for payments proper to the quarter, were abnormal, and in excess of my estimate. The payments within the quarter, and properly chargeable to it, were, in point of fact, far below one-fourth of the estimated expenditure of the year. The gross total of the payments made within the quarter was £2,366,058 7s. 9d., from which sum has to be deducted (1) £674,370 11s. 5d. for services of 1887, paid in the first quarter of 1888, but not properly a charge upon the quarter; and (2) £195,003 2s. 5d., salaries of the Civil Servants, paid on the 29th March, as a matter of convenience to those persons, but not due and payable until the 1st instant, and belonging to the second quarter of the year. These items, Nos. 1 and 2, amount, collectively, to £869,373 13s. 10d., which reduces the gross total before mentioned to £1,496,684 13s. 11d. as the expenditure proper to the quarter. The particulars of item No. 1 are as follows:—Services of 1886 and previous years, £32,867 7s. 5d.; services of 1887, £602,058 11s. 6d.; advances in anticipation of Loan Vote, £36,807 2s. 6d.; payments out of the Accumulated Surplus Fund, £2,637 10s.; total, £674,370 11s. 5d. The estimated expenditure of the year, inclusive of the appropriation of £150,000 for the State House, is £8,359,335; one-fourth of which, or £2,089,834, is in excess of the payments for 1888, chargeable to the quarter, by £593,149 6s. 1d.

(12.) The "Gulcher" Electric Machine—Torpedo Cables:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) When will the Return as to dynamos purchased by the Government, moved for by Mr. Thompson, be laid upon the Table?

(2.) Has the Government received any reply to their communication to the Agent-General as to the report requested to be made as to the torpedo cables?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) In a few days.

(2.) If the question of the Honorable Member relates to the fricze work cable, I may inform him that a report has been received from the Agent-General, which will be laid upon the Table, probably on Tuesday next.

2. PUBLIC WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

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, for the re-consideration of clauses 2, 3, 10, 12, 13, 16, 24, and 112, and for the insertion of a new clause to stand clause 28, and for the omission of clause 95."

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 so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted, for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 3, 10, 12, 13, 16, 24, and 112, and for the insertion of a new clause to stand clause 28, and for the omission of clause 95,—put and passed.

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 further 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.

3. PAPER:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Automatic Electric Cars. Ordered to be printed.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN SEMPILL'S ESTATES BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to provide for the distribution of certain Funds among certain Creditors, in respect of claims by them against Insolvent Estates formerly assigned to Robert Hamilton Sempill, late Official Assignee.*"

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 distribution of certain Funds among certain Creditors, in respect of claims by them against Insolvent Estates formerly assigned to Robert Hamilton Sempill, late Official Assignee,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th April, 1888.

5. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—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 the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 4 to 10 be postponed until a later hour of the day.
Debate ensued.

Words of Heat :—The Honorable Member for the Upper Hunter, Mr. McElhone, used certain words, to which exception was taken by the Honorable Member for West Maitland, Mr. Thompson, at whose instance the words were, by direction of Mr. Speaker, taken down by the Clerk, as follows :—“ I don't care for fifty Speakers.”

And Mr. McElhone, being called upon by Mr. Speaker to explain, admitted that he had used the words, and apologized to Mr. Speaker.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

7. **CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2)** :—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 the Bill.

And the Committee 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.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Garrett moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-four minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 APRIL, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Duplicating Line between Parramatta and Penrith:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the question No. 6, answered by the Secretary for Public Works on the 4th day of April instant,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that the abutments of the railway bridge at Parramatta have shown signs of great weakness?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the abutments of this bridge are from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches out of plumb?

(3.) Is it a fact that the pressure of the embankments and of the traffic is forcing the abutments of this bridge out of plumb; if so, is this considered by the Department to be “to a slight extent showing signs of weakness”?

(4.) Is it a fact that the abutments of this bridge are heavily shored up with timber supports; if so, is this considered by the Department to be “to a slight extent showing signs of weakness”?

(5.) Is it a fact that in order to prevent the total destruction of this bridge it is found necessary to build strong battering retaining walls in front of them, and to carry such walls from 2 to 4 feet below the foundations of the abutments; if so, is this considered by the Department to be “to a slight extent showing signs of weakness”?

(6.) Is it not a fact that the abutments to the bridge in Parramatta Park are heavily shored up?

(7.) Is it not a fact that strong retaining walls are being built in front of the abutments to this bridge?

(8.) Is it not a fact that the foundations to the retaining walls are from 2 to 4 feet below the foundations of the original abutments of the bridge?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1 to 5 inclusive.) There are several railway bridges in Parramatta, four of which are constructed of iron and brick and one of timber. None of the abutments of these have shown signs of weakness, nor are they out of plumb, or shored up in any way, and no “battering retaining walls” are being built in front of these abutments. Part of the timber bridge, which was constructed when the line was extended from Granville to Parramatta, has been renewed lately; and, as a matter of course, the old structure was shored up with timber supports while the new structure was being constructed, in accordance with the usual practice.

(6.) The abutments of the bridge in Parramatta Park are shored up while the repairs to the abutments are being effected.

(7.) The abutments of this bridge are being strengthened by increasing their thickness.

(8.) The foundations of the new facing to the abutments were carried below the original foundations through the over-cautiousness of the officer in charge. The Engineer for Existing Lines, on discovering this, promptly stopped it, and directed that the foundations of the new facing walls were not to be carried below the foundations of the original abutments, which latter are quite strong enough for all purposes.

(2.) Duplicating Line between Parramatta and Penrith:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the answer given by the Secretary for Public Works to the question No. 6, on the 4th instant,—

(1.) What is meant by the statement that the hydra-headed rails “are in fair condition”?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the road laid with these rails is in a very bad condition?

(3.) Is it not a fact that many of the joints of the rails in the road, especially on the curve at and near the bridge in Parramatta Park, are “foul” for either line or level, and in some cases for both, from $\frac{1}{4}$ th to $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of an inch?

(4.) Is it not a fact that fully 50 per cent. of the steel sleepers supporting the hydra-headed rails are showing signs of weakness, and in some cases dangerously so?

(5.)

- (5.) Has the attention of the Engineer for Existing Lines been called to the condition of the part of the road on which the hydra-headed rail has been placed ; if so, when ?
 (6.) Has the Engineer for Existing Lines made a report upon the road referred to ; and, if so, what action does the Minister propose to take in the matter ?
 (7.) Is it a fact these hydra-headed rails are nearly worn out, and now dangerous for traffic, after only two years' service ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) They are in as good condition as any other description of rails on the line.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) The Engineer for Existing Lines says :—“I do not exactly comprehend the question, or what is meant by foul for line or level. None of the joints in this part of the line are defective.”
 (4.) No.
 (5.) The Engineer for Existing Lines makes frequent personal inspection of this part of the road, as well as other parts, and he is perfectly acquainted with the condition of the same.
 (6.) The Engineer for Existing Lines has not made any report upon the road referred to, and sees no necessity for doing so at the present time. This part of the road is in good condition.
 (7.) These rails are not worn out, and are not dangerous to traffic, and they will last for many years yet.

- (3.) Limited Express—Engaged Compartments :—*Mr. Fletcher*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many first-class compartments have been engaged by the limited express leaving Sydney since 1st November, 1887, to 1st April, 1888 ?
 (2.) What are the conditions under which these carriages can be engaged ?
 (3.) Have these conditions been fulfilled by the persons securing carriages ?
 (4.) The names of the Members of the Legislative Assembly or other persons who have taken the compartments referred to ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

- (4.) Local Land Board, Inverell :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is *Mr. W. W. Fraser*, the Police Magistrate at Inverell, a large holder of land, and a lessee of a run (Nullamanna) in the same district ?
 (2.) Is *Mr. Fraser* a member of the Land Board ; and is the Minister aware that he is a brother-in-law of two large landholders in that district named *J. J. R. Gibson* and *P. C. Campbell* ?
 (3.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Fraser* sits and adjudicates upon land cases in which the interests of his brothers-in-law are affected ?
 (4.) Does he think that such a state of things is desirable ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) It is not known whether *Mr. Fraser* is a large holder of land. He is not the lessee of Nullamanna pastoral holding.
 (2.) *Mr. Fraser* is a brother-in-law of the gentlemen named.
 (3.) It is not a fact that *Mr. Fraser* sits and adjudicates upon land cases in which his brothers-in-law are interested, as he invariably retires from the Board during such adjudications.
 (4.) It is not necessary to reply to this question.

- (5.) Applications of *O'Riel* and *Patterson* for Land at Dubbo :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that two selectors (*O'Riel* and *Patterson*) applied, both on the same day, for a piece of land at Dubbo, *O'Riel* tendering gold, *Patterson* bank notes, and that the latter was in consequence compelled to withdraw his application ?
 (2.) Is it necessary for all payments for land to be paid in gold ?
 (3.) Does the doing so give a preference, and are bank notes not considered a legal tender ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No ; *O'Riel* tendered gold and *Patterson* tendered notes. *O'Riel* objected to *Patterson's* as not a legal tender, and *Patterson* then withdrew voluntarily.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) Bank notes of this Colony are accepted as a legal tender.

- (6.) Local Land Board, Grafton :—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay before the House a statement enumerating the selections under the control of the Grafton Land Board upon which the final declarations have been made prior to the 31st December, 1887, and for which the Certificates of Conformity have not yet been issued, with a copy of the Conditional Purchase Inspector's report thereon, and of all correspondence relating thereto ; and when will this statement be furnished ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—A list of these cases will be laid upon the Table of this House as soon as the necessary information can be obtained from the local officers.

- (7.) Railway Rates on Workmen's Tools of Trade :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the custom of the Railway Department, when tradesmen are travelling on our railways, to charge them freight rates on the tools of their trade, in addition to the usual fares ?
 (2.) Under whose authority, or under what clause of the Regulations, is this charge made, seeing that all passengers are allowed to carry a certain quantity of luggage ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The rule is only to carry personal luggage free, in accordance with the Regulations ; but the station-masters have discretionary power, and I understand it is not customary to charge tradesmen freight on their tools of trade.

(8.) Application of John Brown for Land at Garra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the application of John Brown to purchase 4 acres of land as a vegetable garden at Garra, in the county of Ashburnham, be decided, and will he state why the settlement of the case is being delayed?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No such application can be traced; but there is correspondence about a trespass by Thomas Brown on water reserve No. 272, in the parish of Brymedura. Dr. Ross, M.P., asked, on behalf of Mr. Brown, that the latter might be permitted to remain on the land, and the papers were, on 6th January last, forwarded to the District Surveyor for report.

(9.) Mr. J. Poulton, late of Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true, as reported, that Mr. J. Poulton, late of Molong, died in the Parramatta Asylum during the course of the last few days; if so, from what cause?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I had a prepared answer to this question, but I have accidentally left it behind me. I can state, however, having read the answer, that Poulton is not dead, but is in one of the asylums. If the Honorable Member will give fresh notice I will answer the question in full.

(10.) Application of Botcher and others for Lease at Broken Hill:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Did a man named Botcher and others apply for a mineral lease, No. 10, of 40 acres, situate at Broken Hill?

(2.) Was such lease granted?

(3.) Have the labour conditions been performed?

(4.) Was there an inquiry about the same, and was the lease recommended for forfeiture?

(5.) Why was it not forfeited?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Complaint of non-work was lodged.

(4.) No formal inquiry was held by the Warden, nor was any recommendation made by him.

(5.) The complaint was withdrawn.

(11.) Church and School Lands' Bill:—Mr. Garland asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When will he redeem his promise by introducing the Bill dealing with mining on Church and School lands?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I can only say, in reply to my honorable friend, that I am waiting for a suitable opportunity to introduce the Bill. I have received permission to introduce it, and as soon as there is a clear night, after communicating with my colleagues, I shall be only too happy to introduce it.

(12.) Mining on Private Property Bill:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will he introduce the Bill providing for mining on private property?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The Mining on Private Property Bill will have to follow the Mining Bill. Both Bills are ready, and will be brought forward as soon as the state of the public business will allow.

(13.) Public Revenue and Expenditure:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Treasurer give an explicit reply to the question asked by Mr. Neild on the 11th instant, viz.:—“Whether, in view of the condition of the public finances, as disclosed by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer on the 4th instant, it is the intention of the Government to submit to Parliament proposals for increased taxation, or for such curtailment of the abnormal disbursements disclosed by the Treasurer's statement as to equalize the public revenue and expenditure,”—the answer given failing to supply the information sought?

Mr. Burns answered,—I thought my reply of yesterday was sufficiently explicit. I have only to add that it is not the intention of the Government to propose this Session any new taxation other than I have already disclosed to the House.

(14.) Mr. Ridley—South Waratah Coal-mine:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he give the source of his information *re* the bravery of Mr. Ridley in the South Waratah mine?

(2.) Will he postpone the presentation until an investigation has been made as to the bravery of others at the same time?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) The information was derived from reports furnished by the Examiner of Coal-fields and the Inspector of Collieries. These reports, which I will lay upon the Table, contain ample evidence to justify the step I propose to take.

(2.) No; but I will cause inquiry to be made, and if I find that others are entitled to recognition, I will give due consideration to their claims.

(15.) Railway Refreshment-rooms:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Teece, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Return having reference to the leasing of the Railway Refreshment-rooms, ordered by the Assembly on the 17th June, 1886, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This Return will be laid upon the Table of the House on Tuesday next.

2. ANIMALS INFECTIOUS DISEASES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 43.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide against the communication of Infectious Diseases to Animals*,"—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, 21st March, 1888.

3. PAPERS:—
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for 1887, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library for 1887-8.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1887.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Regulations of the Patents Office, under the provisions of the Patents Act.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Information respecting Mr. Leopold Yates, Acting Stipendiary Magistrate.
(3.) Return showing Number and Nature of Complaints against Messrs. Addison, O'Malley Clarke, and T. K. Abbott, Stipendiary Magistrates.
4. LICENSED SURVEYORS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of instructions in the hands of licensed surveyors uncompleted, showing date of applications and date of instructions.
(2.) Names and districts of licensed surveyors.
(3.) Names of districts of licensed surveyors who employ assistants, and stating whether such employment is authorized, and whether such assistants are licensed surveyors.
(4.) The number of licensed surveyors now actually employed, and the total number of licensed surveyors employed or not.
Question put and passed.
5. DAMS AND WEIRS REGULATION AND REGISTRATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the regulation and registration of dams and weirs.
Question put and passed.
6. COMPANIES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Companies Act, 37 Victoria No. 19.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Perpetual Trustee Company Bill postponed until Tuesday, 29th May.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "in reference to certain parties, M's.L.A. and others, occupying a number of "compartments in railway carriages, where only one or two persons occupy the compartments, "without the number of tickets."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS 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 make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th April, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th April, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1, lines 3 and 4. Omit "not being a Magistrate"
Page 2, clause 1, line 5. After "any" insert "Justice who is a"
Page 2, clause 1, line 6. Omit "person" insert "Justice"
Page 2, clause 1, line 11. Omit "s" from "means"

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- Page 2, clause 1, line 12. *Omit "s" from "includes"*
- Page 2, clause 6, line 54. *After "Act" insert "But no sale or lease of any such lands except as provided in section forty-three shall have any force or effect unless the same has been approved by the Governor."*
- Page 3, clause 8, lines 17 and 18. *Omit "Every Commissioner shall hold his office during good behaviour"*
- Page 3, clause 8, line 19. *After "misbehaviour" insert "or incompetence"*
- Page 3, clause 8, subsection I. *Omit paragraphs (a) and (b) insert the following new paragraphs:—*
- "(a) A Commissioner may be suspended from his office by the Governor for misbehaviour or incompetence, but shall not be removed from office except as hereinafter provided. The Minister shall cause to be laid before Parliament a full statement of the grounds of suspension within seven days after such suspension if Parliament be in Session and actually sitting, and when Parliament is not in Session or not actually sitting within seven days after the commencement of the next Session or sitting.
- "(b) A Commissioner suspended under this section shall be restored to office unless each House of Parliament shall within twenty-one days from the time when such statement shall have been laid before it declare by resolution that the said Commissioner ought to be removed from office, and if each House of Parliament shall within the said time so declare, the said Commissioner shall be removed by the Governor accordingly."
- Page 4, clause 15, line 26. *Omit "insolvent" insert "bankrupt"*
- Page 4, clause 15, lines 43 and 44. *Omit "so long as he shall think fit to hold that office but subject to the conditions of his original appointment"*
- Page 4, clause 16, line 51. *Before "or" insert "rolling stock"*
- Page 4, clause 16, line 57. *Omit "or reputed to belong thereto" insert "being on Crown Land or land acquired for or on behalf of Her Majesty"*
- Page 5, clause 16, line 1. *After "land" insert "being Crown Land or land acquired or which may be acquired for or on behalf of Her Majesty"*
- Page 5, clause 16, line 4. *Omit "land" insert "Crown Land or land acquired for or on behalf of Her Majesty"*
- Page 5, clause 16, line 7. *Omit "or by any Corporation or person"*
- Page 5, clause 16, line 14. *After "which" insert "posts"*
- Page 5, clause 16, line 15. *Omit "any Corporation or person" insert "the Commissioner for Railways or any person for or on behalf of Her Majesty"*
- Page 5, clause 17, line 20. *Omit "or tramway"*
- Page 5, clause 18, line 26. *Omit "or tramways"*
- Page 5, clause 19, line 49. *Omit "and tramways"*
- Page 6, clause 22. *Omit clause 22 insert the following new clause:—*
22. "It shall be the duty of the Commissioners to maintain the railways and all works in connection therewith in a state of efficiency, and to carry persons, animals, and goods without negligence or delay; and in respect of the carriage of persons, animals, and goods, the Commissioners shall be common carriers"
- Duties of the Commissioners in respect to the Railways, &c.
- Page 6, clause 23, line 29. *Omit "ensure" insert "cause to be made"*
- Page 6, clause 23, line 30. *Omit "and tramways"*
- Page 6, clause 23, subsection (II). *Omit subsection (II) insert the following new subsection:—*
- "(II) Whenever it shall appear to the Commissioners that for the purpose of maintaining the traffic on any existing line a partial reconstruction, or partial duplication, or other addition to, or extension of, the roadway of any existing line, or part of any such line, or any bridge, viaduct, or other work; or that the laying of new rails, or that any other repair or alteration of any line or work vested in them is necessary, they shall undertake, execute, and carry out any of the works aforesaid so far as may be required for such purpose."
- Page 6, clause 25, line 55. *Omit "or tramways"*
- Page 7, clause 27, lines 8 and 9. *Omit "and tramways"*
- Page 7, clause 27. *After subsection (II) insert the following new subsection:—*
- "(III) The permanent heads of the Parliamentary Departments and such other officers as may be recommended by the President or the Speaker."
- Page 9, clause 36, line 39. *Omit "Justice" insert "Magistrate or two Justices"*
- Page 9, clause 36, line 39. *After "him" insert "or them"*
- Page 9, clause 37, line 41. *Omit "Justice" insert "Magistrate or two Justices"*
- Page 9, clause 37, line 49. *Omit "Justice" insert "Magistrate or Justices"*
- Page 9, clause 37, line 49. *After "his" insert "or their"*
- Page 10, clause 43, line 51. *Before "term" omit "such" insert "any"*
- Page 10, clause 43, line 51. *After "term" insert "not exceeding seven years on such conditions."*
- Pages 11 and 12, clause 47, subsection (III). *Omit subsection (III).*
- Page 12, clause 52, line 54. *Omit "Stipendiary or Police"*
- Page 13, clause 52. *After subsection (III) insert the following new subsection:—*
- "(IV) No answers or declarations of any person examined under this section shall be admissible in evidence in any proceeding against such person other than a prosecution for perjury, or for giving or making false answers or declarations."
- Page 15, clause 55, line 51. *Omit "this" insert "the next preceding"*
- Page 16, clause 60. *Omit clause 60.*
- Page 19, clause 77, line 38. *Omit "in Council"*
- Page 19, clause 77, line 39. *Omit "Government"*
- Page 20, clause 84, line 51. *Omit "Stipendiary or Police"*
- Page 20, clause 84, line 51. *After "Magistrate" insert "or two Justices"*
- Page 21, clause 88, line 37. *Omit "Stipendiary or Police"*
- Page 22, clause 90, line 4. *Omit "the Commissioners" insert "a Commissioner"*
- Page 22, clause 90, line 4. *Omit "them" insert "a Commissioner"*
- Page 22, clause 90, line 5. *Omit "they or"*

- Page 22, clause 90, line 6. *Omit* "do or"
- Page 22, clause 90, line 10. *Omit* "bringing" *insert* "apprehension of"
- Page 22, clause 90, line 10. *After* "servant" *insert* "to be brought"
- Page 22, clause 90, line 10. *Omit* "Stipendiary or Police"
- Page 22, clause 90, line 19. *Omit* "Stipendiary or Police"
- Page 22, clause 90, line 22. *Before* "complaint" *insert* "said"
- Page 22, clause 90, line 22. *Omit* "of the Commissioners"
- Page 22, clause 90, line 25. *Omit* "he" *insert* "they"
- Page 22, clause 92, lines 41 and 42. *Omit* "engine-driver, waggon-driver, guard, porter, servant, " or other"
- Page 22, clause 92, line 54. *Omit* "they"
- Page 22, clause 92, lines 55 and 56. *Omit* "engine-driver, guard, porter, servant, or other"
- Page 22, clause 92, line 58. *Omit* "Stipendiary or Police"
- Page 23, clause 94, line 35. *Omit* "Stipendiary or Police"
- Page 23, clause 94, line 35. *Omit* "them" *insert* "him"
- Page 23, clause 96, line 52. *After* "misdemeanour" *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 24, clause 97, line 2. *Omit* "Stipendiary or Police"
- Page 24, clause 98, line 8. *Omit* "any one or more" *insert* "a Magistrate or two"
- Page 24, clause 98, lines 9 and 10. *Omit* "Stipendiary or Police"
- Page 24, clause 98, line 10. *After* "Magistrate" *insert* "or two Justices"
- Page 24, clause 98, line 12. *After* "Magistrate" *insert* "or Justices"
- Page 24, clause 98, line 15. *After* "Magistrate" *insert* "or Justices"
- Page 24, clause 98, line 16. *After* "he" *insert* "or they"
- Page 24, clause 99, line 20. *Omit* "Stipendiary or Police"
- Page 24, clause 99. At end of clause *add* "And where any such penalty so recovered or where any sum of money payable under this Act shall not be paid either immediately after conviction or adjudication or within the time appointed thereby, payment may be enforced by distress and sale of the offenders' or defaulters' goods and chattels in the manner provided by the said Act"
- Page 24, clause 100, line 27. *After* "Magistrate" *insert* "or Justices"
- Page 24, clause 100, line 30. *After* "Magistrate" *insert* "or Justices"
- Page 24, clause 100, line 30. *After* "his" *insert* "or their"
- Page 24, clause 101, line 33. *Omit* "Magistrate" *insert* "Justice or Justices"
- Page 24, clause 101, line 42. *Omit* "Magistrate or any"
- Page 25, clause 104, subsections (II) and (III). *Omit* subsections (II) and (III), *insert* the following new subsections:—
- "(i) No action shall be commenced against the Commissioners or any person for anything done or purporting to have been done by them or him under this Act, until one month, at least, after a notice in writing of such intended action shall have been delivered to them or him, or left at their or his usual place of business, or at the office of the Solicitor for Railways, by the party intending to commence such action, or by his attorney or agent, in which said notice the cause of action and the Court in which the same is intended to be brought shall be clearly and explicitly stated, and upon the back thereof shall be indorsed the name and place of abode of the party so intending to sue, and also the name and place of abode or of business of the attorney or agent, if such notice shall have been served by such attorney or agent.
- "(II) A notice under this section shall not be deemed invalid by reason of any defect or inaccuracy therein, unless the Judge before whom the action is tried shall be of opinion that the defendant in the action has been prejudiced in his defence by such defect or inaccuracy."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

10. **MINERS RIGHTS**:—Mr. Sydney Smith presented a Petition from certain Miners of Hill End, Sofala, Sunny Corner, Rylstone, Cargo, Gulgong, Silverton, Limestone, Mount M'Donald, Bathurst, Wattle Flat, Nymagee, Hargraves, Copeland, Parkes, Mount Brown, Oberon, and Tambaroora, representing that the charge for a miner's right is excessive; that great relief would be afforded if it remained in force for twelve months, irrespective of date of issue; and praying the House to consider the matter, and grant such relief as it may deem fit.
Petition received.
11. **PUBLIC WORKS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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 provide for the constitution of an authority to investigate and report upon proposals for public works submitted to Parliament to make better provision for the acquisition of land for carrying out such works and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"
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 constitution of an authority to investigate and report upon proposals for public works submitted to Parliament to make better provision for the acquisition of land for carrying out such works and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th April, 1888.

12. **CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2)** :—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 the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 13 APRIL, 1888, A.M.

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

13. **DAMS AND WEIRS REGULATION AND REGISTRATION BILL** :—Mr. J. P. Abbott presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the regulation and registration of Dams and Weirs,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 12th June.

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

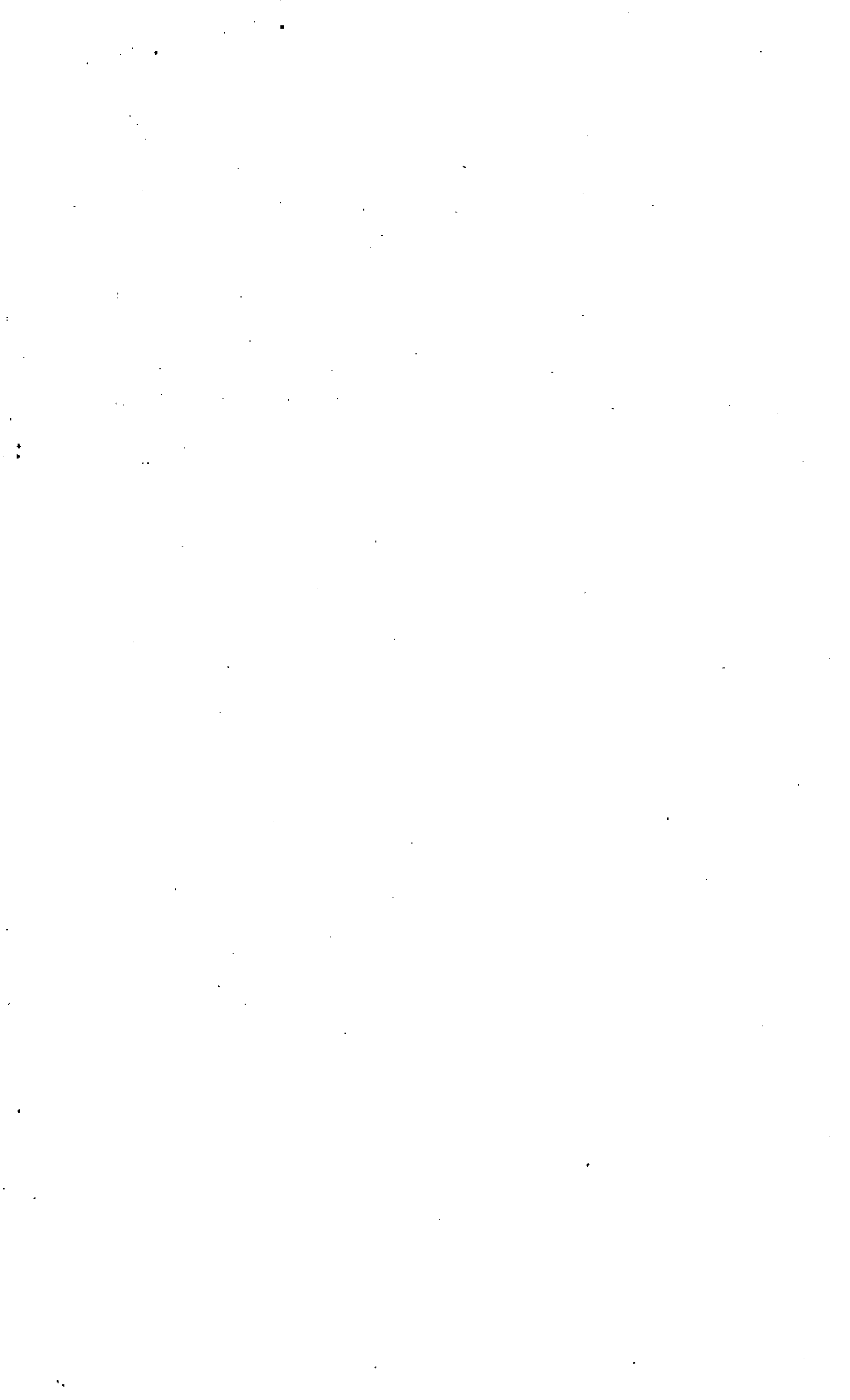
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at six minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 APRIL, 1888.

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

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a certificate from Dr. Steel, stating that Mr. Angus Cameron is still under his care and confined entirely to bed, that he is unable to attend to his Parliamentary duties, and that it is not likely he will be able to visit the House during the present week.

2. FORMATION OF STREET NORTH OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Roberts, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 44.

Governor.

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 the purchasing of certain frontages to George and Pitt Streets, and of making compensation to lessees of said land, with the view of securing an uniform width of 70 feet in the formation of the street north of the General Post Office.

Government House.

Sydney, 16th April, 1888.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) State House:—Mr. Ewing, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he intend to give effect to the law directing the erection of the State House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will not fail to give sufficient intimation to the Honorable Member who asked the question of the intention of the Government in the matter.

- (2.) Transit Commissioners:—Mr. Toohy, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the names of the various officials employed by the Transit Commissioners?
- (2.) The year in which they were first employed by the Transit Commissioners, and the salaries they received when first employed by the Transit Commissioners?
- (3.) The names of the various officials now employed by the Transit Commissioners, and the salaries they now receive?
- (4.) What is the annual license paid by each hansom cabman for his vehicle?
- (5.) The like for two-horse carriages?
- (6.) The like for omnibuses?
- (7.) The like for draymen and drays?
- (8.) What is the yearly income of the Transit Commissioners?
- (9.) What is the yearly expenditure of the Transit Commissioners?
- (10.) What was the surplus income of the year 1887 over the year's expenditure?
- (11.) What is the total surplus income of the Transit Commissioners over the total expenditure since the Bill passed under which the Transit Commissioners were elected and appointed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In the course of the evening I will lay upon the Table a Return giving the information required.

- (3.) Purchase of Horses by the Telegraph Department:—Mr. Neild, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) In reference to answers given in this House, is it his intention to rescind the authority for the Superintendent of Telegraphs to expend various sums of £10 for the purchase of horses upon the same day without Ministerial authority?
- (2.) What amount has been expended by the Electric Telegraph Department for horses during the years 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886 respectively?
- (3.) What, out of the sums (if any) so expended, has been expended under Ministerial authority, and what under authority from the Superintendent of Telegraphs alone, specifying date of each purchase, the amount paid for each horse, and the name of the person supplying same?

(4.)

- (4.) What is the respective total annual cost of maintaining horses for the Post Office and Electric Telegraph Departments in Sydney ?
- (5.) With reference to the answer given to Mr. Wall on 28th February last, why was not the day given when the allowance for horses of suburban messengers in the Electric Telegraph Department was discontinued ?
- (6.) Will he now give the information as to the various days when the allowance was discontinued ?
- (7.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all the papers in connection with the purchase of horses for the Electric Telegraph Department from the year 1881 to the year 1886 ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) This does not appear necessary.
- (2 and 3.) I will presently lay a Return upon the Table, giving the desired information.
- (4.) A contract exists for the maintenance of Post Office and Telegraph horses, the amount paid being £1 2s. 6d. per week for each horse, two grooms or watchmen being employed in the interest of the Departments.
- (5 and 6.) The allowances for forage are now being paid as they have been for years, the only difference being that the messengers keep their own horses instead of those supplied by the Government.
- (7.) None whatever.
- (4.) Mr. J. Poulton, late of Molong :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true, as reported, that Mr. J. Poulton, late of Molong, died in the Parramatta Asylum during the course of the last few days ; if so, from what cause ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No ; he is in the Hospital for the Insane at Gladesville, and is in good health.

- (5.) Railway Policy of the Government :—Mr. Day asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the railway policy of the Government be made known to Parliament ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I shall be able to state within the next seven days when the railway policy of the Government will be submitted to Parliament.

- (6.) Selections made on Belltrees Station :—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In the cases of the selections made by Mr. Graham, storekeeper at Messrs. White's, Belltrees Station, and of the Messrs. Cobb employed by Mr. White on the same run, and reported by me to the Minister as taken up by salaried servants of the Messrs. White, what action (if any) has been taken by the Land Board or Minister to forfeit these selections ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—This reply is a very long one ; but as it refers to a statement made the other night by the Honorable Member for the Upper Hunter, I will read it :—“The communication received on the 19th March, 1887, was forwarded to the Local Land Board on the 25th of the same month for special report. The Chairman of the Board now reports that the following action was taken, viz. :—C.P. 84-80, Scone, G. I. Cobb, was investigated by the Board, and, upon their report, it was declared forfeited on the 20th July, 1887. C.P. 84-82, Scone, C. S. Cobb, came before the Board on the 20th July, 1887 ; but as it appeared the notice had not been served, in consequence of the applicant's absence in Queensland, the case was, and at the request of the applicant's solicitor, Mr. Fitzgerald, postponed to the next sitting. The case again came before the Board on the 17th December last, and was again postponed at the special request of the solicitor, Mr. Fitzgerald, who stated that he was not then prepared to proceed with the case. C.P. 85-60, Scone, by G. Rossington, was upheld by the Board after investigation, on the 20th July, 1887, there being an absence of any evidence as to the want of *bonâ fides*. C.P. 84-170, by R. Graham, was investigated by the Local Land Board on the 20th July, 1887, and was upheld for the present, in the absence of any evidence as to the non-fulfilment of the condition of residence, and in the absence of any direct evidence as to the want of *bonâ fides* but the Board recorded their opinion that grave suspicion attaches to the case as to *bonâ fides*, and it will probably form the subject of further inquiry. Instructions regarding C.P. 84-83, by G. F. Cobb, are now in the hands of the local Inspector for preliminary report prior to investigation, if necessary. The Chairman also states that both Mr. McElhone, M.P., and Mr. Steinbeck, received notice to attend the inquiries referred to, but neither attended.”

- (7.) Parks and Recreation Reserves :—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table a Return of all parks and recreation reserves endowed by the Government, whether dedicated by the Government or private individuals, or otherwise handed over to the different Councils in deed of fee-simple ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Yes ; from and inclusive of the year 1880 to the present date. To give the information prior to that year would entail an immense amount of labour, in consequence of details of expenditure not having been kept in a concise form.

- (8.) Quarantine Station :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that the recent fatal case of small-pox from Manly is likely to have been caused by the close proximity of the Quarantine Station ?
- (2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to whether one or more officials from the station have broken quarantine and visited Manly ; and if a rumour that they have done so is found to be true, will he cause such officials to be as severely dealt with as the law will allow ?
- (3.) In view of the rapid extension of the population of Manly towards the Quarantine Ground, and also of the great commercial value of the latter site for building purposes, will the Colonial Secretary consider the propriety of causing the station to be transferred in the direction of Little Bay, where the Government have some thousands of acres of Crown land, and where a new station could be conveniently appointed so as to be accessible by water from Botany Bay ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Inquiries have been made, and the rumour has been found to be untrue.
- (3.) Steps have been taken at the present time with a view to provide adequately for purposes of quarantine.

(9.) Public Revenue and Expenditure:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Referring to the Treasurer's reply to Mr. Neild on the 12th instant, will he specify the new taxation which he has "already disclosed to the House"?
- (2.) When is it probable that "the intention of the Government to propose new taxation" will be carried into effect?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The proposed new taxation was disclosed to the House when I made the Financial Statement. It comprises a tax of a half-penny in the £ on the unimproved value of all lands which may exceed £500 in value, and one half-penny in the £ on the capital, reserves, and deposits of all banking, mortgage, and loan companies, insurance companies, and financial institutions of every kind. The Government also propose to make some reductions in the Customs Duties, as was explained at the same time.

(2.) It is the intention of the Government to propose the new taxation at the earliest opportunity.

(10.) Suburban Railways:—Mr. McMillan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that Sydney, with suburbs, is adding 50 per cent. to its population every seven years?
- (2.) Would it not take about seven years to complete a comprehensive system of suburban railways?
- (3.) In view of the above facts, have the Government considered any alternative proposal of railways instead of trams for the suburban traffic of the future?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) For the seven years ending 1880 the increase was 45 per cent., and for the succeeding seven years the increase was 58 per cent. This includes the population of Sydney, and the whole of the suburbs as far as Burwood, a great portion of which has already railway communication.

(2.) The suburbs which are without railway communication (excluding Bahmain and the North Shore), are the Glebe, Randwick, Waverley, Woollahra, Paddington, and Botany, and tramway communication has already been provided to these places. Independent railway communication could no doubt be provided in a far less period than seven years.

(3.) The question has received some consideration, but no final determination has been arrived at.

(11.) Railway Free Pass to Mr. Clibborn:—Mr. Toohy, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did Mr. Clibborn, Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club, when on his way to England last week, receive a present of a free railway pass to Melbourne or Adelaide?

(2.) If so, for what reason was the free pass given to him?

(3.) Do Secretaries of other Jockey Clubs also travel free?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Mr. Clibborn was granted a free pass to Albury. The Victorian Department granted him a free pass over their lines.

(2.) It is held that as the Metropolitan races draw a large number of people to Sydney by railway, it is not unreasonable to grant the Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club a free pass occasionally, in recognition of the benefit the club confers on the railway in this way. The concession had Ministerial approval some years back.

(3.) The Secretary of the Victorian Jockey Club is granted a free pass when visiting Sydney. The concession is reciprocal between the two Railway Departments, the Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club and the Secretary of the Victorian Jockey Club receiving free passes on the occasion of their respective visits.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—CASE OF URGENCY:—Sir Henry Parkes (*as a matter of urgency*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the making a motion, without Notice, appointing a Chairman of Committees for this day only.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, without Notice, That Jacob Garrard, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. COMPANIES BILL:—Mr. Ewing, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Companies Act,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 12th June.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 14th March, 1888—"Removal of Timber from Crown Lands near Clarence Town."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Return respecting Cable for Telephonic Frieze-work in George-street.

(2.) Return showing cost, &c., of Horses supplied to Electric Telegraph Department during years 1881 to 1886 inclusive.

(3.) Information respecting Compartments engaged in "Limited Express Trains" from 1st November, 1887, to 1st April, 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Metropolitan Transit Commissioners.

Ordered to be printed.

8. HUNTER STREET NEWCASTLE EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. Hawthorne, for Mr. Leitch, presented a Petition from Alexander Ogilvie Grant, of Parramatta, representing that he has presented a previous Petition against the passing of the Hunter Street Newcastle Extension Bill as it at present stands, and praying that he may be heard by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee appointed to report on the said Bill.

Petition received.

9. **LIVERPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL LAND SALE BILL**:—Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, as trustees of certain land in the county of Cumberland, parish of Saint Luke, town of Liverpool, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the sale thereof.
And Mr. Nobbs having produced the *Government Gazette*, and *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Liverpool Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.
10. **RAILWAY CROSSING TO CONNECT EASTGROVE WITH GOULBURN (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Tecco moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence minutes, documents, and other papers having reference to the erection of a sub-way or foot-bridge across the railway, to connect Eastgrove with Goulburn.
Question put and passed.
11. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 8th May.
12. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL**:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from Alexander Gow, as Chairman of Local Option League, praying, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, that the House will adopt the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill now before it.
Petition received.
13. **CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Alfred Allen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Allen, 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 Mr. Garrard reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Allen (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
14. **AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Gormly, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a sum should be granted in aid of Agricultural Societies equal to the annual income of such societies.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Garrard (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
Mr. Garrard then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a sum should be granted in aid of Agricultural Societies equal to the annual income of such societies.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
On motion of Mr. Gormly, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
15. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Original Grants of Land Boundaries Bill postponed until Tuesday, 8th May.
16. **TRADES CONCILIATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Melville moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Mr. Melville 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, "this 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. Garrard, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Schey, Mr. Creer, Mr. Abigail, and Mr. Melville."
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 so inserted,—put and passed.
Main Question,—
(1.) That this 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. Garrard, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Schey, Mr. Creer, Mr. Abigail, and Mr. Melville,—
put and passed.
17. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Electric Telegraph Department:—Mr. Schey asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of labourers and line repairers have been lately discharged in the Electric Telegraph Department?
- (2.) How many have been so discharged?
- (3.) What wages were they getting?
- (4.) How long have these men been in the Service?
- (5.) Are new hands being taken on in the place of those so discharged?
- (6.) How many such new hands have been put on during last six months?
- (7.) What wages are such new hands in receipt of?
- (8.) Will he in future see that old hands and married men are retained, so long as there is work for them, in preference to new hands?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Six.
- (3.) Four at 7s. 6d., one at 8s., and one at 9s.
- (4.) From eight years to eighteen months.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) Three men have been taken on during the last six months.
- (7.) At the rate of 7s. 6d. per day.
- (8.) Preference should no doubt be given, in selection of labour, to married men, other things being equal; and I am informed that such is the practice of the Department.

(2.) Telegraph Poles:—Mr. Schey asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) What is usually done with telegraph poles, &c., condemned as unfit for further use?
- (2.) Are such things usually stacked up and burned?
- (3.) What has been done with a line of poles lately taken out of Beattie-street, Balmain?
- (4.) Are they in the Government yard, or in the possession of a private person?
- (5.) Has any officer given them away, or have they been sold?
- (6.) If so, the name of the person to whom they have been so given or sold?
- (7.) What is the name of the officer who has given away or sold such poles, if such has been done?
- (8.) On whose authority have these poles been so disposed of?
- (9.) What action does the Minister intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) They are used for "stays" as occasion requires. Sometimes they are put into store, and not unfrequently they are carted away by the public for firewood.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) They were left on a vacant piece of ground at Balmain.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) No.
- (6, 7, and 8.) Are answered by previous question.
- (9.) In future, it is intended to submit them to public tender or sale by auction.

(3.) Mr. John E. Body, Cooma:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) On whose recommendation was Mr. John E. Body appointed a member of the Licensing Court at Cooma?
- (2.) Will he state the number of times Mr. Body has attended the Police Court, Cooma, for the past two years in his magisterial capacity?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) On the recommendation of Mr. Love, Police Magistrate, Cooma.
- (2.) On five occasions, as shown by the records of the Cooma Police Court. (4.)

(4.) Mr. Norman Selfe—Improvements at Circular Quay:—*Mr. Martin*, for Mr. O'Connor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Government ever ask Mr. Norman Selfe, at the time he was the Scientific Engineer to Mort's Dock Company, to furnish plans for the improvement of the Circular Quay at the cost of the Government?

(2.) Did Mr. Selfe, as requested, furnish such plans, and did he decline payment for them?

(3.) Is it a fact that it was on account of the terms of Mr. Selfe's engagement with Mort's Dock Company that he was unable to accept payment for such plans?

(4.) Did Mr. Selfe furnish other plans for the improvement of the Circular Quay to a Select Committee of this House appointed to inquire into the matter, and did he also exhibit a model of portion of Sydney Cove, to illustrate his views as to the accommodation of mail steamers and large ships?

(5.) Did the Engineer for Harbours and Rivers, Mr. Moriarty, recommend to the Select Committee the construction of an iron wharf, for which tenders had been received in England, and which he stated could have been accepted by telegraph at once?

(6.) Was the evidence of the independent witnesses examined before the Select Committee, to whom the "improved" plan of Mr. Selfe was shown, decidedly in favour of that plan and adverse to the proposals of Mr. Moriarty?

(7.) After the opinions of the several witnesses had been expressed on the proposals of the Engineer for Harbours and Rivers, were the whole improvement works of the eastern side of the Circular Quay put off for several years?

(8.) Has Mr. Selfe since addressed the Government of the Colony, claiming that in the present improvements on the eastern side of Circular Quay, all the main features of the scheme of the Engineer for Harbours and Rivers have been abandoned, and that all the leading points of his own proposals have been adopted, and has his claim been replied to?

(9.) Has Mr. Selfe since complained by letter to the Government that a paper laid upon the Table of this House misrepresents his proposals, and that they have not had justice done to them, and that a plan purporting to be his was printed in a mutilated form, with serious omissions, and placed before Parliament?

(10.) Have the Government any objection (a) to lay the correspondence upon the Table of this House; (b) to consider the claims of Mr. Selfe in the matter of the Circular Quay improvements; (c) to the appointment of a Select Committee to consider the whole question of Mr. Selfe's connection with the Circular Quay improvements?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that my colleague, the Secretary for Public Works, is dealing with this matter, and will come to a decision thereon in the course of a few days, after which there will be no objection to lay copies of the whole correspondence upon the Table.

(5.) Letter-carrier for Prospect and Sherwood:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Postmaster General,—Has he considered the application from the Mayor of Prospect and Sherwood, applying for a letter-carrier to be appointed for the delivery of letters received by post; if so, what decision has he arrived at?

Mr. Roberts answered,—On the representation of the Honorable Member, I sent an Inspector to the locality, and have, since the receipt of his report, arranged for a delivery there by letter carrier.

(6.) The Estimates:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the Treasurer's Financial Statement, of 1st December, 1887, page 1,800 of Parliamentary Debates, viz.:—"We ought to obtain the Supplies and the Estimates before the close of the year" (meaning last year), "or at least in the first week or two in January" (meaning last January), "and before Supplies are required for next year" (meaning the present year)—"that is, before the 1st of February the Government ought to be in possession of the Supplies for that year, and the Appropriation Act,"—Will the Treasurer say why the Government have not invited Parliament to pass the Estimates, seeing that four and a half months have elapsed since he made the foregoing declaration to this House?

Mr. Burns answered,—The state of the business in this House has not yet permitted of the Estimates being proceeded with.

(7.) Public Schools:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many teachers of 5th-class schools are assisted in the school work by their wives or daughters?

(2.) How many teachers of such class school are not so assisted?

(3.) What provision is made for teaching needlework in schools of the 5th class, where the wife or daughter of the teacher does not assist?

(4.) What is the number of married male teachers in charge of 5th-class schools who are not receiving full classification salary by reason of their wives or daughters not teaching needlework?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Eighty-eight.

(2.) Eleven.

(3.) In some cases the principal teachers employ competent teachers of sewing, and in others sewing is taught by the female teachers of the school. In the latter cases, the teachers are unmarried, and do not receive full classification salary.

(4.) One.

(8.) Railway Brakes:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will all papers referring to Laurence Vacuum Brakes and other brakes be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I am not aware that these papers have been called for by Parliament

(9.)

(9.) Extension of North Shore Railway:—Mr. Lync asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the Plans and Books of Reference of proposed extension of North Shore railway to the waters of Port Jackson be submitted to Parliament during the present Session?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It will depend upon the completion of the plans. The Engineer-in-Chief states that every exertion is being made to get them ready as soon as possible.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 4th April, 1888—“Classification of Teachers.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Order made on 5th July, 1887—“The late Acting Police Magistrate at Corowa.”

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Passenger Traffic on Great Northern and North-western Railways.

Ordered to be printed.

3. MRS. ANN ROUSE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, PARISH OF KAHIBAH:—Mr. Day (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the papers relating to the conditional purchase of Ann Rouse, and the applications of Messrs. Houghton and Palmer to mine under reserves at Kahibah, printed by order of the House, be referred to the Select Committee sitting in reference to the conditional purchase of Ann Rouse.

Question put and passed.

4. OAKY PARK COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Hurley presented a Petition from Brisbane Doyle, of Penrith, stating that the passing of the Oaky Park Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill would seriously affect his rights and privileges; that he was summoned to give evidence before the Select Committee on the Bill, but owing to the absence of a quorum his evidence was not taken, and no notice of a future meeting reached him; and praying the House to refer back to such Committee the report for further consideration, and that the Petitioner may be summoned to attend in person or by Counsel to give evidence in opposition to the said Bill.

Petition received.

5. COMBINATION TRUCKS:—Mr. Lync (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the further correspondence respecting Wilkinson's Combination Truck, laid upon the Table of the House and ordered to be printed on the 4th April instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on Combination Trucks.

Question put and passed.

6. LIVERPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Nobbs moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, as trustees of certain land in the county of Cumberland, parish of Saint Luke, town of Liverpool, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the sale thereof.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Nobbs having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, as Trustees of certain land in the county of Cumberland, parish of St. Luke, town of Liverpool, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the sale thereof.*”—read a first time.

7. CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Alfred Allen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Allen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to empower the Trustees of certain lands situated in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on which is erected the Christian Chapel, to sell such land, and to apply the proceeds for the benefit of the said Trust.*”

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 Trustees of certain lands situated in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on which is erected the Christian Chapel, to sell such land, and to apply the proceeds for the benefit of the said Trust.*”—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, 18th April, 1888.

8. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. Hutchison.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Partnership Bill postponed until Tuesday, 12th June.

10. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, Ninian Melville, Esquire, Jacob Garrard, Esquire, and Albert John Gould, Esquire, be appointed to act temporarily in the capacity of Chairman of Committees in the unavoidable absence of the Member elected to that office, and that any one of the four Members so appointed may be called upon to act by Mr. Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker intimated his intention of calling on one of the Members at the commencement of each day's business, when the Chairman of Committees was not present, to act for that day only; and that he purposed calling upon them alternately in the order in which their names appear in the Resolution. He then nominated Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, to act for this day only.

11. **FORMATION OF STREET NORTH OF THE GENERAL POST-OFFICE:**—Mr. Roberts moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That this House approves of the expenditure of the sum of fifteen thousand pounds (£15,000) for the purpose of purchasing certain frontages to George and Pitt Streets, and of making compensation to the lessees of said land, with the view of securing a uniform width of 70 feet in the formation of the street north of the General Post Office, the designs of the buildings to be erected on the northern side of the new street to be subject to the approval of the Government.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to his Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. **REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION 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 extend the 'Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th April, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 18th April, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 12. *After "use" omit remainder of clause.*

Page 1, clause 1. *After clause 1 insert the following new clause:—*

"2. The lands vested by the said Act in the said Company, and all the said Company's interest and estate therein, shall, notwithstanding that the said railway has not been constructed and brought into use within the period in the said Act limited, become and continue to be vested in the said Company, subject to the provisions of the said Act: Provided that the said railway shall be constructed and brought into use within the period of five years from the passing of this Act, and that in default thereof, or if after its completion the said railway shall cease to be used continuously for three years, the said lands, and all the said Company's interest and estate therein, shall revert, without any conveyance, to the original owners thereof, their heirs and assigns."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday, 15th May.

13. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS 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 Mr. Slattery reported that the Committee had disagreed to some, amended one, and agreed to all the other amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the report was adopted.

14. **CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):**—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 the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Slattery reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

15. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL:**—Mr. Burns moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 12th April, 1888, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the "Government Railways Bill,"—

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 1 to 25.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 27 which omits the words "and tramways"; but

Disagrees to the amendment in that clause which inserts the following additional subsection, viz.:—"(iii) The Permanent Heads of the Parliamentary Departments and such other officers as may be recommended by the President or the Speaker,"—because its enactment would indirectly increase the public burdens.

Agrees

Lands to become
and continue
vested in the
Company.

Railway to be
completed and
brought into use
within five years.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 36 and 37.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 43 which omits the word "such" and inserts "any."

Agrees to the amendment in clause 43 which inserts the words "not exceeding seven years on such conditions"; but proposes to amend it by omitting the word "seven," and inserting "five,"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 47, which omits subsection (III),—

(1.) Because the omission of the subsection would not be consistent with the design throughout, which is to preserve the authority of the Government in any emergency or in the last resort.

(2.) Because it would be highly dangerous to the public interest for any body of official servants to enter into large contracts in another country without the knowledge and sanction of the Government whom they serve."

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 52 and 55.

Disagrees to the amendment which omits clause 60,—because the provisions therein contained would have the effect of restricting the irregular employment of persons in the Railway Service.

Agrees to all the remaining amendments in the Bill.

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Sydney, 19th April, 1888, A.M.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Toohey moved, That the Message be amended, by the omission of paragraph (2) of reasons for disagreeing to the Council's amendment in clause 47.

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Penzer,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Gould,	Tellers,
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Stevenson.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Melville.
Tellers,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Toohey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then,—That the Message as read be carried to the Legislative Council,—put and passed.

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fourteen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 APRIL, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Post and Telegraph Office, Wollombi:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) What is the total salary of the Post and Telegraph Master at Wollombi, derivable from all sources?
- (2.) What was the revenue obtained from telegrams received at and despatched from the Wollombi Telegraph Office during the years 1885, 1886, and 1887?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that the Government telegraph repairing party, during September, October, and November, 1887, went over and repaired the lines that the telegraph line repairer at Wollombi had charge of?
- (4.) How many days was Telegraph-master Smith out on the lines repairing same during the last two years, ending 31st December, 1887?
- (5.) What is his pay per diem when out repairing, and what was the condition of the lines when the Government repairing party went over them?
- (6.) What has been the total cost of keeping the telegraph lines under the charge of Telegraph-master Smith in repair during the last two years, ending 31st December, 1887?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) £220 per annum salary, with quarters, fuel, and light, and 2s. 6d. per day for forage.
- (2.) The telegraphic revenue received at Wollombi was as follows, viz.:—1885, £85 16s. 2d.; 1886, £84 17s. 10d.; 1887, £73 5s. 5d.; total, £243 19s. 5d. It is not possible to estimate the value of messages sent from other stations to Wollombi.
- (3.) Yes; a line party went over the Wollombi sections, as a part of general repairs it was effecting on the Northern line.
- (4.) Sixty-two days.
- (5.) 12s. per day when absent twenty-four hours. There were a good number of trees which required cutting down, scrub had to be cleared, and many poles were renewed. Besides this, there was other minor work to do, such as the nailing on of brackets, &c.
- (6.) The expenditure on account of the line party was £250 18s. 6d., the amount paid to the telegraph-master being £37 4s.; the total for the two years ending 31st December, 1887, £288 2s. 6d.

- (2.) Public Loans:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What amount of the £2,000,000 loan of 1882, issued in the form of 4 per cent. debentures, redeemable in 1910, has been converted into inscribed stock, bearing 4 per cent. interest, redeemable in 1933?
- (2.) Is there any increase in the cost to the Colony by the conversion into inscribed stock; if so, what would be the amount?
- (3.) By what authority and for what reason was the conversion brought about?
- (4.) In converting the debentures into inscribed stock, was there any legal obligation to extend the currency of the loan of 1882 from 1910 to 1933; if so, what?

(5.)

- (5.) Is it intended that the holders of the balance of the unconverted debentures of the loan of 1882 shall still exercise the option of conversion ?
- (6.) Is it intended that the holders of the unconverted debentures of the loan of 1882 shall still exercise the option of conversion into inscribed stock, bearing 4 per cent. interest, redeemable in 1933 ?
- (7.) Since the credit of the Colony has increased to £3 5s. per cent., is it his opinion that the extension of the currency of the loan for twenty-three years, at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, has proved to be an operation involving serious loss to the Colony ?
- (8.) Have the Government considered the question of the currency of the loans the negotiation of which Parliament has authorised ; and, if so, what duration is it proposed to give the next issue of stock ?
- (9.) At what rate of interest is it proposed to float the next loan ?
- (10.) Is it proposed to make good the deficiency, exceeding £1,000,000, through the negotiation of the last three £5,500,000 loans at large discounts ; if not, how are the works for which the loans were authorised to be completed ?
- (11.) Will not the effect of raising the loans at heavy discounts tend to unduly increase the Public Debt ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1 to 6.) The £2,000,000 debenture loan negotiated in London on 8th June, 1882, was so negotiated under a pledge of the then Administration that the loan would be converted at an early date into inscribed stock. As a matter of fact, legislative authority for the conversion was not obtained until the following year, when holders to the extent of £1,186,300 availed themselves of the privilege. The time for conversion was limited from 1st July, 1883, to 30th June, 1884. A year was thus allowed for the conversion of the debentures into stock. It is not intended that the option of conversion so limited should be renewed. I certainly could not say that there was any increase in the cost to the Colony by the conversion, as the Agent-General was instructed to issue an equivalent amount of the new stock for the old.

(8.) The Government have considered the question of the currency of loans, and in the negotiation of the present loan, of which the House was informed last evening, the currency will be 30 years, as against 38, 40, and 50 years of preceding loans.

(9.) The rate of interest for the present loan is 3½ per cent.

(10.) The deficiency arising out of the negotiation of the last three £5,500,000 loans, at a discount, will have to be considered, and the attention of the Government will be directed to the matter in due time.

The remaining questions of the honorable gentleman so clearly involve matters of opinion, that I do not think it would be consistent with my duty to reply to them in the shape in which they are put.

- (3.) Railway Employés:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that a number of the fettlers on the Bungendore-Michelago railway line are only receiving 6s. per day, while others (some of them new men) are receiving 7s. 6d. per day ; and, if so, what is the reason ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—There are a number of fettlers on the Bungendore-Michelago section receiving 6s. per day, but they are fresh hands. No new men are receiving 7s. 6d. per day.

- (4.) Railway Rates on Merchandise for Glen Innes, Emmaville, &c.:—*Mr. Toohy*, for *Mr. Hassall*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that most of the merchandise for Glen Innes, Emmaville, and surrounding district is conveyed by teams from Grafton, and that a saving of £2 per ton is effected by so doing, as compared with the rates charged by rail ?

(2.) Will he take the necessary steps to divert this traffic to the railway, by revising the rates ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This question has already engaged the attention of the Department. I am now inquiring into the matter, and a report has been called for from the Traffic Manager.

- (5.) Railway Station, Bathurst:—*Mr. F. Jago Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that, in consequence of the station-master at Bathurst being required to act as Paymaster of the Locomotive and Permanent way and other branches at that place, he is for two consecutive hours in each fortnight taken away from his duties as station-master ?

(2.) Is the station-master held by the Department to be responsible for the proper carrying on of the business of the station during the time that he is thus compelled to be absent ?

(3.) Is he aware that this arrangement has the effect of causing a loss to the Department of one hour's labour for each man so paid ?

(4.) Is he aware that it also has the effect of causing the men to be paid their money alongside of the open bar of the refreshment-room ?

(5.) Is it not a fact that payment of employés in a public-house is forbidden by law ?

(6.) Will he take steps to put an end to this state of affairs, by ordering that the railway employés at Bathurst shall be paid by the travelling paymaster ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I looked into this matter when I was recently at Bathurst, and have given directions that the station-master is to be relieved from this duty in future. It is reported to me that the present system was initiated at the instance of the men, who represented that the original mode of paying caused them the loss of every alternate Saturday afternoon.

- (6.) The Estimates:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Creer*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When do the Government intend to proceed with the consideration of the Estimates ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—We hope to make arrangements next week for proceeding with the consideration of the Estimates.

(7.) Water Supply for Germanton :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received any report lately from *Mr. McKinnie*, C.E., in reference to the proposed water supply for Germanton ?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of the report ?

(3.) Will he take action, without delay, to carry out the scheme as recommended ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I am informed that a preliminary report was sent to the Mines Department by *Mr. McKinnie*, but it has been referred back to him, and no action has yet been taken upon it.

(8.) Police Barracks, Corowa :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received reports that the police barracks at Corowa are in a disgraceful state ?

(2.) Will he give instructions to have the present barracks placed in a proper state of repair, or have new premises erected ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes ; the Inspector-General of Police has reported that the police buildings are in a most dilapidated condition, and not worth repairing.

(2.) Yes ; as soon as funds are available.

(9.) The Chinese :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is the sum of £420, taken as fine from the captain of the s.s. "Changsha" for illegally bringing Chinamen to Sydney, to be returned to the agents, on the understanding that the Chinamen are sent back to China in the first vessel leaving therefor ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not aware of any such understanding.

(10.) Railways—Orange to Molong, Bathurst to Bourke, and the Mudgee Line :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Returns moved for by *Dr. Ross* respecting the revenue and expenditure of certain stations on the Western line of railway be laid upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I find that the Return will take some little time to complete. It is being prepared in connection with the annual Returns.

(11.) Conditional Purchases—Land Office, Molong :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the Returns moved for by *Dr. Ross* respecting the land revenue for the respective land districts in the Colony be laid upon the Table of this House ?

(2.) What is the amount of land revenue taken at the Land Office at Molong for the quarter ending 31st March ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) The order for this Return is in the hands of the officers of the Treasury Department.

(2.) £14,621 15s. 3d.

(12.) *Mr. John Roche Ardill* :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Returns moved for by *Dr. Ross* respecting the case of *John Roche Ardill*, licensed surveyor, be laid upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—In the course of a few days.

(13.) Public School Cumnock :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken to erect suitable weather-sheds at the Public School, at Cumnock ?

(2.) Is it his intention to cause to be erected an inferior building in lieu of suitable weather-sheds in keeping with the progress of the district ?

(3.) Has any contract yet been let in this matter ; if so, will he state the amount authorised to be expended, and when the building is likely to be finished ?

(4.) How many children are at present in attendance at the Cumnock Public School ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is intended to erect a suitable, but inexpensive, weather-shed at this school.

(3.) A contract has been entered into for £16, and the building is to be put up in two months.

(4.) The enrolment for the quarter ended 31st March last was eighty-six, and the average attendance 51.5.

(14.) Veterinary School :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to erect a Veterinary School in connection with our University, seeing that there are at present in the Colony over forty million sheep, two million head of cattle, and a quarter of a million of horses, all more or less exposed to the outbreaks of disease and epidemics ?

(2.) Has the mange disease (now so prevalent among horses, &c., in Queensland) made its appearance in any part of the Colony of New South Wales ; if so, where, to what extent, and how far is the spread of the disease being controlled, and is the source of the disease of a vegetable or animal (parasitic) origin—contagious or non-contagious ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) I must ask the Honorable Member to postpone the first section of his question.

(2.) Yes ; in the Richmond and Clarence River Districts, where it is comparatively prevalent ; also to some extent in the Manning River District. The Department has issued directions for the control and cure of the disease, which it is understood are being adopted. The disease is a vegetoid parasite and contagious.

(15.) Rabbit Pest:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Can he give any explanation for the anomaly that while ships carrying passengers are being frequently placed under strict quarantine in our ports, suffering from infectious disease liable to be conveyed to man and animals, yet persons are allowed to arrive in these Colonies with a quantity of deadly chicken cholera poison without let or hindrance?

(2.) In what cases are quarantine laws liable to be enforced and made applicable to man and beast?

(3.) Why is it that the alleged microbes of chicken cholera (and which have proved to be so fatal and destructive to the feather tribe in other countries) are made an exception to the general rule and laws of quarantine in these Colonies, and upon what law of science or common sense is so remarkable an anomaly to be explained?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I am unaware as to the rules relating to placing ships in quarantine. The representatives of Monsieur Pasteur have arrived in Sydney, and the only permission granted to them is one permitting them to introduce and keep the microbes of chicken cholera brought from France. The microbes are in safe custody in the Department of Lands.

(16.) Railway Loans:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount of money at present to the credit of Railway Loans, the amount deposited in each of the Associated Banks, and the amount and rate of interest received from the same?

Mr. Burns answered,—I shall cause a Return to be prepared, giving the information required by the honorable gentleman.

(17.) Formation of Street North of the General Post Office:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as reported, that the Government propose to pay £15,000 to the owners of property for the land taken to widen the street in front of the Post Office, between George and Pitt Streets?

(2.) Is this sum to be given, notwithstanding the valuable frontage given to the properties?

(3.) Is the width of the street to be only 70 feet?

(4.) Is there a minute with the papers in this case, written by the late Postmaster-General, refusing to give compensation to the owners of the said property?

(5.) Have the Government parted with the land over the Tank Stream between Pitt and George Streets?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

Questions 1, 2, and 3 are answered by Resolutions now on the paper.

(4.) No. The late Postmaster-General, *Mr. Suttor*, in May, 1886, wrote a minute, stating that he did not think it then necessary to secure any land by valuation or purchase, but advised the street being opened at the width of the land in possession of the Government, an iron fence or wall being erected along the whole frontage on the north side from George-street to Pitt-street; after which, he thought negotiations might be opened with the proprietors with a view to the purchase at a nominal price of sufficient land, say an average depth of not more than 20 feet, for the purpose of widening the street, and making it a uniform width its whole distance.

(5.) No.

(18.) Public Accounts:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the sum due to the Loan Fund from the General Revenue?

(2.) What is the sum due to the Trust Fund Accounts from the General Revenue?

Mr. Burns answered,—I shall give the information asked for by the honorable gentleman in the form of a Return.

(19.) Cowra Licensing Bench—*Mr. Galvin's* Application for a Publican's License:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Justice,—Have any steps been taken in the case of *Mr. Galvin*, whose application for a publican's license at Belmore was refused by the Cowra Licensing Bench; if so, will he state what the nature of the report is?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—Careful inquiry has been made into this matter, and report obtained from the Licensing Bench, Cowra. The granting of licenses being entirely within the discretion of the Bench, it is not within the power of the Minister of Justice to interfere in any such matter, nor would it be in the interests of the Administration of Justice to make public the reasons stated to the Minister by Licensing Benches in support of their decisions.

(20.) Public Loans:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to his Financial Statement of 1st December last, viz.:—"It is not our intention to go into the London market to float a loan until a late period of next year" (meaning this year). "I believe that we can so finance—so conduct our affairs . . . to enable us to keep clear of the money market,"—Will he say whether any circumstances have arisen to cause necessity for the floating of the announced loan during the present month, thus reversing the policy of the Government as announced in the Budget Speech?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am not aware of any circumstances other than I explained to the House yesterday for floating a loan at the present time.

(21.) The Tramways:—*Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Davis*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government ever received any proposals for working the tramways by compressed air; and, if so, have they any objection to lay the correspondence upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Proposals have been received in connection with the working of tramways by compressed air motors; but as the Government have not approved of this means of locomotion, there does not appear to be any value in laying upon the Table papers which would be troublesome and expensive to prepare.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Ninian Melville, Esquire, to act for this day only.
3. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence for three weeks be granted to Angus Cameron, Esquire, Chairman of Committees, on account of serious illness.
Question put and passed.
4. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Motions*) :—
- (1.) Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the applications or recommendations to the Minister for Lands for the validation of the auction purchases enumerated at end hereof be referred to the Select Committee now sitting upon "the Bill to legalize certain Conditional and other Purchases of Crown Lands" for its consideration and report as to whether the said cases should be added to the Schedules to the said Bill, viz. :—

Name.	Area.	Portion.	District.
The Scottish Australian Investment Company (Limited)	a. r. p. 100 3 0	55	Wagga Wagga.
Do. do. ...	107 0 0	56	do.
Do. do. ...	142 0 0	57	do.
Do. do. ...	81 2 0	58	do.
Do. do. ...	103 2 0	59	do.
Do. do. ...	123 2 0	60	do.
Do. do. ...	125 1 0	61	do.
Do. do. ...	40 0 0	64	do.
Do. do. ...	118 0 0	65	do.
Do. do. ...	126 0 0	66	do.
Do. do. ...	166 0 0	67	do.
Do. do. ...	116 0 0	68	do.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the applications or recommendations to the Minister for Lands for the validation of the conditional purchases enumerated at end hereof be referred to the Select Committee now sitting upon "the Bill to legalize certain Conditional and other Purchases of Crown Lands" for its consideration and report as to whether the said cases should be added to the Schedules to the said Bill, viz. :—

Name.	Area.	Portion.	District.	Section, 25Vic.No. 21.
	acres.			
Batty, Amos ...	75	264	Molong ...	14
Fenton, John ...	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	48 and 254	Carcoar ...	22
Do. ...	45 $\frac{3}{4}$	44	do. ...	22
Warner, Jonathan ...	40	35	Mudgee ...	22
Do. ...	40	51	do. ...	22
Do. ...	40	124	do. ...	22
Do. ...	100	125	do. ...	22
Warner, Frederick H. (transferred to Bank of New South Wales).	40	37	do. ...	22
Do. do. ...	40	52	do. ...	22
Do. do. ...	40	126	do. ...	22
Do. do. ...	100	127	do. ...	22
Do. do. ...	40	128	do. ...	22

Question put and passed.

5. CEMETERIES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the management and control of Cemeteries.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Abbott then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the management and control of Cemeteries,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 26th June.
6. LIVERPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Nobbs, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Liverpool Church of England Grammar School Land Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Day, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Tecce, Mr. Stephen, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

7. **TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return showing—(1) The number of men who have been dismissed from the Traffic Branch of the Tramway Service, with the view to retrenchment, during the six months ending 31st of October, 1887, specifying the name of each one dismissed, the date of such dismissal, the length of time in the Service before such dismissal, the offence or offences (if any) for which each one was dismissed, the duties being performed at the time of dismissal, and the reasons which guided the Department in the selection for such dismissals; (2) the names (if any) of those who have been dismissed and who have applied for re-employment, the names of such applicants who have been re-employed, and the names of those who have been refused re-employment; the reasons also for such re-employment and refusal respectively.
- (2.) Copies of all letters, papers, correspondence, and all documents whatever, having reference to, or in any way connected with, such dismissals or re-employments.
- Question put and passed.

8. **CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2)**:—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 the Bill.

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

9. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) **Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund Bill**:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the administration of the Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th April, 1888.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 15th May.

- (2.) **Distribution of Funds in Sempill's Estates Bill (No. 2)**:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the distribution of certain Funds among certain Creditors in respect of claims by them against Insolvent Estates formerly assigned to Robert Hamilton Sempill, late Official Assignee*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th April, 1888.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN SEMPILL'S ESTATES BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 19th April, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 4, lines 48 and 49. Omit "by the said section hereof" insert "as aforesaid"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes before twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 APRIL, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Rates on Cut Wood, Ores, &c.:—Mr. Crouch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that wood cut to size for kerosene, soap, and candle boxes, and fruit cases, is carried free by rail from Sydney to Mittagong, Hartley Vale, Eskbank, and Parramatta (see page 28 of "Merchandise Rates," recently published)?
 - (2.) Has any departure been made or proposed from the published railway rates for the conveyance of mineral ores from Tenterfield to Newcastle or Sydney, or of ironwork, &c., of any kind from Sydney to Tenterfield?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes; and would be so carried, under like circumstances, to other places.
- (2.) No.

- (2.) Snagging Operations, Richmond River:—Mr. Crouch asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he have any objection to cause to be laid upon the Table of the House, a Return showing the total expenditure from 1st January, 1884, to 31st December, 1888, for snagging operations on the South Arm of the Richmond River, showing the extent of work carried out during that period (exclusive of dredging)?
- (2.) The extent of snagging work on that arm performed by contract, and its cost?
- (3.) Is it intended to make provision on the Additional Estimates for carrying out further necessary snagging work on the South Arm and other tributaries of the Richmond River?
- (4.) Will such work in future be carried out by day labour or let by contract?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1 and 2.) There will be no objection to lay the information upon the Table of the House.
- (3.) This question will be considered when the Additional Estimates are being dealt with.
- (4.) I am unable to say at present, but the matter will receive careful consideration when further funds are available.

- (3.) Darling Harbour Farm Produce Market:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any tender yet been accepted for the construction of the Darling Harbour Farm Produce Market?
- (2.) Who were the tenderers, and what was the amount of the respective tenders?
- (3.) Did any of the tenderers provide for the construction of the wrought ironwork (some 300 tons) within the Colony?
- (4.) If no tender has been accepted, will he accept one that provides for the construction of the said ironwork in the Colony, thus giving employment to a large number of ironworkers now out of work?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) J. McSweeney, £14,938 8s. 4d.; J. Ahearn (iron locally made), £17,747 5s.; J. Ahearn (iron imported), £16,907 5s.; Hudson Brothers, £18,821 16s. 8d.; R. F. Ritchie, £20,328 9s. 10d.
- (3.) Mr. McSweeney has stated he will obtain all the locally made iron that could be used in the work. Mr. Ahearn submits prices for imported and locally made work. Mr. Ritchie's tender provides for using as much colonial made iron as is obtainable. Mr. Hudson's tender gives no information.
- (4.) This has already been provided for in the accepted contract.

- (4.) Mrs. O'Dwyer's Selection, near Burrowa:—Mr. Day, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) In reference to Mrs. O'Dwyer's selection, near Burrowa, in which case the Land Board twice decided in her favour, and in which he reversed their decision and gave her conditional purchase to the Bank of New South Wales, on what grounds did he take her conditional purchase from her?
- (2.) Who was the Land Agent employed by the Bank of New South Wales in above case?

Mr.

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) The Local Land Board decided the case at the first hearing in favour of Mrs. O'Dwyer. It was then referred back to the Board to take evidence as to Mrs. O'Dwyer's separate estate. This the Board did, and gave their reasons for the decision arrived at when the case was first under consideration. Upon the return of the papers, and after considering the whole of the circumstances of the case, I gave the following decision:—"I have no doubt whatever that Mrs. O'Dwyer is under a legal disability to select. She was married in 1877. The Married Woman's Property Act was not passed till 1879. The additional conditional purchase must therefore be disallowed. Return papers to Board to make refund to Mrs. O'Dwyer, who should be informed." The Bank of New South Wales was not, so far as the papers disclosed, interested in the case before the Appeal Court.

(2.) Mr. Slattery, M.P., appeared for Mrs. O'Dwyer, and Mr. Macnamara, of Messrs. Macnamara and Norton, for Mr. Maloney. There is no trace in the papers of any other agent having been employed.

(5.) Fares and Freight on Homebush-Waratah Railway:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the fares for goods and passengers on the Homebush-Waratab line been arranged with a view of interfering with or under-cutting the rates charged by the steam companies established and trading between Newcastle and Sydney?

(2.) What goods have been brought by that line to Sydney, specifying quantities and descriptions?

(3.) What has it cost to convey these goods from Mullet Creek to the Hawkesbury?

(4.) What load of goods can an engine, ordinarily employed on goods traffic, bring from Hawkesbury to Beroura without danger?

(5.) Has any person contracted to carry goods between Mullet Creek and Hawkesbury stations; if so, for how long, and at what rate?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The rates have been fixed with a view to make the railway route as attractive as any other route.

(2 to 5.) Information will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

(6.) Business of Bankers:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there are a large number of companies and persons in Sydney carrying on the business of bankers, in nearly every branch of such business, without observing any of the provisions of the laws relating to banks?

(2.) If it be a fact, is it his intention to put a stop to such dealings at once, and to enforce the laws as to offences in such cases?

Mr. Burns answered,—The banks of "issue" and "deposit" in this city, carrying on business either under the provisions of a Royal Charter or Act of the Colonial Legislature, duly comply with the requirements of the Bank Act (4 Vic. No. 13), and sworn statements of their liabilities and assets are published quarterly in the *Government Gazette* as directed by law. Outside of these institutions a number of companies have been established of late years, under the designation of "Land, Building, and Investment" Companies, receiving deposits on interest under the Companies Act, and which, up to the year 1879, were not subjected to any legal liability to publish quarterly statements of their liabilities and assets. In the year referred to an Act was passed (42 Vic. No. 21) which extended the provisions of the Bank Acts (4 Wm. IV No. 13 and 5 Vic. No. 24) "to every company, firm, and association receiving money on deposit within the Colony of New South Wales, and trading under limited liability, although such company, firm, or association do not issue bills or notes payable to the bearer at sight or on demand." This statute had not been put into operation until recently, when, my attention having been called to the fact, I had the following notice published in the *Government Gazette* and daily papers:—

The Treasury, New South Wales, 9 January, 1883.

BANK LIABILITIES AND ASSETS PUBLICATION ACT EXTENSION ACT
(42 Victoria No. 21).

THE attention of Companies, Firms, and Associations receiving money on deposit within the Colony of New South Wales, and trading under LIMITED LIABILITY, is hereby drawn to the Act 42 Victoria, No. 21, which extends and applies to them the provisions of the Bank Liabilities and Assets Publication Act (4 Victoria, No. 13), under which certain statements and sworn returns of their operations, as shown in the schedules to such Act, are required to be kept, and rendered periodically; with money penalties for neglect, or for making false returns, as in such Act provided.

Since that notice was published, fourteen of these institutions have furnished their sworn statements for the quarter ended 31st March, and these have been published in the *Government Gazette*. This number is expected to be increased in the June quarter. Should that expectation not be realized, it will be the duty of the Government to prosecute the defaulting companies for the penalties imposed by law. I should add that in two or three cases the required statements had been furnished to the Government prior to the date of the above notice.

(7.) Trust Funds under control of Government:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the various Trust Funds which are now in the hands of, or under the control and management of, the Government?

(2.) What is the amount to the credit of each such Fund for principal and interest respectively?

(3.) What is the method of investment in each case?

(4.) What is the rate of interest that each Fund carries?

(5.) Have these Funds, or any of them, been used by any Government during the last three years; if so, on what occasions, and for what purposes?

(6.) How has any Fund that has been used been recouped?

(7.) In any case have accumulations of interest been used; if so, has any interest been allowed for such user; and, if paid, from what source has such payment been made?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have given instructions for the preparation of a Return, embracing all the information asked for by the honorable gentleman.

(8.)

(8.) Railway Free Pass to Mr. Clibborn:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that when Mr. Clibborn, Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club, on his last trip to Melbourne a few days ago, was on his voyage to England?
- (2.) In what way does he bring trade to the Railway?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that he is a paid official of the Australian Jockey Club, that he is paid a large salary, and that the Australian Jockey Club has a large revenue and a large surplus capital?
- (4.) What was the total amount paid by Mr. Benjamin Richards to the Railway Department during the year 1887 for the carriage of meat, hides, tallow, sheepskins, &c., from Riverstone to Sydney by rail; also, for the carriage of sheep and cattle on the Southern, Western, and Northern Railways?
- (5.) Does Mr. B. Richards or his managers receive a free pass on our railways?
- (6.) Do any of the Sydney merchants or their agents or travellers receive free passes on our railways; if not, on what grounds can it be justified that Mr. Clibborn or other racing officials get free passes?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes; he went by steamer "Ormuz" to Melbourne *en route* to England.
- (2.) The institution with which Mr. Clibborn is connected is the means of attracting a very large traffic to the railway by its periodical race meetings.
- (3.) I am not aware.
- (4.) £8,284.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) It is the rule of the Department to grant a free pass to any person, or the representative of any firm, which pays not less than £50,000 annually to the Department.

(9.) Engaged Compartments in Railway Carriages:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Halliday, M.L.C., and Mr. H. H. Brown, M.L.A., were allowed to occupy a compartment in a railway carriage on the Southern Railway, on account of the sleeping-car being full?
- (2.) Are they entitled to occupy a compartment in this way without paying for the extra tickets?
- (3.) Will he put a stop to this practice in future?
- (4.) In reference to the large number of compartments taken without the parties having the full number of tickets, will he compel the station-masters and others who allowed this evasion of the law to pay for the extra number of tickets?
- (5.) In reference to Mr. Willis, station-master, Newcastle, who once occupied a compartment to himself when travelling from Albury, and also on the Northern line, will he compel him to pay for five tickets in each case?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) This has been done partly to meet the convenience of the Department. The passes of members of Parliament entitle them to sleeping-berths, and as all the berths in the car were secured when the gentlemen referred to were travelling, it was more economical to reserve berths in a compartment than to attach a second sleeping-car.
- (3 and 4.) As a rule, the compartments are reserved to meet the convenience of the Department. As already pointed out, it is to the advantage of the Department to make up berths in the compartments when they are available rather than to run a second sleeping-car when more berths are applied for than one car can accommodate.
- (5.) Mr. Willis denies that he "occupied a compartment to himself" when travelling from Albury or on the Northern Line. Directions have already been given that no railway servant is to occupy room in a train to the inconvenience or exclusion of ordinary passengers.

(10.) Mrs. O'Dwyer's Selection, near Burrowa:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In reference to Mrs. O'Dwyer's selection at Burrowa, which he decided to give to the Bank of New South Wales, on the ground that she could not legally take it up, being a married woman, will he state a special case for the opinion of the Supreme Court on the question?

Mr. Garrett answered,—So far as the papers disclose, the Bank of New South Wales was not concerned in the case referred to. In a letter recently received from Mr. O'Dwyer—Mrs. O'Dwyer's husband—an allusion is made to the Bank of New South Wales; but beyond this there is nothing to identify the Bank with the case, except a receipt from the Bank for a refund to Mr. Maloney, who was a claimant for the land. A decision in the case having been given, a reference to the Supreme Court cannot now be made.

(11.) Appointment of Agent-General:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Did he, or the Minister of Public Instruction, tell Mr. James Fairfax, senior or junior, that Mr. William Clarke, the Minister of Justice, had got, or was going to get, the appointment of Agent-General?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have not stated to any person or persons that Mr. William Clarke, the Minister of Justice, had got, or was going to get, the appointment of Agent-General; and I am authorized by Mr. Inglis to state that he has not made any statement, such as is suggested by the question of the honorable gentleman.

(12.) Bates's Selections on Pullaming Station, Gunnedah:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did a person named Bates take up one or more selections on Mr. Brown's Pullaming Station, at Gunnedah, or were any selections taken up in Bates's name at Gunnedah during the last seventeen years?
- (2.) If so, by whom was the selection or selections taken up?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Two applications were made at Tamworth Land Office in the year 1872 in the name of George Bates; but, on the division of that district, the land was found to be within the Gunnedah District. Both purchases are within Pullaming holding.
- (2.) W. B. Marks acted as Bates's agent.

(13.)

- (13.) Sleeping-car for accommodation of the Honorable Messrs. Abigail and Inglis:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it not a fact that sleeping-car No. 11 was kept back last night (17th April) for the special accommodation of Messrs. Abigail and Inglis, Ms. L.A., and that the public were compelled to use No. 2, an old dilapidated sleeping-car, built by Hudson Brothers?

Mr. Roberts answered,—It is not the case that No. 2 sleeping carriage was substituted for No. 11 on the passenger train, in order that the Honorable Messrs. Abigail and Inglis, Ms. L.A., might be accommodated. The Traffic Manager explains that a small saloon was put on at Mullet Creek for the accommodation of the honorable gentlemen referred to; but as, on arrival at Newcastle, sleeping-car No. 11 was found to be available and standing idle, it was set apart for their use. The passengers who travelled in car No. 2 were not inconvenienced by this arrangement, as, under any circumstances, they would not have had the use of car No. 11.

- (14.) Mr. Thomas, formerly Inmate of Gladesville Asylum:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the fate of a Mr. Thomas, a former inmate of Gladesville Asylum, who a few years ago entered the service of H.M. the Mikado, on board a Japanese man-of-war at that time visiting Port Jackson, and which sailed for Japan?

(2.) Will he also have inquiry made as to the amount paid to the treasury of Gladesville Asylum for the last detention and treatment of the same Mr. Thomas, the date or dates of such payment or payments, and the number of occasions on which Mr. Thomas had been placed in Gladesville, and the number of previous seizures recorded on his admission in the Case Book as having afflicted him during his lifetime?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of the Insane that it is impossible to identify the Mr. Thomas, concerning whom inquiry is made, without his christian name and further particulars are given. Nine patients, named Thomas, have been in Gladesville during the last twenty years. No one of these has been an inmate more than once, and for only one Mr. Thomas (who is certainly not the Mr. Thomas inquired for) was any payment for maintenance made.

- (15.) Railway Employés:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the answers lately given by him that the engine-drivers, firemen, and cleaners were to receive their increases for 1888, is it a fact that in some cases the increases are only being granted from certain dates during the year, and not from the commencement, as promised?

Mr. Roberts answered,—As already intimated, the classification has been revived from the 1st of January, 1888. It was null and void as regards increases for 1887, and employés due for increases during 1887 receive them at a corresponding period of 1888. For instance, if an employé was due for an increase in January, 1887, he would receive it from January, 1888; but if the employé was not entitled to an increase until November, 1887, he would not receive it till November, 1888. It would be manifestly unfair to make all increases date from the 1st January, irrespective of circumstances.

- (16.) Extension of Railway from Pearce's Corner to Sydney Harbour:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Ives, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the trial surveys for the extension of the Pearce's Corner railway to the deep waters of the harbour be completed?

(2.) How many routes have been surveyed, and what is the length of each route?

(3.) How many men of all grades have been employed on the work, and for what length of time?

(4.) What is the total cost to date?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The time cannot be stated at present, but every exertion will be made to complete them as early as possible.

(2.) Three routes are being surveyed; but as the surveys are not finished, the lengths cannot be given at present.

(3.) From 1st October, 1887, one surveyor, one cadet, and five men; from 21st March, 1888, two surveyors, one cadet, and ten men; from 23rd March, 1888, three surveyors, one cadet, and fourteen men.

(4.) £553 14s. 6d.

- (17.) Defences of the Colonies:—*Mr. Dibbs*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many telegrams or letters has the Premier received from the Government of Victoria since 21st September, 1887, relating to the proposed joint action of these Colonies to procure the services of an Imperial Officer of high rank for the purpose of advising them as to the taking of united measures by the Military Forces of each for their general defence?

(2.) What was the date of each respectively?

(3.) How many replies have been sent to these communications, and on what dates?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This question is identical with one asked in the other Chamber and already answered. The only answer I can give, without going into details, is that this Government has declined, so far, to join the Government of Victoria in inviting an Imperial military officer of high rank to visit these Colonies.

- (18.) Public Holidays for Classified Officers of Railway Department:—*Mr. Garland*, for Mr. Cortis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that "classified officers of the Railway Department" are Civil Servants within the meaning of the Civil Service Act of 1884?

(2.) If so, why are they not allowed the same privileges as other Civil Servants with regard to public holidays?

Mr. Roberts answered,—All officers in the Railway Department are affected by the Civil Service Act of 1884 with regard to superannuation, &c.; but that Act provides (clause 7) for the separate classification of the officers of the Railway Department, and so far as the exigencies of the Department permit they are allowed the same privileges as other Civil Servants with regard to public holidays.

- (19.) Pastoral Rents—Eradication of Prickly-pear:—Mr. Fitzgerald asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Lands Department, in determining pastoral rents, has not taken into consideration the deteriorating effects of prickly-pear on some of the runs dealt with?
 - (2.) Is it true that, notwithstanding this, the Department compels lessees to spend large sums in eradicating the pear?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) The rents have been determined upon the present grazing capabilities of the holdings.
- (2.) No directions have been given by me; but I understand that instructions for the destruction of prickly-pear were issued by the Minister for Mines while the Prickly-pear Destruction Act was administered by him.

- (20.) Bridge over the Barwon at Brewarrina:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the cause of delay in the construction of the bridge over the Barwon at Brewarrina?
 - (2.) When will the work be proceeded with?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) The delay has been caused by the height of flood preventing the sinking of the cylinders, and having to wait for the castings to equalize the heights. The castings could not be ordered until the cylinders were down.
- (2.) The work is being proceeded with, and the bridge will be ready for opening in six months.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Jacob Garrard, Esquire, to act for this day only.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Narrandera.
- (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Balmain.
- (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Waratah, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (4.) Information respecting Compensation to the Family of the late Isaac Werrill, Gatekeeper, Railway Department.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Statement of Amount of Money paid under various Contracts to Charles Kidman & Sons and James Kidman, from 1876 to 1887, inclusive.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 17th June, 1886—"Railway Refreshment Rooms."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return giving particulars of Appeals in connection with Rents of Pastoral Leases not yet dealt with by the Minister.

Ordered to be printed.

4. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from Mary Elizabeth Murphy, of Heyfield, Strathfield, representing that she is the present owner of a grant in fee simple, in virtue of which her brother, the late William Edward Murphy, applied for an additional conditional purchase, No. 80-114, of 320 acres, on 20th May, 1880, at Carcoar Land Office; that the said William Edward Murphy took possession of the land, and entered into occupation thereof within three months from the date of selection; that he died in May, 1881, and that under his will the Petitioner inherited his estate; and praying that, under the whole of the circumstances, the matter will receive the consideration of the House, and that it will be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill.

Petition received.

Mr. Garland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table the Papers regarding the Case of the Conditional Purchase of 40 acres applied for by Robert Cork, at Milton, on 3rd June, 1880;—and (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That they be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill.

Question put and passed.

6. SELECTION BY JAMES IRVINE, SOUTH YATHONG, URANA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, letters, minutes, evidence, correspondence, &c., in the case of a selection of 160 acres, parish of South Yathong, selected at Urana on 18th November, 1881, by James Irvine.

Question put and passed.

7. CASE OF THE QUEEN *v.* BOWLER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stokes 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 and telegrams received by the Department of the Attorney-General having reference to the change of venue from Forbes to Bathurst in the case of the Queen *v.* Bowler; also, all replies by letter or telegram having reference to the same.

Question put and passed.

8. MESSRS. HUGH McNEILL AND PARTY—MINERAL LEASE AT CAPTAIN'S FLAT:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*):—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims (if any) of Hugh McNeill and party to compensation for loss sustained through the neglect of the Mining Department to issue them a mineral lease at Captain's Flat.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abigail, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Lces, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Walker, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Gale, Mr. Garland, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes stated to the House the intentions of the Government in proceeding with their Financial Business during the remainder of the present Session.
10. **VOTE OF CREDIT**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 45.

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 April or following month of the year 1888, together with provision for other Services of the year 1888 of an urgent nature, and also for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

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Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

11. **DEATHS UNDER CHLOROFORM**:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Withers, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of deaths that have taken place, when the person has been under the influence of chloroform, during the years 1885, 1886, and 1887.
 - (2.) The date and number of inquests on persons who died while under chloroform during the same years.
 - (3.) The name of coroner or magistrate who held the inquests.
 - (4.) Nature of verdict in each case.
 - (5.) Locality of deaths.
 - (6.) Name of places where inquests were held.
 - (7.) Name of each deceased.
 - (8.) Name of the doctor or doctors present when the chloroform was administered.
- Question put and passed.
12. **SPECIAL GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES**:—*Mr. Creer* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on an Additional Estimate for 1888 for payment to country and suburban municipalities of special grants equal to twenty shillings in the pound on the total amount of rates collected by such bodies for the municipal year ending 4th February, 1888.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. **REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (No. 2)**:—*Mr. Cortis* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day in reference to the Registered Medical Practitioners Bill (No. 2), which lapsed by reason of the House being counted out on Tuesday, 6th March, 1888, be restored to the Paper at the point at which it was interrupted, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
14. **CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2)**:—*Mr. Wilson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the prayer of the Petition presented by him on 28th February on behalf of William James Reid and Thomas Shaw, for leave to be heard by counsel, solicitor, or in person at the Bar of the House, in opposition to clause 101 of the Crown Lands Bill (No. 2), be granted.
- Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
15. **CONTRACT FOR BRIDGE OVER THE PATERSON RIVER**:—*Mr. Hurley* 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 a certain contract let to one J. R. Mackenzie for the construction of a bridge over the Paterson River.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Garrard*, *Mr. Levien*, *Mr. Cameron*, *Mr. Copeland*, *Mr. Lees*, *Mr. Lyne*, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
16. **ADJOURNMENT**:—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at sixteen minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Crown Lands Act of 1884:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many acres of land have been exchanged with leaseholders under section 75 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and how many applications have been refused, and total acreage?

Mr. Garrett answered,—3,241 acres of land have been approved to be exchanged with leaseholders under section 75 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and 275 applications have been refused for a total area of 108,039 acres. I may say that I have not approved of a single application.

- (2.) Authorized and Supplementary Expenditure for 1887:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total sum still required to meet the authorized charges for 1887?

(2.) What is the total sum still required to meet the Supplementary Estimates for 1887, already laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) I am not clear as to what the honorable gentleman means when he says he wishes to know the total sum still required to meet the authorized charges for 1887. There has hitherto been funds to meet all the authorized charges for 1887 and the claims due on account of the deficit as they have arisen.

(2.) The same answer will apply to question No. 2.

- (3.) Electric Telegraph Department:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Schey, asked the Postmaster General,—Referring to his answer to Question No. 1 by Mr. Schey, on the 18th instant, will he say,—

(1.) What are the names of the six men referred to as having been discharged?

(2.) Their length of service in each case?

(3.) Their rate of pay in each case?

(4.) The reason in each case for which they were so discharged?

(5.) Is it a fact that certain of those men have been injured in the Service; if so, which, and what has been done for them?

(6.) The names of the three men who have been taken on?

(7.) The reasons that led to their employment?

(8.) On whose recommendation were they employed, in each case?

(9.) The ages of each of these nine men, new and old?

(10.) The reasons which guided the Department in dispensing with old hands and filling their places with new ones?

(11.) When new hands had to be employed, were none of the old ones offered the chance of re-employment; and, if so, why?

(12.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table, copies of all letters, recommendations, and papers, re these discharges and employments?

(13.) What position does Mr. Rutherford hold in the Telegraph Department?

(14.) Has he the power to put men on and off as he likes?

(15.) Have any complaints been made within the last six months, charging Mr. Rutherford with unjust, tyrannical, and arbitrary behaviour to any of his men?

(16.) If so, by whom have such complaints been made?

(17.) Has an investigation been made into the cause of such complaints (if any); if so, by whom and what is the result of such inquiry?

Mr.

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) (a) Charles Heniss, (b) Thos. Curran, (c) Jno. Berry, (d) Jno. Tarrant, (e) Jno. Newman, (f) Thos. Mahon.
- (2.) The length of service of each man in the order named above is—(a) 10½ years, (b) 7 years 18 days, (c) 5 years 3 months 12 days; (d) 4 years 17 days, (e) 1 year 11 months 18 days, (f) 1 year 11 months 18 days.
- (3.) In the same order as regards names, the rate of pay was :—(a) 7s., 8s., and 9s. per day; (b) 7s., 8s., and 7s. 6d. per day; (c) 7s. 6d. per day; (d) 7s. 6d. per day; (e) 7s. 6d. per day; (f) 7s. 6d. and 8s. per day.
- (4.) Heniss was discharged for neglecting duties which were entrusted to him, for idling, and for making untruthful statements with regard to his work. Curran was dispensed with for carelessness and inattention to his duties, for idling, and otherwise neglecting his work. Berry was sent away because he was regarded as unsuitable, owing to his lack of interest in his work. Tarrant left the Service for the same reason that led to Berry's retirement, and the same may be said of Newman and Mahon.
- (5.) Curran fell from a ladder erected by himself on 20th December, 1882. He was relieved from duty from that date until 23rd April, 1883, during the whole of which time he received full pay.
- (6.) Henry Vale, Thos. Stanley, Jas. Petrie, and Alex. Ross.
- (7.) Two of them were taken on to fill the places of men who had been sent into the country as line repairers. The other two were taken on in place of discharged men.
- (8.) On no special recommendation. Men are taken on as opportunity and necessity offer, and if it is found that they are good working men they are retained; if, on the contrary, it is found that they take no interest in the work, and are lazy, they are paid off.
- (9.) Heniss, 54 years; Curran, 45 years; Berry, 55 years; Tarrant, 52 years; Newman, 50 years; Mahon, 45 years; Vale, 27 years; Stanley, 40 years; Petrie, 33 years; Ross, 25 years.
- (10.) The reasons which led to the removal of the men have been explained in the reply to question No. 4, and the reason for the employment of new hands is conveyed in answer to question No. 7.
- (11.) One of the old hands (Berry) was offered, and accepted, a place at 6s. 6d. per day as camp-keeper on the Waterfall extension.
- (12.) I shall have no objection, if the Honorable Member moves for them in the usual way.
- (13.) Inspector of City and Suburban Lines.
- (14.) Yes, it is necessary, in the kind of work he has to do, that he should be possessed of this power.
- (15.) No.
- (16 and 17.) Answered by the reply to question 15.

(4.) Mr. F. G. A. Trollope :—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did Mr. F. G. A. Trollope recently act as Chairman of the Tumut and Gundagai Local Land Board while he was Chairman of the Wilcannia Board?
- (2.) How was Mr. Trollope appointed to act at Tumut and Gundagai, and for what reason?
- (3.) There being already three members of the Tumut Local Land Board, how could Mr. Trollope act on it?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No; Mr. Trollope is not now Chairman of the Local Land Board at Wilcannia.
 - (2.) Mr. Trollope was appointed as a member of the Tumut and Gundagai Land Boards, and acted as Chairman in pursuance of the provisions of section 14, subsection 8, of the Crown Lands Act of 1884. The arrangement was deemed necessary to meet a pressure of business.
 - (3.) Steps were taken to prevent any informality as regards the number of members on the Board.
- (5.) Secretary to Commission *re* Extermination of Rabbits :—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have the Government appointed any person as Secretary to Commission *re* extermination of rabbits; if so, at what salary, and was he a member of the Civil Service when he was appointed?
 - (2.) Were there not amongst the recently discharged Civil Servants men who were capable of doing the work?
 - (3.) Is it intended to give the person who has got this office a permanent appointment?
 - (4.) What salary is he to be paid per year?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes; it cannot be stated that he was a member of the Civil Service, though employed in a similar capacity.
 - (2.) It is thought not. It is necessary for the Secretary to be an expert shorthand writer.
 - (3.) Not so far as I am aware of.
 - (4.) It has not been determined, but the rate will be that usually paid in such cases.
- (6.) Reserve fronting Mossman's Bay :—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he has decided to allow Mr. Harnett or any other person to purchase the reservation fronting Mossman's Bay and other portions of the North Shore?
 - (2.) If so, will he ask for Parliamentary approval of this action before he finally decides to alienate the land referred to?
 - (3.) Does not the reservation referred to, join the reservation at Cremorne?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) The applications to purchase the reservation of land fronting Mossman's Bay have been refused.
 - (2.) The applications having been refused there is no necessity to refer to Parliament.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (7.) Prosecutions under Public Instruction Act :—Mr. Hassall asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) The number of prosecutions under the Public Instruction Act to date during the present year?
 - (2.) The number of convictions, withdrawals, and dismissals at each Police Court? Mr.

Mr. Inglis answered,—The information necessary to enable the Minister to answer these questions cannot be obtained in less time than a fortnight, as the reports relating to the matter have not yet been received from the District Inspectors, and some of these officers will therefore have to be communicated with.

(8.) Woy Woy Platform, Homebush-Waratah Railway :—Mr. Hassall asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the mail train does not now stop at Woy Woy Platform, Homebush, and Waratah Line, to take up or set down passengers; and, if so, upon whose recommendation was the change effected?

(2.) Is it a fact that a population of over 500 persons reside in the vicinity, and those who wish to travel by rail are now compelled to meet the train at Gosford, and to travel a distance of 6 miles for that purpose; also that, in addition to this inconvenience, they are now unable to visit Sydney and return the same day?

(3.) Since this alteration came into force, has anyone been taken up or set down at the above-mentioned platform; and, if so, by whose authority?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The Honorable Member for the district has already brought the matter of the discontinuance of the stoppage of the mail train at Woy Woy under my notice, and it is now having inquiry. I will inform the Honorable Member for the Gwydir what it is proposed to do as soon as the matter is determined.

(9.) Employés, North Shore Cable Tramway :—Mr. Hassall asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the drivers and conductors on the North Shore cable tramway been allowed their holidays, which were due to them on the 1st of January last; and, if not, for what reason?

(2.) Are the conductors to receive any good conduct days for last year; and, if not, why not?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The holidays are being allowed. Two of the employés are now on leave.

(2.) They are to be allowed the same holidays as the conductors on the Sydney Tramway.

(10.) Applications for Licenses for Public-houses, Duxford Estate, Glenmore Road :—Mr. Henson, for Mr. Wise, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that on Thursday next, the 26th instant, application is to be made for no less than three public-houses on the Duxford Estate, Glenmore Road, and that two of such proposed licensed houses will be within 100 yards, and one within 150 yards, of the Glenmore Road Public School?

(2.) If so, will he take immediate steps to prevent such licenses being granted?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) The only information on this subject in the possession of the Department is, that applications are about to be made for licenses for public-houses near the Public School at Glenmore Road.

(2.) The Department has taken the necessary action to oppose the granting of the licenses.

(11.) Smoking on Railway Platforms :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are there any By-laws or Regulations in existence to prevent the public from smoking on railway platforms; if so, will he see that instructions are issued to all station-masters and station-porters to enforce the Regulation?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Yes; By-law 24 prohibits the public from smoking on railway platforms, and notices to that effect are exhibited at the railway stations. There have been no complaints recently that the Regulations have been disregarded; but as the Honorable Member's question implies that there has been a disregard shown in this respect, station-masters will be reminded that they must not allow any breach of the By-law.

(12.) Sub-Inspector Bell and Detective Tindall :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has anything yet been done in the complaint made by Sub-Inspector Bell against Detective Tindall, in which the former is said to have accused the latter of having been "squared" by Foley; if so, will he state the nature of the decision or result of the inquiry?

(2.) Is it intended that the case should be hushed up and passed by, or is the matter to receive a searching and rigid investigation to test the truth or falsehood of the accusation?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Acting Inspector-General of Police states he has investigated this matter, and that Sub-Inspector Bell emphatically denies he made the accusation referred to; and as it appeared that it was not sustained by satisfactory evidence, he did not feel warranted in recommending that the Sub-Inspector should be dealt with for his alleged misconduct.

(13.) Mail-guards in Mail-vans :—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the mail-guards in mail-vans have to stand for many hours together on bare boards right over the wheels of the van?

(2.) Will he see that each mail-van is supplied with a suitable mat for the floor, on which the guard can stand, with the view of lessening the amount of vibration?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I am not aware of the exact proximity of the portion of the van in which the guards work to the wheels of the van, nor whether all guards are supplied with mats; although I find that any applications which have been made for such accommodation have been complied with. I can only state that any reasonable applications made by the mail-guards for articles conducive to their own comfort, or to the more efficient performance of the duties, will receive attention.

(14.) Public School Fees :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact (as alleged in the *Herald* of the 21st April, under the signature of "Mother of Eight") that children attending Public Schools have lately been sent home for not paying school fees?

(2.) Has this matter received the sanction of the head of the Education Department, or is it done solely on the responsibility of the teacher, and will he see that steps are taken to prevent a recurrence of similar complaints?

Mr.

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) A charge of the nature indicated was made against the principal teacher of the Enmore Public School, but was not substantiated.

(2.) Teachers have no authority for sending children home from school for not paying the school fees.

(15.) Wood-blocking Pitt-street South :—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that no decision has yet been arrived at re wood-blocking Pitt-street where the tramway runs ?

(2.) Is it a fact that work is stopped pending such decision ?

(3.) Is it a fact that unless such decision is arrived at and fresh orders given that about hundred men, now well used to the work, will be thrown out of employment ?

(4.) What action does he intend to take under the circumstances ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—It has been determined not to wood-block Pitt-street at the expense of the Tramway Department.

(16.) Arrears due by Pastoral Lessees :—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Wilson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the amount of arrears due by pastoral lessees under the "Deferred Payments Act" of last Session ?

(2.) The like respecting other lessees ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Leasehold areas, £217,003 0s. 5d; resumed areas, £25,833 15s. 8d. In addition to these amounts, rents and license fees for the current year, to the amount of £31,419 19s. 5d., have been deferred.

(2.) At present I cannot state the sum, but it is estimated that it does not exceed £1,000.

(17.) Northern Mail-train :—Mr. Fitzgerald asked the Postmaster General,—In view of the contemplated change in the running of the Northern mail-train to and from Sydney, will he consider the advisableness of despatching a mail from Sydney on Saturday, as well as on other week days, for all trains on Northern Line ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I have received no intimation of any change in the existing time-table. Should the Saturday afternoon train from Sydney, which at present only goes to West Maitland, travel beyond that place, mails will, of course, be sent by it.

PAPERS :—

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of Resumption of Land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes at Suntop and Jacob and Joseph Creek.

(2.) Report of the Minister of Public Instruction on Education for the year 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Stock and Brands Branch, Department of Mines, for the year 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 8th December, 1887—"Association Cricket Ground."

(2.) Return respecting Rate of Rental per acre and License Fee per section in the Western Division.

Ordered to be printed.

3. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, to act for this day only.
4. VINE DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 - (1.) Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enlarge the powers conferred by, and amend, the "Vine Diseases Act, 1886." Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to enlarge the powers conferred by, and amend, the 'Vine Diseases Act, 1886,'"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. BILLS OF SALE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to prevent frauds upon creditors by secret bills of sale of personal chattels." Question put and passed.
6. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business take precedence of General Business on Tuesday in each week after seven o'clock p.m. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
7. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL :—Mr. Levien presented a Petition from Michael Herren, stating that he selected on the Jacob and Joseph Creek, 40 acres, No. 242, in the parish of Wallabadah, county of Buckland; that he improved the land to the value of £82, but the Land Board cancelled the selection; and praying the House to refer the case to the Committee now sitting on the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill, so that the said selection may be legalized and granted to him. Petition received.

8. LIVERPOOL CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL LAND SALE BILL:—Mr. Nobbs, 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 19th April, 1888, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nobbs then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 29th May.

Question put and passed.

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of 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 1888, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Slattery* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Slattery also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Slattery*, that the report be now received.

Mr. Slattery then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(5.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £787,485, being £493,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April or following month of the year 1888, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1887, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1888; £15,000 for special grant in aid of Agricultural Societies; £26,000 for expenses connected with the Centenary Celebrations; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway employés, and for Railway Services generally, during the month of May, 1888; £10,000 to meet wages to become due to employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, and for other Services of an urgent nature during the month of May, 1888; £3,485 (in part) for site for Naval Home; and, in anticipation of Loan Votes, £100,000 further sum for completion of Lands Office, Sydney; £15,000 for Circular Quay Improvements; and £25,000 further for Country Towns Water Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Slattery* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Slattery also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Slattery*, that the report be now received.

Mr. Slattery then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(5.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1888, the sum of £787,485 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 5), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1888, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Burns 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 1888 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) 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 *Mr. Slattery* reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered that the Bill be now read a third time

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

Mr. Burns 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 1888 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*."

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 1888 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 25th April, 1888.

13. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S EXTENSION 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 extend the provisions of the 'Victorian Coal-mining Company's Act of 1884,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th April, 1888.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S EXTENSION BILL.
Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th April, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Preamble, line 1. Omit "by"
Page 1, Preamble, line 1. After "Act" insert "was"
Page 1, Preamble, line 8. Omit "was" insert "were"
Page 2, clause 3, line 24. Omit "7" insert "8"
Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACO,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

14. POSTPONEMENTS:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Government Orders of the Day, Nos. 3 to 9, be postponed until to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. William Clarke,	Tellers,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Hawken.
Mr. Stevenson,	

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Dibbs.

Tellers,

Mr. Colls,
Mr. Neild.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions relative to Formation of Street north of the General Post Office, postponed until to-morrow.
16. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Barbour, 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.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 26 APRIL, 1888, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Slattery reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Barbour, 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 extend the provisions of the 'Victorian Coal-mining Company's Act of 1884.'*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th April, 1888, A.M.*

17. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twelve minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 APRIL, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Free Railway Passes:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that all the clerks in the Roads and Railway Branches of the Civil Service are allowed to travel free by rail?
 (2.) What are the names of the clerks in the Works office that travel free by rail?
 (3.) Are officials in the Railway Department allowed to give departmental passes away; if not, is it a fact that large numbers are given away?
 (4.) If the clerks in the Departments referred to have no right to free passes, will he at once put a stop to the practice, if it exists?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) My Honorable Colleague can only trace one instance for some years past where a pass has been issued to an officer in the Works Department—viz., to *Mr. Holliman*. A pass was also issued to a messenger in the Roads Branch; but that was issued as an indulgence, in consideration of his having formed one of the Contingent to the Soudan.
 (3.) The head officers of the Department have power to issue passes to Railway employes when travelling on duty, or when an employe has been allowed a holiday pass.
 (4.) My honorable colleague has no knowledge that any improper practice exists.

- (2.) Public Wharves, Botany:—*Mr. Stephen*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he please give the names of all the tenderers for the lease of the public wharves at Botany?
 (2.) The respective amounts of the various tenders?
 (3.) The name of the successful tenderer?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The names of the tenderers for the lease of the public wharves at Botany, and the respective amounts of the various tenders, are as follows, namely:—*J. Penboss*, £5 per annum; *H. McKeon*, £30 per annum; *August Hainke*, £46 per annum; *H. Pinnock*, £55 10s. per annum; *H. Pinnock, sen.*, £60 per annum; *F. Enright*, £75 per annum; *John Emerson*, £86 4s. per annum; *Geo. Dent, sen.*, £105 per annum; *Geo. Hairs* and *G. E. Cass*, £125.
 (3.) The highest tender was that of Messrs. *Geo. Hairs* and *Geo. E. Cass*, and such tender has been accepted.

- (3.) District Registrars of Births, &c.:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The number of persons occupying the office of District Registrar of Births, &c., who are in receipt of pay in the shape of fees?
 (2.) The number of persons performing the same duties, but who receive no pay whatever in the shape of fees?
 (3.) Can any explanation be offered why one set of men receive payment when another set are actually doing the same work without fee or reward?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Ninety-nine.
 (2.) Eighty-six.
 (3.) All of the abovenamed receive an allowance of 2s. per entry. Those alluded to in the answer to the second question are Clerks of Petty Sessions. The "Clerks of Petty Sessions Fees Act of 1887" precludes them from receiving the fees allowed in Schedule B of the Registration Act (19 Vic. No. 34).
 (4.)

(4.) Sewerage of Redfern :—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Government received from the Municipal Council of Redfern a sum of money, being their contribution towards completing the sewer which passes under the Botany Road (Regent-street), near Hudson's workshops ; if so, what was the amount, and on what date did the Government receive it ?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the completion of this sewer without any unnecessary delay ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The amount received was only for the sewer to Eveleigh-street ; but as funds admitted of further work, the sewer was extended to the railway.

(2.) The work now asked for, though not included in the agreement, has been ordered to be proceeded with in anticipation of an amount to be handed over by the Municipal Council of Redfern.

(5.) Railway Station, Eveleigh :—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take steps to abate the nuisance caused by the ashes and cinders with which the railway platforms at Eveleigh station are covered ; if so, will he state when the work is likely to be commenced ?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to have public conveniences provided at the southern platform of the railway-station at Eveleigh ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—My honorable colleague is inquiring into both cases. Plans and estimate of cost have been called for, and when received the matter will be further dealt with.

(6.) Drainage of Borough of Alexandria :—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an abominable nuisance exists in the low-lying portion of the Borough of Alexandria, caused by imperfect drainage ?

(2.) If so, will he cause inquiry to be made (1) To ascertain from whence this nuisance arises ;

(2) Whether it is dangerous to the public health ; (3) With a view to its abatement ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) There is a necessity for an extension of the drainage ; but the officer in charge of the Sewerage Branch informs me that the nuisance, which undoubtedly exists, is not so great as represented.

(2.) Inquiry has been made. (1) The nuisance arises from a storm-water drain flowing from the Eveleigh yards, but it does not carry any sewerage therefrom. (2) Yes ; in summer. (3) The Alexandria Council have been informed that if they (the Council) and the private owners interested will each bear one-third of the cost, the Government will provide the remainder.

(7.) Wood-paving of Regent-street :—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the wood-paving of Regent-street (Botany Road) from the top of Redfern Hill, along the tram-line, to the coaling and watering station at Waterloo, on the Botany Road ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The question is receiving consideration, and the Honorable Member will be apprised so soon as a decision has been arrived at. There are other similar applications which must be dealt with at the same time.

(8.) Lighting of Botany Road :—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there is a gas-main laid along the Botany Road ?

(2.) Is it a fact that the lamps along the tram-line on the Botany Road are at present lighted with kerosene oil, which afford a very inadequate light to people alighting from the tram-cars at the various stopping-places ?

(3.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view to laying on or connecting the gas to the lamps along the said tram-line ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) No doubt the gas would give a little better light than kerosene ; but, in view of the expense that would be involved in laying in branch gas-pipes, &c., it is not considered expedient to undertake this service at present.

(9.) Seaweed Nuisance, Botany Bay :—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to take steps for the abatement of the nuisance arising from the increasing accumulations of putrid seaweed on the north shore of Botany Bay ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—There are no funds available for the work.

(10.) Road near La Perouse :—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the making of the road and approach to the cemetery dedicated for burial purposes near La Perouse ?

(2.) If so, will he state when the work is likely to be commenced ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Immediately.

(11.) Public Clock for Post and Telegraph Office, Redfern :—Mr. Stephen asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the erection of a public clock in the tower of the Post and Telegraph Office at Redfern would be a great public convenience and a boon to 50,000 of the residents of that electorate ?

(2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made to ascertain the cost, with the view to the erection of a clock in the abovementioned tower ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) I am hardly prepared to say how many persons would be benefited if this convenience were afforded.

(2.) Inquiry was made last year as to the cost, which was estimated by the Colonial Architect at £350, and if constructed for illuminating, £430.

(12.)

(12.) Supply of Stamps, Redfern Post Office:—Mr. Stephen asked the Postmaster General,—Will he cause inquiry to be made for the purpose of ascertaining the best method whereby the public can obtain a supply of postage stamps at the Redfern Post Office at all reasonable hours?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I am informed that stamps are procurable at the Redfern Post Office between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. every day, Sundays excepted, and up to 9 p.m. on Saturday. It appears to me that this arrangement should meet all reasonable requirements.

(13.) Court-house, Redfern:—Mr. Stephen asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the old building used at present for the purpose of a court-house at Redfern is very inconvenient, and not properly adapted for the purpose?

(2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, with the view of providing a building with sufficient accommodation, and suitable for the purpose of administering the law.

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the Court-house at Redfern is not an old building, having been erected only about ten years; but the Stipendiary Magistrates, Central Police Office, report that the accommodation is certainly limited, and the position is an exceedingly noisy one, from the back of the Court-room having a thoroughfare on two sides.

(2.) This request will receive due consideration.

(14.) Construction of Tramway Cars:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Kethel, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the Government, in October, 1887, accept tenders for the construction of twenty tramway cars?

(2.) What time was allowed the contractor for building and delivering the said cars?

(3.) Have any of the cars been delivered to the Government by the contractors to date; if so, how many, and what was the date or dates on which they were delivered?

(4.) If the said cars or any of them have not been constructed and delivered to the Government within the time specified in the conditions of contract, is it the intention of the Government to enforce the penalties for non-fulfilment of contract; if not, why not?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Two months; but as some of the material specified to be used could not be obtained in the Colonies, an extension of time was allowed to admit of its being imported.

(3.) Seven cars have been delivered, viz., one on 18th February, 26th February, 7th March, 17th March, 29th March, 31st March, and 21st April, 1888.

(4.) This question has not been finally decided. It will be determined when the whole of the cars have been delivered.

(15.) Tram-line, Botany Road:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Government arrived at any determination with respect to those dangerous awning-posts in close proximity to the tram-line on the Botany Road, where the man Smith was recently killed by coming in contact with one of them?

(2.) Is it a fact that, in consequence of the dangerous position of these posts, the tramway conductors are in hourly danger of meeting a similar fate?

(3.) Will he take such steps as will prevent the recurrence of a similar fatality without unnecessary delay?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1 and 3.) A communication has been forwarded to the Council Clerk, Waterloo, intimating that, although the roadway is under the charge of the Government, the Municipal Council is responsible in respect of any building projecting over the alignment, and requesting the Mayor to at once take steps to remedy the evil.

(2.) The posts are a source of danger, and, as intimated above, the local Council have been asked to move in the matter.

(16.) Court of Petty Sessions, Leichhardt:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he have any objection to the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Leichhardt, similar to those already in existence at Balmain, Newtown, Redfern, and other suburbs of Sydney?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I am informed that the number of cases from the Leichhardt District is inconsiderable, and would not justify the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at that place.

(17.) Construction of Railway Locomotives:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to call for fresh tenders for the manufacture in the Colony of the locomotives required by the Railway Locomotive Department?

(2.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to accept one or more of the tenders already sent in by the Colonial manufacturers?

(3.) Will he issue instructions that will prevent any orders by cablegram or otherwise being sent out of the Colony for the manufacture of rolling stock that may be required for our railways or tramways?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) My honorable colleague has arranged to meet the manufacturers on Monday morning next at the Eveleigh Drawing Office, where the drawings can be inspected, and which, although not quite finished, are far enough advanced to show the work to be done. I will then endeavour to make some arrangement in the matter.

(3.) The Minister doubts the advisability of issuing any such instructions.

- (18.) "Pleuro" at Bob's Creek, District of Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that "pleuro" is at present prevalent among stock at Bob's Creek, in the district of Molong, and are there any means by which the disease can be suppressed or controlled, so as to prevent it spreading among stock belonging to small settlers?

Mr. Abigail answered,—I am not aware that pleuro-pneumonia is prevalent at Bob's Creek, in the Molong District; but as it is at present prevalent in the Colony it is not unlikely. There is no law in force under which the disease can be suppressed; but it can be controlled by inoculation, which the Department advises owners to adopt, and they are assisted by the Inspectors of Stock in performing the operation.

- (19.) Medical Attendance to Employés, Hawkesbury Railway Bridge:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Adverting to the fatal accident recorded in Wednesday morning's newspapers to a man admitted into a Sydney hospital from the Hawkesbury Bridge railway works, and to frequent accidents on the same construction, would he object to inform the House,—

- (1.) Is there any resident medical person in attendance on the navvies there?
- (2.) If not, would he object to intimate to the contractors in New York (the Union Bridge Company) that, in his opinion, it is desirable that the three sub-contractors should make suitable arrangements to enable the men to provide themselves with medical attendance in the way customary with hands engaged in this country on dangerous works in remote or isolated localities?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) My honorable colleague understands that there is not.
- (2.) He will be glad to hear that all necessary provision has been made in this respect; but it seems to me that the Government should not interpose in such a matter. It must be left to the contractor and his employés.

- (20.) Financial Statement:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the Treasurer's Financial Statement of 1st December, 1887, pages 1,800 and 1,801, of *Parliamentary Debates*, viz.:—"First, then, I shall propose that we shall impose, from the 1st July next, a tax of a half-penny in the £ on the unimproved value of all lands in New South Wales, which may exceed £500 in value, and from the same day a tax of a half-penny in the £ on the capital, reserves, and deposits of all banking, mortgage, and loan companies, insurance companies, and financial institutions of every kind whatsoever. . . I estimate a revenue of £550,000 from these taxes. . . We expect this revenue to date from the 1st July";—Will the Treasurer say whether the Government still expect to obtain the said revenue from the said date?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have no reason to suppose that my estimate of the revenue from the proposed new taxation will not be realized.

- (21.) Establishment of Manufactory for Small-arms Ammunition in Australia:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Premier yet arrived at a decision relative to the invitation of the Government of Victoria to join in the establishment of a manufactory for small-arms ammunition in Australia?
- (2.) If so, will he state what that decision is?
- (3.) Has he yet communicated this decision to the Victorian Premier?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government did receive a communication from the Government of Victoria asking our co-operation in the establishment of a cartridge factory. The Government came to a decision on this application nearly a month ago—it may be a little more—which was at the time communicated to the Government of Victoria. That decision was that, under the circumstances of the proposition made to us, we could not extend our co-operation. Since then a further and very courteous communication has been made to this Government, asking us to reconsider the question. We shall reconsider the question, and when that has been done I shall be very happy to lay the papers upon the Table of the House.

- (22.) Marine Board Regulations:—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) If he will refer it to the Attorney-General to advise whether the Marine Board has power to make and enforce the following Regulation:—

"We hereby order and direct that on and after the 1st day of September next every *harbour and river steamer*, whether constructed of wood or other material, before being entitled to a renewal or issue of her passenger certificate from the Marine Board, shall be divided by transverse water-tight bulk-heads, so that the fore part of such *harbour and river steamer* shall be separated from the engine-room by a bulk-head, and so that the after part of such *harbour and river steamer* shall be separated from the engine-room by another bulk-head, and the said *harbour and river steamer* shall be otherwise of such sufficiency and good condition in her hull and fittings as in the opinion of the Shipwright Surveyor or other Inspector to the Marine Board would keep the vessel afloat after ordinary collision or other casualty, the said fittings and benches and other portable articles used in the equipment of the said *harbour and river steamer* to be constructed, so far as is practicable, of such material as will float.

"A plentiful supply of life buoys or belts is also to be distributed about the decks of the said *harbour and river steamer*.

"Any person convicted of removing any of the abovementioned life buoys or other equipment out of a *harbour and river steamer*, which has entitled the said *steamer* to obtain a passenger certificate from the Marine Board, will be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds."

- (2.) Is it the intention of the Marine Board to enforce the Regulations requiring steamers navigating Sydney Cove and Darling Harbour within certain limits, to proceed at a reduced rate of 6 knots per hour?

Mr. Burns answered,—Both matters included in the Honorable Member's questions, relate to provisions for the public safety, and are now under my consideration. It is probable that I shall refer the Regulations to the Attorney-General for his opinion on whether they can be legally enforced.

(23.) Introduction of Hessian Fly:—Mr. Hayes asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the danger that exists of the introduction of the Hessian fly into this country from New Zealand, where it is alleged to be doing great damage to the wheat crop, do the Government propose taking measures to prevent it?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Yes; a Bill is now being prepared to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases and pests in this Colony, and such Bill will deal with the Hessian fly. In the meantime, the fullest information on the subject has been printed in pamphlet form and distributed through the Agricultural Societies.

(24.) Reserves near Galathera and Boggy Creek Tanks:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that very great injustice has been done to drovers, teamsters, and travellers generally, by reason of such large areas having been reserved in connection with the Galathera and Boggy Creek tanks, road Narrabri to Moree?

(2.) Are such areas being leased in connection with the tanks in question, and do the lessees charge the parties aforesaid for water supply, whether they require it or not?

(3.) Is it a fact that nearly the whole of the travelling stock routes are becoming practically useless in consequence of the spread of the Bathurst-burr rendering it almost impossible to travel sheep without serious loss and deterioration in the value of the wool?

(4.) Will he take immediate steps to remedy the grievances complained of?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) I am not aware of any injustice being done by reason of the areas reserved in connection with tanks referred to, such are really reserved in the interests of travelling stock.

(2.) One-half of the areas reserved is leased. The lessees charge only for water supplied.

(3.) No complaints have been received to this effect.

(4.) Answered by No. 3.

(25.) Mr. Oscar Meyer:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the case that Mr. Oscar Meyer has been appointed Superintendent of the New South Wales Court at the Melbourne Exhibition?

(2.) Is the Oscar Meyer in question the person from whom Sir Henry Parkes, when formerly Colonial Secretary, purchased various objects of art at the cost of the Colony; or if the said Oscar Meyer was not the direct vendor of such articles, did he act as agent in the said transactions?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The New South Wales Court at the Melbourne Exhibition is unusually large. I am told that it occupies now three times more space than that of the former Melbourne Exhibition. The Executive Commissioner, in consequence of the extent of the Court, advised the appointment of two gentlemen, and the names submitted were those of Mr. Oscar Meyer and Mr. Jules Joubert. I have assented to both those appointments. With regard to the second question, Mr. Oscar Meyer arrived in this Colony in charge of the Italian Court at the Exhibition of 1879. The Government purchased several objects of art from him, and I have at different times had many opportunities of observing his conduct; and I believe he is in all respects a singularly competent man to discharge the duties to which he has been appointed.

(26.) Municipalities:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Creer, asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many municipalities are there in the Colony at the present time?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The number of municipalities in New South Wales at the present time is 127.

2. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Frank Smith presented a Petition from Charles Frederick Stokes, of Sydney, Merchant, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the supply of motive power on the high-pressure hydraulic system, for use on wharves, in warehouses, and other buildings, and for the extinguishing of fires and other purposes in the city of Sydney and its suburbs.

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

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 21st March, 1888—
"The Rev. H. H. Britten, of Ryde."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption of Land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of certain Land in the parish of Gordon, county of Hume, required in connection with the construction of the Drysdale Tank.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing value of Improvements effected on Crown Lands in the Eastern, Central, and Western Divisions.

(2.) Approximate Return showing Area of Land Alienated, Leased, and Retained in Eastern Division.

(3.) Return giving Particulars of Appeals in connection with Rents of Pastoral Leases not yet dealt with by the Minister.

(4.) Return respecting Rents and License Fees recommended by the Local Land Boards and those fixed by the Minister.

(5.) Return respecting Rate of Rental per acre, and License Fee per section, for holdings in the Western Division (*in substitution for similar Return laid upon the Table on the 25th April, 1888.*)

Ordered to be printed.

4. **TRADE MARKS**:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Petition from certain Manufacturers and Merchants of Sydney, stating that the Petitioners are suffering seriously from the loss of their empty packages, vessels, &c., bearing their trade marks; and praying, for the reasons set forth in the Petition, that the House will so amend the present Trade Marks Act as to extend its privileges and protection to such packages, vessels, &c., whether empty or not, so long as they bear a registered trade mark, brand, or name.
Petition received.
5. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Ninian Melville, Esquire, to act for this day only.
6. **AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND EXPERIMENTAL FARMS BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a College of Agriculture in the county of Cumberland, and Experimental Farms in connection with the same in the Northern, Southern, and Western Districts.
Question put and passed.
7. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (Formal Motion)**:—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return showing the number of conditional purchases made in each district from the 1st January, 1881, to the 31st December, 1887.
(2.) A Return showing the area of land so conditionally purchased, together with the area and number transferred during the same period.
Question put and passed.
8. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 29th May:—
(1.) Contractors Debts Act Extension Bill; second reading.
(2.) Parramatta Municipal Quarries Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(3.) Parramatta Church-street Amended Alignment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(4.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading.
9. **VINE DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT 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 *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. **PETITION OF GEORGE MATCHAM PITT, JUNIOR**:—Mr. Bowman, 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 16th December, 1887.
Ordered to be printed.
11. **FORMATION OF STREET NORTH OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Roberts moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That this House approves of the expenditure of the sum of fifteen thousand pounds (£15,000) for the purpose of purchasing certain frontages to George and Pitt Streets, and of making compensation to the lessees of said land, with the view of securing an uniform width of 70 feet in the formation of the street north of the General Post Office, the designs of the buildings to be erected on the northern side of the new street to be subject to the approval of the Government.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to his Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday, 17th May.
12. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 4):—
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 1888 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th April, 1888.
- JOHN HAY,
President.
(2.)

(2.) Government Railways Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 19th April, 1888, in reference to the "Government Railways Bill,"—

Does not insist upon the Council's amendment in clause 27 disagreed to by the Assembly; but proposes in lieu thereof the following new subsection,—

"(III) Officers of Parliament.—(a) The Commissioners shall have power, with the approval of the Governor, to issue from time to time, on application, passes, available for a period not exceeding one calendar month, to such Officers of Parliament as have been heretofore accorded that privilege";—

In which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 43.

Insists upon the Council's amendment in clause 47, which omits subsection (III),—

- (1.) Because, as the clause gives full power to the Commissioners to make contracts as therein provided, the Council cannot agree to any restriction limiting such powers to contracts made within the Territory of New South Wales. The reason stated by the Assembly why it disagrees with the amendment made by the Council to omit subsection (III) appears to be equally applicable to all contracts entered into either within the Colony or elsewhere.
- (2.) Because the Council fears that if the original subsection (III) be allowed to stand part of the clause, any future Government opposed to the present fiscal policy of the country will have the power to disallow the Commissioners to enter into any contract outside of New South Wales, even though they may consider it absolutely in the interest of the Colony to do so.

Does not insist upon the other amendment in this Bill disagreed to by the Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th April, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Ordered, That this Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

13. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—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 the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Melville* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
14. POSTPONEMENTS :—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Tuesday next.
15. HUNTER STREET NEWCASTLE EXTENSION BILL :—Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice, That the prayer of the Petition presented by him on the 17th April, 1888, on behalf of Alexander Ogilvie Grant, for leave to be heard by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee on the Hunter Street Newcastle Extension Bill, be granted.
Question put and passed.
16. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of General Business, Nos. 1, and 5 to 11 inclusive, postponed until Tuesday next.
17. ROCKDALE MUNICIPALITY NAMING BILL (*heretofore* ROCKDALE MUNICIPALITY RE-NAMING BILL):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers,—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 *Mr. Melville* reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 alter the designation of the Municipal District of West Botany*,"—including the amendment in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th April, 1888.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 MAY, 1888.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 4):—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Lieutenant-Governor,

By Deputation from the Governor,

Message No. 46.

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 1888 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—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, 27th April, 1888.

- (2.) Victorian Coal-mining Company's Extension Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Lieutenant-Governor,

By Deputation from the Governor,

Message No. 47.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the provisions of the 'Victorian Coal-mining Company's Act of 1884,'*"—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, 27th April, 1888.

2. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Andrew Hardie McCulloch, junior, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Seat of Andrew Hardie McCulloch, junior, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Andrew Hardie McCulloch, junior, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Albury Lands Office—Lands sold by Auction, and taken up by Conditional Purchasers:—
Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many acres of land have been sold by auction at the Albury Lands Office from 1865 to 1885 inclusive, together with the amount realised for same?

(2.) How many acres of land have been taken up by conditional and additional conditional purchasers, the amount realised for same, including interest, the number of acres forfeited and amount refunded thereon during same period?

(3.) The number of acres taken up by virtue of Volunteer Land Orders during same period?

(4.) The number of acres taken up by virtue of improvements, and amount realised for same during same period?

Mr. Inglis answered,—The information asked for cannot possibly be furnished at such short notice. If the Honorable Member will move for a Return of the particulars specified it can be supplied, although at a considerable cost for clerical labour, as the records of the Treasury Department must be examined in the case of every conditional purchase applied for at Albury during twenty-one years. Otherwise, an accurate statement cannot be given of the information required by part 2 of the question.

(2.)

(2.) Training Ship "Vernon":—*Mr. Stephen*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many prisoners in the various gaols of the Colony have been on the Training Ship "Vernon" for periods over twelve months; stating their offences and terms of imprisonment?
- (2.) How many convictions have been obtained during the past five years against former inmates of the Training Ship "Vernon"?
- (3.) How many former inmates of the "Vernon" have been convicted of offences against the person, murder, manslaughter, unnatural offences, rape, or indecent assault?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I am not in possession of the necessary particulars to enable me to answer these questions. The Superintendent reports that, out of over 2,000 boys who have been inmates of the Institution, it is probable that some have gone astray; but the percentage will be found to be very small. He considers that questions such as these injure the poor lads, by prejudicing persons against giving them employment.

(3.) Railway from Dubbo to Bourke:—*Mr. Day* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the distance by rail from Dubbo to Bourke?
- (2.) What amount of money (including wages and the cost of material) has been expended in keeping this line in working order from the 1st March, 1887, to the 1st March, 1888?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) 225 miles 23 chains.
- (2.) This information will be obtained, and the Honorable Member informed.

(4.) Railway Earnings and Cost of Working:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the amount of the railway earnings per train per mile during the years 1885, 1886, and 1887?
- (2.) What is the cost of working our railways per mile during the same period, viz., 1885, 1886, and 1887?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Earnings per train mile—1885, 78·61d.; 1886, 80·01d.; 1887, 81·89d.
- (2.) Working expenses per average mile open—1885, £876·56; 1886, £834·07; 1887, £753·17.

(5.) Appointment of Police Magistrate for Parramatta:—*Mr. Melville* asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he carry out the Resolution of this House, carried on the 18th March, 1885, viz.:—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications received during the months of October, November, and December, 1884, for the appointment of a Police Magistrate for the Borough of Parramatta?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I find that there was only one application to this Department for the appointment, namely, from *Mr. Samuel Robinson*, Police Magistrate at Young, and a copy of this application will be laid upon the Table of the House to-morrow.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Correspondence by Cable between the Colonial Treasurer and the Acting Agent-General, in reference to the floating of a Loan of three and a half millions of Inscribed Stock.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report on Prisons for 1887.
- (2.) Letters of Registration of Inventions for 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Cost of Wood-paving in the City and Suburbs.

Ordered to be printed.

5. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND SALE AND DEDICATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Burns*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 48.

In accordance with the provisions of 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 expenditure in connection with a Bill "to authorize the formation of a street in lieu of Queen-street, in the city of Sydney, to declare Queen-street vested in the Commissioner for Railways, and to provide for the sale and dedication of certain lands resumed for tramway purposes."

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd April, 1888.

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

6. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, *Mr. Speaker* nominated *Albert John Gould*, Esquire, to act for this day only.

7. BILLS OF SALE ACT AMENDING BILL:—*Mr. Day* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Sale*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 29th May.

8. SYDNEY HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL:—*Mr. McMillan* presented a Petition from certain Residents of Sydney, representing that Petitioners are in favour of this Bill, and praying the House to sanction it, and not arm the City Council with power to appropriate the funds of the citizens to any such speculative enterprise as that of entering upon the business of supplying the citizens with hydraulic power.

Petition received.

9. **HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANIES BILLS**:—Mr. Kethel presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Sydney, stating objections to Hydraulic Power Companies Bills; and praying the House not to pass any such Bill into law until the Petitioners have had due and sufficient opportunity for considering the same.
At the request of Mr. Kethel, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
10. **SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) *Mr. Frank Smith*, for Mr. Brunker, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the supply of motive power on the high-pressure hydraulic system, for use on wharves, in warehouses, and other buildings, and for the extinguishing of fires and other purposes, in the city of Sydney and its suburbs.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Smith having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to facilitate the supply of motive power on the High-pressure Hydraulic System for use on wharves in warehouses and other buildings and for the extinguishing of fires and other purposes in the City of Sydney and its Suburbs,*"—read a first time.
11. **TRADE MARKS AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Trade Marks Act of 1865," and to make more effective provision for the prevention of frauds with respect to Trade Marks.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Trade Marks Act of 1865,' and to make more effective provision for the prevention of frauds with respect to Trade Marks,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. **TATTERSALL'S CLUB BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hassall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Hassall, 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 *Mr. Gould* reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Hassall, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. **SILVERTON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Day moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Day, 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 *Mr. Gould* reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Day, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
14. **SYDNEY HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrard moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Stephen,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Penzer,
Mr. W. J. Allen,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Gale.
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Hurley.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Brunker,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Kethel.

Tellers,

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hawthorne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Garrard, 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 *Mr. Gould* reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday, 26th June.

Question proposed,—That leave be given to sit again on Tuesday, 26th June.

Debate ensued.

And

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 25th April, 1888.

15. VINE DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 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 enlarge the powers conferred by, and amend, the 'Vine Diseases Act, 1886.'*"
 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 enlarge the powers conferred by, and amend, the 'Vine Diseases Act, 1886.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 1st May, 1888.*

16. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 26th April, relative to the amendments made in this Bill.
 Mr. Dibbs 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 laid aside."
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY, 1888, A.M.

- Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and passed.
 Original Question then put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole accordingly.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Gould* reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
17. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly, at nineteen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

• JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board :—Mr. Day asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many persons in the Civil Service sent in applications for the position of Secretary to the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board?
(2.) What are their names, what salary does each one receive, and how long has each one been in the Civil Service?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The applications for this office, which strictly come under that designation, were four. There were about four other gentlemen who verbally gave us to understand that they would be prepared to accept the office, and there was one gentleman who withdrew altogether, and declines to have his name mentioned. The answer furnished to me from the records of the office is as follows :—

- (1.) Four.
(2.) R. Bloxsome (formerly Private Secretary to the Governor); Harry Addington Unwin, £280 a year, nine years' service; Arthur A. Docker, £525 a year, twenty-one years' service; C. R. Burnside, £600 a year, temporary. So that it will be seen that two of these gentlemen were already receiving salaries much higher than the salary attached to this office.
(2.) Board of Technical Education :—Mr. Kethel asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the leases of the principal premises now occupied by the Board of Technical Education for teaching purposes, expire in October next, and cannot be renewed except on terms very unfavourable to the Board?
(2.) If so, will the Government, in view of the urgent necessity for better accommodation for the many and increasing classes under the Board, take steps to provide other premises or land on which suitable premises can be erected, for carrying on the operations of the Board on the expiration of the present leases?
(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this Session for the incorporation of the Board of Technical Education, or to adopt other means for the promotion and extension of technical education in the Colony?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) In respect to question 1, the Government is aware that the lease of the buildings occupied by the Board of Technical Education will expire in October next.
(2.) The subject embraced by the second question is now engaging the attention of the Government.
(3.) The Government is desirous of effecting improvement in the system of technical education, with the object of rendering it more sound, more productive of good in its operations, and more popular; but I cannot promise to introduce a Bill to deal with the matter before the next Session.
(3.) Master of New School, Pitt-row, Parramatta :—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) The name, classification, and length of service of each of the applicants for mastership of the new school lately opened at Pitt-row, Parramatta?
(2.) Were there any special claims or qualifications of the successful applicant to warrant his obtaining the appointment in preference to teachers having longer service, and holding as high, and in some cases higher, certificates, and of at least equal ability?
(3.) Is it a fact that the successful applicant failed before obtaining his present classification?

Mr.

Mr. Inglis answered,—

Name.	Classification.	Length of Service.
(1.) Mr. George D. Riley	2 A	Served since 25 October, 1869.
Mr. Thomas Dwyer	2 A	1 April, 1870.
Mr. John Walker	2 A	1 July, 1876.
Mr. Sydney Byrnes	2 A	3 September, 1877.
Mr. Thomas Chapman	2 A	1 January, 1878.
Mr. Henry Lovell	2 A	1 January, 1879.
Mr. Jonathan Sharp	2 B	1862.
Mr. Thomas Taylor	2 B	— January, 1868.
Mr. James Gillies	2 B	12 March, 1875.
Mr. Henry Wheeler	2 B	1 September, 1880.
Mr. Harvey Murray	3 A	Served 14 years and 8 months; services not continuous.

(2.) Yes; but very strong representations were made to me by my responsible officers of severe family bereavement that had befallen this gentleman, leaving him with children of very delicate and tender age; also, that his wife's relations lived close to Parramatta. These circumstances, in connection with his long service, high attainments, and practical skill as a teacher, although he had not the same length of service as other applicants, weighed with me in making the appointment.

(3.) It is a fact that he, as well as other applicants, failed before obtaining their present classifications.

(4.) Centenary Celebrations:—Mr. Creer asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House a detailed account, showing how the sum of £26,000 was spent in connection with the Centenary Celebrations?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have given instructions for the preparation of the Return, and in all likelihood will lay it upon the Table to-morrow.

(5.) Resumption of Land—High School, Elizabeth-street; Public School, Castlereagh-street:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Withers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House in the form of a Return, the following information:—

(1.) The date of payment for the resumption of the properties bounded by the north side of Market-street, west of Elizabeth-street, and east side of Castlereagh-street?

(2.) The purchase money for same?

(3.) The amount expended in the erection on the property of the Public School?

(4.) The cost of alterations and repairs to the building used as a High School?

(5.) The amount received from rentals up to date?

(6.) The present revenue from the properties, clear of all taxes?

Mr. Roberts answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return, I will lay the papers upon the Table.

(6.) Auburn Park Road Trust:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he read the papers in connection with the Auburn Park Road Trust, which were laid upon the Table of the House on 20th March, 1883?

(2.) Has his attention been directed to a letter addressed to the Commissioner for Roads by Mr. Miller on the 2nd July, 1887, in which he (Mr. Miller) makes a serious charge against the trustees; and further, has it been pointed out to him that Mr. Miller's report is most inconsistent?

(3.) Will he call upon Mr. Miller for an explanation of the charges he has made against the trustees?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I have seen the papers, and have instructed the Commissioner for Roads to ask Mr. Miller for an explanation.

(7.) Buildings rented for Post and Telegraph Offices:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Ryrie, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) How many buildings are rented for conjoint post and telegraph offices, with the annual rent and names of owners, for the last five years?

(2.) How many post and telegraph offices are worked separately, with the annual rental of building for each, the name of owner, and the revenue derived for the last five years?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member is very voluminous, and will take considerable time to prepare. I would suggest to the honorable gentleman that he should move for a Return, asking for the desired information, in the usual way, and I shall be very happy to furnish it as soon as possible.

(8.) Iron Cove and Parramatta River Bridges—Field of Mars Common:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When the Return ordered by this House on the 29th April, 1887, showing the total amount received by the Government for sale of the Field of Mars Common, the quantity and estimated value of portions of the Common, and the expenses attending sale and survey of same, will be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Roberts answered,—A Return was moved for in April, 1887, and it was partly satisfied by a Return laid upon the Table of the House on 5th July last. The balance of the information will be supplied at an early date.

2. RESUMPTION OF EDWARD IRBY'S LAND AT BLUFF RIVER:—*Mr. Lee* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order, "Resumption of Land and Buildings, the Property of Edward Irby, on Bluff River," laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on 5th July, 1887, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Resumption of Edward Irby's Land at Bluff River." Question put and passed.

3. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—*Sir Henry Parkes* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence for three months be granted to Angus Cameron, Esquire, Member for Kiama, and Chairman of Committees, on account of serious illness. Question put and passed.

4. WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-SERGEANT OF POLICE:—Dr. Ross presented a petition from William Stafford, in reference to his dismissal from the Police Force, and praying for an investigation into the matter.
Petition received.
5. PAPERS:—
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Annual Report on the Military Forces of the Colony for 1887.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Annex XVII to Report of Minister of Public Instruction on Education for 1887—(To be added to *Minister's Report laid upon the Table on 25th April, 1888*).
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 18th March, 1885—
“Police Magistrate for Parramatta.”
Ordered to be printed.
6. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND SALE AND DEDICATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns 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 authorize the formation of a street in lieu of Queen-street, in the city of Sydney, to declare Queen-street vested in the Commissioner for Railways, and to provide for the sale and dedication of certain lands resumed for tramway purposes.
Question put and passed.
7. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruncker moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Sydney and Suburban Hydraulic Power Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Creer, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Day, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Garland, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Melville, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Wall, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
8. TATTERSALL'S CLUB BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Hassall, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Hassall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to enable the members of Tattersall's Club to sue and be sued in the name of its Chairman, to alter its existing Rules, and in other respects to carry out the objects of the Club.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the members of Tattersall's Club to sue and be sued in the name of its Chairman, to alter its existing Rules, and in other respects to carry out the objects of the Club.*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd May, 1888.*
9. SILVERTON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to amend the 'Silvertown Tramway Act of 1886.'*”
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 'Silvertown Tramway Act of 1886.'*”—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, 2nd May, 1888.*
10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Fuel Bill postponed until Tuesday, 29th May.
11. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Jacob Garrard, Esquire, to act for this day only.
12. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS 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 the Legislative Council's Message of 26th April, relative to the amendments made in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported that the Committee—
Had agreed to the Council's amendment in clause 27, which proposed to insert new subsection in lieu of that disagreed to by the Assembly.
Had not insisted upon its disagreement to the Council's amendment in clause 47, which omitted subsection (III).

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the report be now adopted.

Point

Point of Order :—Mr. Moore submitted that the Council had exceeded its powers, by inserting in clause 27 a new subsection which indirectly increased the charges upon the people.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment referred to could not properly be considered as an infringement of the rights of this House.

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

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 26th April, 1888, in reference to the Government Railways Bill,—

Agrees to the Council's amendment in clause 27, which proposes to insert new subsection in lieu of that disagreed to by the Assembly.

Does not insist upon its disagreement to the Council's amendment in clause 47, which omits subsection (III).

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd May, 1888, a.m.*

Question put and passed.

13. CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE 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 empower the Trustees of certain lands situated in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on which is erected the Christian Chapel, to sell such land, and to apply the proceeds for the benefit of the said Trust,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd May, 1888.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fourteen minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 MAY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Blackfriar's Estate:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Withers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Government recently had the condition of the streets and lanes in the Blackfriar's Estate brought under their notice, with a view to their completion in accordance with the plan of subdivision, which is understood to be at variance with the present Corporation Act?

(2.) In view of the alleged loss to owners of property on this estate, as well as on sanitary grounds, will the Government, with the least possible delay, introduce a Bill to legalize the present plan of subdivision?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The subdivision of the land was made in contravention of the Act requiring streets and lanes to be of a certain width. Unless the subdivision, in accordance with which it is understood sales have been made, is legalized, the streets cannot be formed.

(2.) Duplicating Line between Parramatta and Penrith:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to questions Nos. 1 and 2, which were answered by the Secretary for Public Works on the 12th April last, can he say,—

(1.) Has Professor Warren, C.E., been appointed to inquire into and report upon the condition of the iron bridges between Parramatta and Penrith?

(2.) If so, will he lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the instructions to Professor Warren?

(3.) Has Professor Warren been instructed to inquire into and report upon the state of the road laid with the hydra-headed rails, and into the state of the rails and of the steel sleepers supporting them?

(4.) If not, will he give instructions to Professor Warren, or other qualified expert, to thoroughly examine into and report upon the condition of the road laid with the hydra-headed rails, and the condition of the rails and the sleepers supporting them?

(5.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of Mr. Townsend's original designs and estimates for the iron bridge for duplicating the line from Parramatta to Penrith, and also copies of the drawings of the additions which it was necessary to make to the girders, in order to strengthen them, before or after they were erected?

(6.) What was the estimated cost and weight of the girders, as originally designed by Mr. Townsend, and the actual cost and weight of those erected?

(7.) After Professor Warren has reported upon the iron bridges, will the Minister again answer the questions which were asked on the 12th ultimo?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the letter sent to Professor Warren, asking him to make the inspection.

(3.) No.

(4.) It is not considered necessary; the road is reported to be in good order.

(5.) There will be no objection if moved for in the usual way.

(6.) Estimated weight, 675 tons; cost, £11,475. Actual weight, 699½ tons; cost, £12,977.

(7.) Professor Warren on the iron bridges has no connection with the questions asked on the 12th April, which had reference only to hydra-headed rails.

(3.)

- (3.) Railway Employés, Bathurst:—Mr. Cortis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—On what date does he propose to commence the promised alteration in the method of paying the Railway employés at Bathurst?

Mr. Roberts answered,—In all probability, on Thursday, the 17th instant.

- (4.) Sub-Inspector Bell and Detective Tindall:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it true that three respectable persons were present and heard Sub-Inspector Bell accuse Detective Tindall of having been “squared” by Foley?
 - (2.) Is it not also a fact that these three persons have since sent in letters to the Inspector-General of Police in confirmation of this statement that Bell did accuse Tindall of having been “squared” by Foley?
 - (3.) Under these circumstances is it the intention of the Government to take any further steps to clear up the truth or falsehood of the accusation; if so, what and when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) I am informed by the Acting Inspector-General of Police that three persons stated they were present and heard the alleged accusation. Two of them were defendants in the case of the Police against Foley and ten others, who were charged, two with having fought a prize fight, and the others with aiding and abetting in the fight. The alleged accusation arose in connection with this case.
- (2.) Written statements were obtained by Detective Tindall from the three persons and forwarded to the Acting Inspector-General of Police.
- (3.) It is not intended to take any further steps.

- (5.) Appointment of Frederick Cavanough and J. J. Holt to Railway Department:—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. Hassall*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the date of appointment of Frederick Cavanough in the Railway Department?
- (2.) What was the date of his application for position of Officer-in-charge at Carlton?
- (3.) What was the date of appointment of J. J. Holt in the Railway Department?
- (4.) What was the date of his application for position of Officer-in-charge at Carlton?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) 20th November, 1879.
- (2.) 24th August, 1886.
- (3.) 2nd April, 1879. *Mr. Holt* was previously employed, but resigned in February, 1878.
- (4.) *Mr. Holt* did not apply for the position of Officer-in-charge at Carlton.

- (6.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Broken Hill:—*Mr. Hurley* asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) When is it probable that proper accommodation will be provided for the public at Broken Hill?
- (2.) Is he aware that the premises now being erected for post and telegraph offices are totally inadequate for a population numbering some 12,000, and will he make arrangements to secure a building equal to the requirements, taking into consideration the probable permanency of the field?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Acting under my instructions, *Mr. Inspector Davies* recently visited Broken Hill, and, with reference to the Honorable Member's questions, has furnished me with the following report:—“The temporary premises recently completed at Broken Hill afford ample accommodation for both post and telegraph purposes. Around the front and one side of the building there is a large verandah 8 feet wide. Inside the post office there is ample space for the public to transact Money Order and Government Savings Bank business, and also for the sorting and making up of mails. There is a window provided for the sale of stamps, and two large delivery windows. 105 private letter-boxes are available for the public, and 35 more have been ordered. In the telegraph office there is an ample lobby for the use of the public when writing telegrams, and there is plenty of space for the operators and the instruments. Of course there is not the accommodation that there would be in a permanent building, arranged specially for post and telegraph purposes; but until such a building can be erected the present accommodation will be sufficient, even allowing for a considerable increase of business.”

- (7.) Stock and Pastures Bill:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Stokes*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Will he proceed this Session with the “Stock and Pastures Bill”?
- (2.) If not, will he (at the end of the Session) lay the Bill upon the Table of the House, that it may be subject to public discussion during the recess?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In the absence of my honorable colleague, the Secretary for Mines, I may say that I had a conversation with him on this subject this morning, and I know what his answer would be if he were here. It is that he would not be prepared to proceed with this Bill this Session, but that he will be quite prepared to place it before the House, so that it may be seen by the House and the public.

- (8.) Technical Education:—*Mr. Martin*, for *Mr. Reid*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has he prepared a scheme for altering the present system of technical education; if so, has he any objection to lay the same upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Inglis answered,—Any definite change that may be decided upon will be communicated to the House. The whole matter is at present engaging attention.

- (9.) Government Ferries:—*Mr. Bowes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of revenue derived from sale of leases of Government Ferries for years 1885, 1886, and 1887?
- (2.) The like information with regard to Ferries worked by the Department?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) For 1885, £2,274 12s. 6d.; for 1886, £2,368 1s. 8d.; for 1887, £2,627 14s.
- (2.) For 1885, £4,098 3s. 9d.; for 1886, £3,944 4s.; for 1887, £3,667 13s. 2d.

2. HUNTER STREET NEWCASTLE EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. Fletcher, 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 29th February, 1888, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fletcher then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 12th June.

Question put and passed.

3. BROKEN HILL AND SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Day, 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 April, 1888, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Day then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 15th May.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Prospect and Sherwood.

(2.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Inverell.

(3.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for 1887.

(4.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Corporation of the City of Sydney for the years 1885, 1886, and 1887 respectively.

(5.) Return to an Address adopted on the 24th April, 1888—"Case of the Queen v. Bowler."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 26th April, 1888—"Conditional Purchases."

(2.) Amended Regulation No. 39, and Amended Form No. 6, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Return to an Order made on the 20th March, 1888—"Conditional Purchase of Zachary Benn."

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Return to an Order made on the 17th November, 1887—"Mr. John Roche Ardill."

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Copy of instructions issued to Professor Warren to inquire and report upon the condition of the Iron Bridges between Parramatta and Penrith.

Ordered to be printed.

5. FOREST VALE SCHOOL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes and correspondence in reference to the sale of the Forest Vale school building and land.
Question put and passed.

6. SWAMP-STREET, DOUBLE BAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, plans, reports and other papers connected with the proposed alienation of 3 acres, more or less, known as Swamp-street, Double Bay.
Question put and passed.

7. POLICE MAGISTRATE FOR PARRAMATTA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell 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 papers, applications, &c., in connection with the appointment of a Police Magistrate for Parramatta.
Question put and passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Vaughn rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "in order to call attention to statements made in the public Press, reflecting upon the administration of justice."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. Vaughn moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Ninian McIlville, Esquire, to act for this day only.

10. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN SEMPILL'S ESTATES BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. William Clarke, 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 Mr. Melville reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Clarke, 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 provide for the Distribution of certain Funds among certain Creditors in respect of claims by them against Insolvent Estates formerly assigned to Robert Hamilton Sempill, late Official Assignee.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 3rd May, 1888.

11. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 MAY, 1888, A.M.,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Melville* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Melville also reported that the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Melville* (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:—

(6.) *Resolved*,—That, towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be an annual tax assessed, levied, and paid, on and in respect of all lands in New South Wales (with such exceptions as may be prescribed) for every twenty shillings of their unimproved value, where such value shall exceed the sum of five hundred pounds, the sum of one half-penny in the pound, from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

12. **LAND TAX BILL**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 6, to impose a Land Tax, to establish an Authority to assess and collect such Tax, and to make other provisions in connection with such Tax.

(2.) Mr. Burns then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to impose a Land Tax, to establish an Authority to assess and collect such Tax, and to make other provisions in connection with such Tax*,”—which was read a first time.

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

13. **CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to Appeals from Summary Convictions, under the ‘Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883,’ in certain cases*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 3rd May, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President

Bill, on motion of Mr. William Clarke, read a first time.

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

14. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—

(1.) The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 2, and 4 to 11 inclusive, postponed until Tuesday next.

(2.) The Orders of the Day of General Business, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, postponed until Tuesday next.

15. **KIAMA TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Fletcher* (in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Cameron) moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, 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 *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

The House adjourned, at fourteen minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 MAY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Electric Telegraph Department:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Postmaster General,—Referring to his answers to Question No. 4 by Mr. Schey, on 25th April last, will he say,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in discharging Curran, Mr. Rutherford gave him a good reference, certifying that he had always found Curran steady and attentive to his work?

(2.) If it be a fact, how does he reconcile it with the answer referred to above, in which it is stated that Curran was dismissed for misconduct?

(3.) Will he cause some further inquiry to be made into this matter?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Curran applied to Rutherford, in his private capacity, for a reference, and the latter, having no desire to prevent Curran from obtaining employment, gave him a certificate to the effect that he was a good workman, and steady.

(2.) Although Curran was finally discharged for carelessness, yet he had not always manifested that character, and Rutherford, prompted by feelings of generosity, did what he could to help Curran to obtain other employment.

(3.) Under the circumstances, it does not appear to be necessary to make any further inquiries with regard to this matter, unless, in view of the statement now made, the Honorable Member wishes me to do so.

- (2.) Public Education:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. F. Jago Smith, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What is the cost to the State, per pupil, for the years 1886 and 1887, of the children educated in—(1) Ordinary Public Schools; (2) Superior Public Schools; (3) The High Schools?

Mr. Inglis answered,—The total cost to the State per pupil, for the years 1886 and 1887, of the children educated was:—

	1886.			1887.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
In ordinary Public Schools, for the year's enrolment	3	8	9	3	4	11
In ordinary Public Schools, for the average attendance	5	17	6	5	13	6
In Superior Public Schools, for the year's enrolment	2	6	4	2	0	1
In Superior Public Schools, for the average attendance	4	0	0	3	9	4
In High Schols, for the year's enrolment	5	4	5	5	6	9
In High Schools, for the average attendance	7	6	5	7	13	0

- (3.) Forfeited Selection of John Harrison, of Lismore:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the papers in the case of the forfeited selection of John Harrison, of Lismore, be laid upon the Table of this House?

(2.) Is he aware that special circumstances surround this case, which will probably be the subject of an inquiry by a Select Committee of this House?

(3.) Has he any objection to suspend further action until the report is received from the Select Committee?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) In the course of next week.

(2 and 3.) I am not aware of any special circumstances that would warrant me in taking any action to arrest the course determined upon in accordance with law.

(4.)

- (4.) Prospect Reservoir:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any settlement taken place in the Prospect Dam; and, if so, what is the extent?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Speaking on behalf of the Secretary for Public Works, the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers has supplied him with the following information with respect to this matter; but, before I read his report, I may mention that my colleague has personally inspected the work, and is disposed to concur with *Mr. Moriarty*; but, recognizing the great importance of the matter, he has, by way of additional precaution, directed the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways and the Engineer-in-Chief and Commissioner for Roads to visit the locality and furnish him with reports which, when received, shall be laid upon the Table. If he finds it necessary, he intends also to seek advice of experts outside the Colony. *Mr. Moriarty's* report reads as follows:—"The settlement which has taken place for a short length—about 200 feet, and for a depth of about 3 feet 10 inches—of the Prospect Dam is not of a serious nature, or such as is calculated to endanger the safety of the work; and it has only taken place at a shallow part of the dam. Settlement, to a greater or less degree, is always looked for in earthen dams, and an allowance is always made for it. In the Prospect Dam, an allowance of 5 per cent. in the height has been made for subsidence, which has been shown to be amply sufficient on the other parts of the dam, and even in the body of the dam at this place; but on the water-face some of the slope has moved forward, allowing the puddle to subside; but there is every reason to believe that it has in no way injured the solidity of the mass, and that it now only requires re-filling to its original height to make the dam perfect. It may also be desirable to load the toe in front of the subsidence with some stone, as a matter of precaution. The settlement is only on the upper part of the inner or water-face of the dam, but there has not been the slightest movement on the other side."

- (5.) Iron Bridges—Government Ferries:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for *Mr. Bowes*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The cost of construction of all iron bridges used for vehicular traffic in the Colony?
- (2.) The annual cost and maintenance of such bridges?
- (3.) The annual cost of working Government ferries by the Department for the years 1885, 1886, and 1887?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The information is being obtained, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return, at the earliest possible date.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill:—

- (1.) By *Mr. Hurley*—From William Evans, Worthy Chief Templar of the Light in the Valley Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Lithgow.
 - (2.) By *Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Cameron*—From James Graham, as Chairman of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 279, of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Jamberoo.
At the request of *Mr. Henson*, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*.
 - (3.) By *Mr. Woodward*—From Alfred Bessell, as Chairman of the Beacon of Light Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Wollongong.
 - (4.) By *Mr. Woodward*—From David McDonald, as Chairman of the Miners' Friend Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Fairy Meadow.
- Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Annual Report on the Sydney Grammar School for 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption of Land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, in the parish of Kempsey, county of Macquarie, required in connection with the construction of a Public Wharf near Frederickton, Macleay River.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 7th March, 1888—"Conditional Purchases of James C. Stevenson."

(2.) Return (*in completion*) to an Order made on the 29th April, 1887—"Iron Cove and Parramatta River Bridges—Field of Mars Common."

Ordered to be printed.

4. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, *Mr. Speaker* nominated *Jacob Garrard*, Esquire, to act for this day only.

5. RESUMPTION OF EDWARD IRBY'S LAND AT BLUFF RIVER:—*Mr. Thompson* (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That his name be discharged from the Select Committee now sitting on "Resumption of Edward Irby's Land at Bluff River."
Question put and passed.

6. KIAMA TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Fletcher*, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fletcher then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the 'Kiama Tramway Act of 1883.'*"

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 'Kiama Tramway Act of 1883.'*"—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, 8th May, 1888.

7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
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| (1.) Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;— | } until Tuesday,
5th June. |
| (2.) Original Grants of Land Boundaries Bill; to be further considered in Committee;— | |
| (3.) Free Railway Passes to ex-Members of the Legislative Assembly; resumption of the adjourned Debate;— | |
| (4.) Sydney Hydraulic Power Company's Bill; resumption of the Debate;—until Thursday next. | |
8. **CIVIL SERVICE ACT**:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the provisions of the Civil Service Act which relate to allowances and gratuities are unsatisfactory, and should be altered.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
9. **THOMAS THOMPSON'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, MADE AT MOAMA**:—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That the report of the Select Committee on "Thomas Thompson's Conditional Purchase, made at Moama," brought up on the 1st December, 1887, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Dibbs,	} Tellers, Mr. Creer, Mr. Chanter.
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Fletcher,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. W. J. Allen,	
Mr. O'Mara,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Day.	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Chapman,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ivce,
Mr. Carruthers,	Dr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Wise,	} Tellers, Mr. Garland, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Martin,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. **POSTAGE ON CORRESPONDENCE RE-DIRECTED FOR MEMBERS**:—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all Departmental and other correspondence addressed to Members of Parliament, and delivered at Parliament House, and upon which postage has been paid, should bear no further charge, when occasion requires such correspondence to be re-directed and forwarded to Members at their private residences.
Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 25th April, 1888.

11. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—Mr. Burns moved, That the Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, be postponed, and stand next after Order No. 4.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
Point of Order:—Mr. Slattery submitted, as a Point of Order, that the Estimates of Expenditure were improperly before the House, inasmuch as the salaries therein shown were lower than those provided for by the Civil Service Act and the Civil Service Act Amendment Act.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker said that the Estimates were merely proposals by the Government for the consideration of the House, and preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill. It is for Parliament to grant, refuse, or reduce the amounts asked for therein. He ruled that the Estimates were properly before the House.
On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the decision of the House had been given thereon.
Mr. Garrard stated that, in the Committee of Supply, the item, £1,064, Supplement to Schedule B—Pensions, was under consideration, and the Honorable Member for Wentworth, Mr. J. P. Abbott, proceeded to discuss items in Schedules A, B, and C, to which course objection was taken, and that he, Mr. Garrard, gave his opinion that the items in the Schedules were not open to discussion, as they were already provided by Acts of Parliament.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker ruled that the items in the Schedules referred to were not shown for the purpose of being voted, but for the information of Honorable Members, and were not open for discussion. He therefore agreed with the opinion given by the Deputy Chairman.
On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the Committee resumed.

And

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY, 1888, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and *Mr. Garrard* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

13. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY, 1888.

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

TATTERSALL'S CLUB BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—;

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Message No. 49.

*Lieutenant-Governor.**By Deputation from the Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the members of Tattersall's Club to sue and be sued in the name of its Chairman, to alter its existing Rules, and in other respects to carry out the objects of the Club.*"—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 now transmits it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House.**Sydney, 4th May, 1888.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Prosecutions under Public Instruction Act:—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. Hassall*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) The number of prosecutions under the Public Instruction Act to date during the present year?

(2.) The number of convictions, withdrawals, and dismissals at each Police Court?

Mr. Burns answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table the information asked for by the Honorable Member, in the form of a Return.

(2.) Electoral Rolls:—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that names of persons are being put upon, or have been placed on, the Electoral Rolls for the Electoral Districts of Sydney and its suburbs who have no qualifications to entitle such names to be on such Rolls?

(2.) Is it a fact that upon the Roll for the East Sydney Electorate alone there are nearly 1,000 names of persons who are alleged to be qualified as members of clubs in the city?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Secretary of the Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Society, or any other person, sent in an application recently to the Clerk of Petty Sessions of the Water Police Office, to have 2,288 persons, being the members of that society, placed on the Roll for the Electoral District of East Sydney?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Acting Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) No; the Collectors of the Rolls use their best endeavours to ascertain that persons possess the necessary legal qualification before entering their names on the Roll.

(2.) The names of about 1,000 persons are on the Electoral Roll for East Sydney who claim to be entitled to vote on the ground of possessing an interest in the property of the clubs of which they are members of the annual value of £10. The claims of members of clubs to be placed on the Electoral Lists were disputed many years ago, but the magistrates revising the Lists admitted their claim.

(3.) The Clerk of Petty Sessions of the Water Police Court received an application from the society named, to place nearly 2,000 names on the Roll, but it was not granted.

I desire to add to these answers that, in my judgment, this is a practice that ought to be put a stop to.

(3.)

(3.) Electoral Rolls:—*Mr. Lyne*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that in consequence of the subdivision of large areas of land in many of the suburban Electoral Districts the Electoral Rolls for many of those districts have been increased?

(2.) Is it a fact that the collectors of the Rolls in the suburban Electoral Districts have, for a long time past, placed on the Rolls the names of all the persons who have become purchasers of land in such subdivisions, irrespective of the value of those purchases, and in contravention of the Electoral Act?

(3.) Have the Government yet had under their consideration a Bill to reform the Electoral Laws?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Acting Inspector-General of Police that the Electoral Rolls have been increased in all the metropolitan suburban Electorates from the cause stated.

(2.) The Collectors of the Rolls in the suburban Electoral Districts have placed on the Rolls only such persons as were, as far as could be ascertained, the freeholders or leaseholders of lands of the required value to entitle them to vote under the provisions of sub-section No. 2 of section No. 9 of the Electoral Act.

(3.) The Government have frequently had under their consideration a Bill for making changes in the representative system of the country.

(4.) Roads obstructed by fences of Edward Kendell Crace:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the road leading from the village of Hall, through Glenwood, to parish of Wallaroo, and which was opened by a properly authorized officer of the Government, is again obstructed by fences of Edward Kendell Crace?

(2.) Is it a fact that the reserved road leading from Main Gininderra and Gundaroo Road, in the parish of Canberra, to camping reserve No. 3, near Gungahleen, is obstructed by fences of Edward Kendell Crace?

(3.) Is it a fact that the deviation which he recently stated in the House had been given to the residents in lieu of the Gungahleen Road is obstructed by fences of Edward Kendell Crace?

(4.) Is it a fact that the reserved and only practicable road of access from George Gillespie's 320 acres conditional purchase, in the parish of Goorooyaroo, to a main road, is obstructed by fences of Edward Kendell Crace?

(5.) Does Edward Kendell Crace hold any special authority from the Minister in the matter of closing whatever roads he pleases, to the detriment and inconvenience of his neighbours and the general public?

(6.) If not, will he at once take the necessary steps to compel Mr. Crace to remove his fences from the whole of the roads mentioned?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) It is not known that the road is obstructed.

(2.) If the reserve referred to be the one situate on the Main Yass and Queanbeyan Road, there is no road leading to it from the Canberra and Gundaroo Road.

(3.) The Department are not aware of any obstructions on this road other than three public gates.

(4.) This road is a continuation of that referred to in question No. 3, which has been provided when the land was measured for alienation; and it is not known that there are any obstructions upon it.

(5.) No.

(6.) The Crown does not undertake to keep open roads that have been properly provided for the use of the public: the duty devolves upon the public who should maintain their rights.

(5.) Clerk of Petty Sessions at Murrumburrah:—*Mr. Gordon* asked the Minister of Justice,—Why *Mr. Charles Cutcliffe*, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Murrumburrah, has not been appointed to the Commission of the Peace, as solicited some months since by the Murrumburrah Progress Committee?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—It is not considered desirable to appoint Clerks of Petty Sessions to the Commission of the Peace, unless for very exceptional reasons, which are not patent in the case of *Mr. Cutcliffe*; and he was not therefore recommended by me for such appointment.

(6.) Case of *Dorn v. Dorn*:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Burdekin*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Has his attention been called to the fact that His Honor Mr. Justice Windeyer presided, on the 22nd March last, on the appeal in "*Dorn v. Dorn*," contrary to sec. 1, 48 Vic. No. 13 (*McLaughlin's Act*); and will he communicate with His Honor the Chief Justice to prevent *Mr. Justice Windeyer* taking part in its adjudication when the case comes before the Appeal Court?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—My attention has not been called to this matter, and I am informed by His Honor the Chief Justice that he has no such power as the question assumes.

(7.) Visiting Magistrate, Norfolk Island:—*Mr. Henson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that certain residents at Norfolk Island have complained, in writing, to the Colonial Secretary, charging the Visiting Magistrate with misconduct?

(2.) If true, what are the charges, and what action has been taken, or will be taken, in regard thereto?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A complaint was submitted on the 22nd December last, but withdrawn on the following day. The Chief Magistrate and a great majority of the inhabitants of the island forwarded very flattering testimonials in favour of the permanent retention of *Mr. Wilkinson's* services.

(8.) Miss Sutherland, Public School, Cooma:—*Mr. Colls*, for *Mr. Dawson*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that *Miss May Sutherland*, pupil-teacher at the Public School, Cooma, has been asked to resign her position because she attended the meetings of the Salvation Army?

(2.) Will he state by whom *Miss Sutherland* was reported to the Department?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) No; Miss Sutherland was informed that, if she did not conform to the Regulations of the Department, she would be called upon to resign her position as pupil-teacher. Clause 28 of "Instructions to Teachers" reads as follows:—"Teachers of all ranks are required to abstain from public discussions on political or religious topics, and from public controversy upon the merits of the system of education now in force, as also from acting as local preachers, lay-readers, or local correspondents of newspapers." Miss Sutherland was reported to have taken an active and prominent part in the proceedings of the Salvation Army, by preaching, open-air readings, and expatiating on the doctrines of the Army at open-air meetings, and by parading the streets almost nightly, playing a tambourine and singing.

(2.) She was reported by the principal teacher, through the local Inspector of Schools.

(9.) Rock Flat Public School:—*Mr. Colls*, for *Mr. Dawson*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is it a fact that since changing the site of the Rock Flat Public School, near Cooma, the pupils have considerably decreased in number?

(2.) Will he obtain a report from the Local Inspector on the matter?

Mr. Burns answered,

(1.) The school appears to have been opened in the new building last month. No reliable returns of attendance for the past four weeks are available.

(2.) The local Inspector will be asked to make inquiry and report upon the matter.

3. ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Garrett* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to declare valid an amended alignment of Essex-street, in the city of Sydney.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Garrett* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare valid an amended alignment of Essex-street, in the city of Sydney,*"—which was read a first time.

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

4. COMMISSIONS TO PROSECUTE FOR THE CROWN (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McElhone* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Commissions to prosecute for the Crown issued by the present Government (1st) at the Circuit Courts, (2nd) at Quarter Sessions, held by each barrister whose name appears in the Law Almanac for 1888, such barrister not being a Queen's Counsel, and not being, or having been, a Crown Prosecutor.

Question put and passed.

5. ROAD THROUGH GLENTHORNE AND PURFLEET, MANNING RIVER (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Sydney Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, petitions, plans, reports, and other papers, having reference to the application for a road through Glenthorne and Purfleet, Manning River.

Question put and passed.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Frank Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be granted to *Mr. J. S. Farnell*, one of the Members for Redfern, for a period of three months, on account of ill-health.

Question put and passed.

7. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, *Mr. Speaker* nominated *Albert John Gould, Esquire*, to act for this day only.

8. PAPERS:—*Mr. Burns* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Information respecting Prosecutions under the Compulsory Clause of the Public Instruction Act.

(2.) Statement of amounts paid, or passed for payment, on account of the Celebration of the Centenary, up to 30th April, 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

9. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—*Mr. Chanter* presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Moama and surrounding districts, protesting against the passage of the Land Bill now before the House; and praying that such a Bill will be passed into law as will enable the Petitioners to obtain portions of land on which to settle.

At the request of *Mr. Chanter*, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*, and received.

10. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—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 the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Gould* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

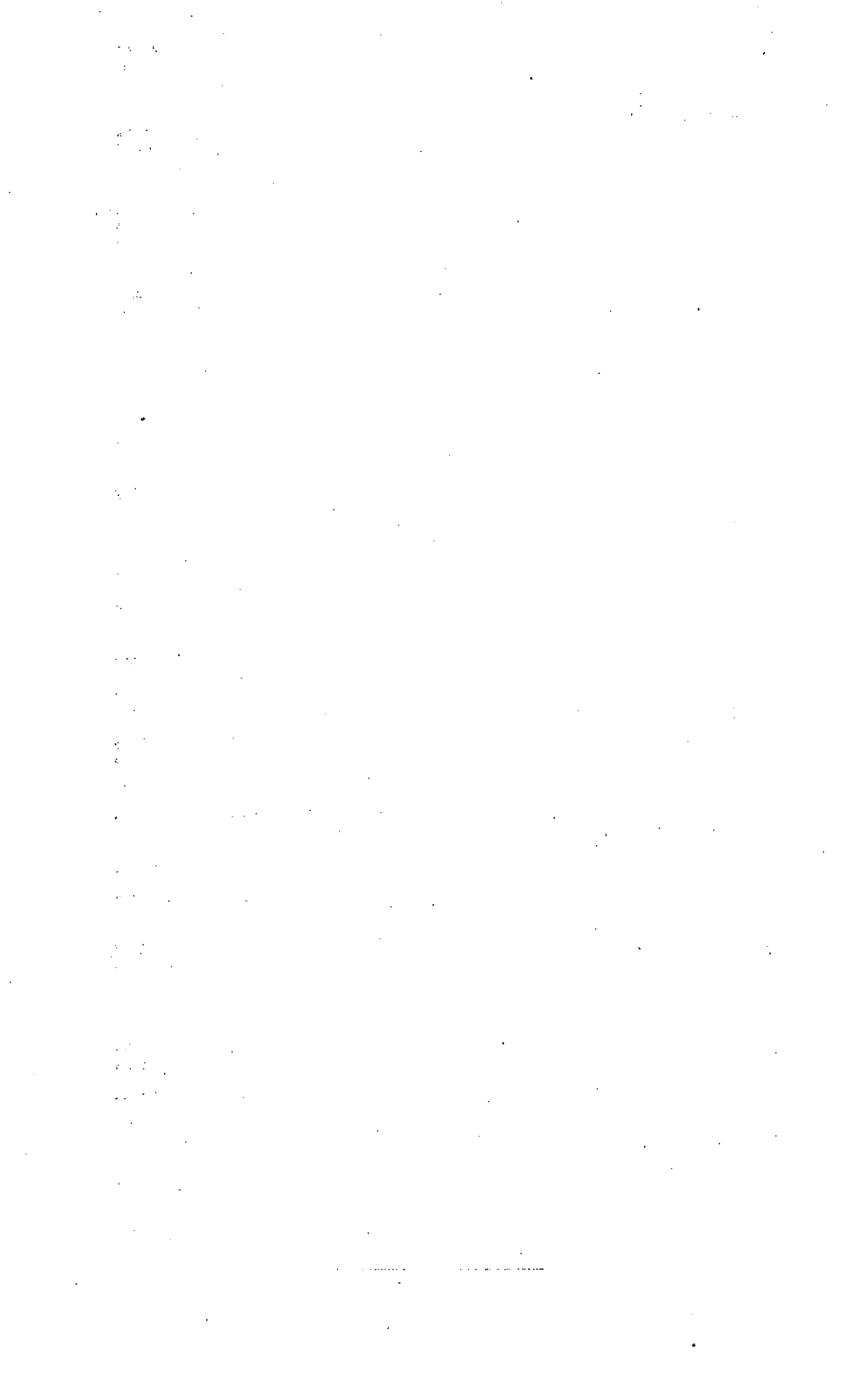
11. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Abigail* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 MAY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Local Land Boards:—Mr. Gornly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Local Land Boards have, in many instances, refused conditional purchasers and conditional lessees an extension of time to fence, although the applicants have shown good cause why an extension of time should be given?
- (2.) Where additional time has been granted, has the time been so short as to be of little benefit?
- (3.) Where Local Land Boards report that the conditions of fencing have not been fulfilled within the time provided, will he forfeit the land or make further inquiry with a view to granting relief?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No; only one case has come before the Appeal Court, and that was referred back to the Local Land Board for further consideration. Personally, I think extensions of time should be allowed by the Boards when reasonable grounds for such a course are shown. Of course, Honorable Members must know that under the law, as it stands, I have no power to direct or control the Boards; and I have not attempted in any way to exercise it, either in this matter or any other.
- (2.) I am unaware; but I may tell the honorable gentleman what I am aware of. When forfeitures have been sent down to me because the fencing conditions have not been fulfilled—they have not been many—I have always referred them back to the Board for further consideration. That is the only course I can take. Of course it is my duty as Minister to carry out the law; but my own individual opinion is that this fencing condition is a most unreasonable one, and, under the circumstances through which the people have passed during the last few years, it has been almost impossible to comply with it. That being my private opinion, though I have no executive power to interfere with what the Boards do, if a case comes to me for forfeiture for non-fulfilment of the conditions of fencing, I refer the case back to the Board; and I will go on referring them back until the law is altered.
- (3.) This is answered by what I have said in reply to No. 2.

(2.) Engaged Compartments in Railway Carriages:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that in the express train to Albury, on Wednesday, 2nd May, that one or more carriages were marked "engaged"?
- (2.) If so, who engaged them, how many compartments were marked "engaged," and did the persons who engaged them have the full number of tickets for each compartment?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that the doors of one compartment were closed, and that a porter-in-charge was very impudent to a person (a son of Mr. McElhone) who wanted a seat in it for Dr. Bellisario who was going to Melbourne, and refused to let him in until Mr. McElhone's son insisted on his doing so?
- (4.) Will he inquire into this matter, and punish, by dismissal, any Railway official or porter who take it on themselves to allow persons to occupy compartments, and mark them engaged, without having bought and paid for the full number of tickets to entitle them to occupy a compartment?
- (5.) Is it a fact that a system prevails of persons giving gratuities to porters to bribe them to mark compartments "engaged," and so defraud the Railway revenue; and will he appoint someone to detect such porters, and punish them by dismissal?

Mr.

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes; two compartments were reserved—one for Mr. Malpas and his son, in lieu of sleeping-berths, which were not available, except by adding a large sleeping-carriage to the train; the other for the Bishop of Sydney, at the request of the Acting Governor, Sir Alfred Stephen.

(3 and 4.) The station-master and the men on duty have no recollection of any complaint having been made; but the seats in the express train are all numbered, and some difficulty may have arisen in consequence of a passenger demanding a seat in a compartment numbered differently to the number on his ticket.

(5.) The practice of giving gratuities to Railway porters is, I fear, universal; but individual instances are not easy of detection. Under rule 7, the Railway servants are forbidden to accept gratuities and By-law 25 provides a penalty of £2 for any person who gives or offers a gratuity to any servant with a view to induce him to neglect his duty. In any case which can be established the Rules and Regulations will be put into force.

(3.) Senior-Constable Wright:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was Senior-Constable Wright transferred from No. 5 to No. 4 Station; if so, for what reason?

(2.) Was there a warrant issued for his arrest; if so, for what reason?

(3.) If so, was the warrant executed?

(4.) If so, was he suspended and finally dismissed the Service?

(5.) If so, who recommended his reinstatement?

(6.) Has the Inspector-General of Police the papers, showing result of inquiries made by Sub-Inspector Larkin and Senior-Sergeant Macnamara?

(7.) If so, will he place copies of them upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes; at his own request, which was granted in the interest of the Police Department.

(2 and 3.) No.

(4 and 5.) He was suspended and tendered his resignation, but was permitted to withdraw it on application.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) There will be no objection; but the papers are very voluminous and will take some time to copy.

(4.) Railway Free Pass to Mr. Clibborn:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to the free pass granted to Mr. Clibborn, Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club, and *Mr. McElhone's* questions in reference to it,—did the said free pass entitle him to travel free at all times over all the New South Wales tramways and railways, as he was in the habit of doing?

(2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Clibborn, as an auctioneer for the sale of blood stock at Mr. Andrew Town's sale at Richmond, and sales of blood stock at Bathurst and other places, used his free pass to travel to the sales when conducting the auction sales, and that at some of these sales he made as much as £500 commission by his day's sale?

(3.) In reference to reply to *Mr. McElhone's* question, wherein it was stated that Mr. B. Richards paid over £8,000 to the Railway last year, and that he did not receive a free pass, because, by a Regulation of the Railway Department, it was necessary that a person should pay £50,000 a year to the Railway in the way of business before he was entitled to a free pass,—what are the names of persons or firms who paid in any year to the Railway Department the sum of £50,000 to entitle them to a free pass on our railways?

(4.) In reference to reply to *Mr. McElhone's* question, wherein it was stated that Mr. Clibborn was stated to have been given a free pass on our railways on account of his having brought business to our railways,—will he state what was the yearly amount that Mr. Clibborn paid for or to our railways, and if he paid £50,000 in any year to the railways; and, if not, in what shape he contributed to the Railway revenue?

(5.) Will he at once give instructions to stop the free pass given to Mr. Clibborn, the Secretary of the Victorian Jockey Club, and all other racing celebrities to travel free over the New South Wales railways?

(6.) Can he account for the reasons why Mr. Goodchap allowed these persons to travel free over the railways and tramways of New South Wales?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) No general railway pass has ever been granted to Mr. Clibborn—only a pass once a year to visit the Melbourne races. A general pass by tramway to Randwick Racecourse was issued to Mr. Clibborn by the direction also of Mr. Secretary Lackey.

(2.) Mr. Clibborn did not travel free on such occasions.

(3.) Pernewan, Wright, & Co., and Wright, Heaton, & Co.

(4.) It is not possible to give the actual amount derived from the fares paid by visitors to the races, nor for the carriage of racchorses; but the two combined must exceed £50,000 annually.

(5.) Mr. Clibborn will not receive any other pass.

(6.) Mr. Goodchap did not take upon himself to sanction the practice: it was authorized by the Minister of the day.

RAILWAYS.

The original occasion forming the precedent for the issue of a free pass to Mr. Clibborn was in 1879. Mr. Clibborn made application for a free pass, if it were in accordance with our Regulations, and the Commissioner wrote that Mr. Bagot, who held a similar position in Victoria, was allowed a free pass on the Victorian lines. The Commissioner submitted the question to the Minister of the day (the Hon. Mr. Lackey), and wrote—"The Minister thinks a free pass may be issued in such cases."

This has formed the precedent for issuing occasional passes since that date.

(5.) Railway and Tramway Employés:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many employés in the Railway and Tramway Service provide guarantee bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties (for 1887 only)?
- (2.) What amount of money (in the aggregate) is paid by such employés on account of such guarantee bonds (for 1887 only)?
- (3.) What amount of money was received by the Government during 1887 on account of defaulting employés who had provided such bonds, and who was the money paid by?
- (4.) What is the aggregate amount of penalty on all the bonds held by the Railway and Tramway Department for the fidelity of such employés?
- (5.) What are the names of employés whose guarantees were called up during 1887, and what was the amount of their bonds?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) 855.
- (2.) £257 10s.
- (3.) Total, £141 4s. 3d. Paid by Victoria Insurance Company, £41 4s. 3d.; London Insurance Company, £100.
- (4.) £103,000.
- (5.) J. Woodgate, £100; J. Reilly, £100; F. Conlon, £100.

(6.) Electoral Rolls:—*Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Waddell*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Was there an allowance of 4s. per day for mounted police, and 2s. for foot police, promised for collecting the Electoral Roll for 1887; and, if so, has it been paid?

Mr. Burns answered,—Yes; the allowance was paid yesterday.

(7.) Mortgagees of Pastoral and Homestead Leases:—*Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Waddell*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Are the names of all mortgagees of pastoral and homestead leases registered?
- (2.) If so, will he cause a list of them to be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No; transfers by way of mortgage are not recognized. The only intimation the Department has of the fact is the endorsement by the Commissioner for Stamps that the transfer is exempt from stamp duty. As regards homestead leases, no transfer can be made until after the expiration of five years from the date of the lease being granted, unless, perhaps, in the event of the death of the lessee, or the sale under legal process of his interest in the lease. Upon these points, however, the law makes no definite provision. Therefore, the list asked for by the Honorable Member cannot be supplied.

(8.) Postmaster at Palmer's Island:—*Mr. Thompson* asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Postmaster at Palmer's Island has been arrested for embezzling a sum of upwards of £900 from the Money Order Department?
- (2.) If so, when was the discrepancy which led to his arrest discovered, and how long is it previous to his arrest since his books and cash balance were inspected?
- (3.) Is it a fact that three officers in the Money Order Department have been suspended on account of this alleged defalcation?
- (4.) How long has he held this excessive balance without being called upon by the Officer-in-charge of the Money Order Department to account for it?
- (5.) What amount of business has been done by the Money Order Department during each year at Palmer's Island for the last three years?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The excessive balance due by the Postmaster, Palmer's Island, was first reported to the Superintendent on the 19th April last. The office was last inspected, by a Postal Inspector, on the 27th June, 1885; but I am informed that the statements showing the cash balance were sent down to the Head Office every day, and checked in due course with the advices and orders, in accordance with the rule of the Department, and consequently frequent visits for inspection were not considered necessary.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The Postmaster's balance began to get excessive in January, 1886; but the ledger-keeper in charge of this account, and the checking-officer neglected to call attention to the increasing balance, consequently the Postmaster was not called upon to remit.
- (5.) Business transacted:—

1885	...	...	Orders issued, 519—	£1,693	Orders paid, 117—	£468.
1886	...	...	do	451	108	£422.
1887	...	...	do	390	105	£279.

(9.) Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Society:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have any objection to state the name of the Chairman of the Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Society?

Mr. Burns answered,—*Mr. John Plant Wright, J.P.*, of Elizabeth-street, is the Chairman of the Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Society.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.)

- (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on the 28th February, 1888—"Mr. Oliver, late Inspector of Fisheries."
 (2.) Statistical Register for 1887, Part I—"Population, Immigration, and Vital Statistics."
 Ordered to be printed.

3. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. Garrett (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the recommendation of the Minister for Lands for the validation of the conditional purchase enumerated at end hereof be referred to the Select Committee now sitting upon "the Bill to legalize certain conditional and other purchases of Crown Lands" for its consideration and report as to whether the said case should be added to the Schedules to the said Bill, viz.:—

Name.	Area.	Portion.	District.	Section.
Finneran, John	acres. 220	121	Orange	25 Vic. No. 1. 21.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Ninian Melville, Esquire, to act for this day only.
 5. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—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 the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 11 MAY, 1888, A.M.

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

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Vine Diseases Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enlarge the powers conferred by, and amend, the 'Vine Diseases Act, 1886,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 10th May, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

VINE DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10th May, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 3, line 3. Omit "root up and"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 3. Omit "such" insert "any"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 8. Omit "rooted up or"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 11. Omit "rooting up or"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 15. Omit "rooting up or"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 20. Omit "rooted up or"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative [Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

- (2.) Public Works Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the constitution of an Authority to investigate and report upon proposals for Public Works submitted to Parliament, to make better provision for the acquisition of land for carrying out such Works, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—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, 10th May, 1888,

JOHN HAY,
 President.

PUBLIC WORKS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10th May, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title. *Omit* "submitted to Parliament" *insert* "and the carrying out thereof, when authorized by Parliament"
- Page 1, clause 2, lines 11 and 12. *Omit* "declared expedient by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to this Act" *insert* "authorized in manner herein provided"
- Page 1, clause 2, lines 16 to 18. *Omit* "Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, authorizing the carrying out of such work" *insert* "the authorization thereof in manner herein provided"
- Page 3, clause 8, line 12. *After* "the" *insert* "commencement of the"
- Page 3, clause 10. *Omit* subsection (c) *insert* the following new subsections:—
- "(e) If any person whose expenses have been paid or tendered to him shall neglect to appear, or if any person shall wilfully insult the Committee or any of its members, or shall interrupt the proceedings of the Committee, or shall misbehave himself before the Committee, or being summoned or examined as a witness in any inquiry or matter pending before the Committee, refuses to be sworn or to produce the documents mentioned in the summons served upon him or any of them, or to make a solemn declaration as aforesaid, or prevaricates in his evidence, or refuses to answer any lawful question, it shall be lawful for the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to commit any such offender to gaol for any time not exceeding one month, or to impose on any such offender a fine not exceeding fifty pounds, and in default of immediate payment thereof to commit the offender to gaol for any time not exceeding one month, unless the fine be sooner paid; and in any of the cases aforesaid a warrant, in the form contained in the Second Schedule (A) hereto, shall and may be issued by such Chairman or Vice-Chairman, and shall be good and valid in law without any other warrant, order, or process whatsoever; and the Sheriff, his Deputy, and all officers of the Police Force and gaolers to whom the same shall be addressed, shall obey the same.
- "(f) Where any person who has been duly served with a summons to attend as a witness before the Committee, and whose expenses have been paid or tendered to him, shall fail to appear, in obedience to his summons, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Committee, upon proof of such person having been duly served with such summons, and upon proof also that such person's non-appearance was without just cause or reasonable excuse, may issue a warrant in the form or to the effect of the Second Schedule (B) to bring such person before the Committee to give evidence."
- Page 3, clause 11, line 51. *After* "as" *insert* "the Committee may recommend and"
- Page 3, clause 11, line 52. *Omit* "appoint" *insert* "approve"
- Page 4, clause 13, lines 18 to 21. *Omit* "a Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, affirming the expediency of executing such work, shall first have been carried, in accordance with the procedure and provisions hereinafter set forth," *insert* "sanctioned as hereinafter provided"
- Page 4, clause 14, line 58. *After* "Gazette" *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 5, clause 16. *Omit* clause 16 *insert* the following new clause:—
- "16. (1) Every Resolution of the Legislative Assembly declaring that it is expedient to carry out the work specified or mentioned in such Resolution shall be deemed to impose a statutory duty on the Minister to introduce a Bill into the said Assembly to sanction the carrying out of such work, upon the passing whereof by Parliament, and in such form as Parliament may think fit, the authorization of such work shall become absolute, and the Constructing Authority shall thereupon carry out such work, enter into such contracts, and take all such necessary steps for the proper execution thereof as such Authority may think proper. Provided always that no such contracts shall exceed in the aggregate by more than ten per centum the estimate for the same submitted as hereinbefore provided."
- "(II) All such contracts may be made as follows (that is to say)—
- "With respect to any contract which, if made between private persons, would be by law required to be in writing and under seal, the Constructing Authority may make such contract in writing and under its seal, and in the same manner may vary or discharge the same.
- "With respect to any contract which, if made between private persons, would be by law required to be in writing and signed by the parties to be charged therewith, the Constructing Authority may make such contract in writing, and in the same manner may vary or discharge the same.
- "With respect to any contract which, if made between private persons, would by law be valid, although made by parol only and not reduced into writing, the Constructing Authority may make such contract by parol only without writing, and in the same manner may vary or discharge the same.
- "And all contracts made according to the provisions herein contained shall be effectual in law, and shall be binding upon the Constructing Authority on behalf of Her Majesty, and all other parties thereto, their heirs, executors, or administrators, as the case may be; and on any default in the execution of any such contract, either by the said Authority or any other party thereto, such actions or suits may be brought either by or against the said Authority as might be brought had the same contracts been made between private parties."
- Page 5, clause 18, lines 51 and 52. *Omit* "estimated to cost less than" *insert* "the estimated cost of which does not exceed"
- Page 6, clause 19, line 6. *Omit* "s" from "Acts"
- Page 6, clause 20, line 15. *Omit* "s" from "Acts"
- Page 7, clause 23, line 3. *Omit* "s" from "Acts"
- Page 7, clause 23, lines 18 and 19. *Omit* "twenty-two" *insert* "twenty-second"
- Page 7, clause 23, line 19. *Omit* "forty-four" *insert* "forty-fourth"

Resolution when
to be sufficient
authority for
execution of
Works, &c.

- Page 7, clause 23, line 20. *Omit* "twenty-six" *insert* "sixteen"
- Page 7, clause 23, line 23. *Omit* "s" from "Acts"
- Page 7, clause 24, lines 40 and 41. *Omit* "as well as any other benefit or advantage which such owner may or shall obtain"
- Page 7, clause 24, lines 44 and 45. *Omit* "or benefit or advantage"
- Page 7, clause 25, line 57. *After* "value" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "together with compensation for damage, if any, by severance, to be determined under the provisions of this Act"
- Page 8, PART III, Heading, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "(The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act provisions)"
- Page 9, clause 29, line 52. *Omit* "Commissioner" *insert* "Constructing Authority"
- Page 10, clause 29, line 21. *After* "plan" *omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 10, clause 30, line 28. *Omit* "s" from "cases"
- Page 10, clause 30, line 29. *Omit* "aforesaid" *insert* "of a Railway or Tramway"
- Page 12, clause 38, line 31. *After* "served" *insert* "or given"
- Page 12, clause 39, line 58. *Omit* "twelve months" *insert* "two years"
- Page 13, clause 41, line 21. *Omit* "one-fourth" *insert* "one-third"
- Page 13, clause 41. At end of clause *add* "unless the Constructing Authority shall have offered a less amount than the sum awarded"
- Page 13, clause 43, line 55. *Before* "the" *insert* "or refuse, or for fourteen days neglect, to act as arbitrator"
- Page 14, clause 43, line 4. *After* "death" *insert* "refusal, neglect,"
- Page 14, clause 47, line 29. *Omit* "seven" *insert* "fourteen"
- Page 14, clause 47, line 29. *After* "act" *insert* "and where no substituted arbitrator shall have been appointed under section forty-three hereof"
- Page 15, clause 51, line 8. *Omit* "one-fourth" *insert* "one-third"
- Page 18, clause 68, line 27. *After* "paid" *insert* "or deposited"
- Page 19, clause 73, line 44. *Omit* "Second" *insert* "Third"
- Page 21, clause 80, line 34. *Before* "land" *omit* "the" *insert* "such"
- Page 21, clause 80, line 34. *Omit* "so required to be taken"
- Page 30, clause 112, line 20. *Omit* "they" *insert* "such authority"
- Page 31, clause 116, line 12. *After* "of" *insert* "such"
- Page 31, clause 116, line 13. *Omit* "his" *insert* "its"
- Page 31, clause 116, line 26. *Omit* "he" *insert* "such authority"
- Page 32, clause 120, line 18. *Omit* "them" *insert* "such authority"
- Page 32, clause 122, line 31. *Omit* "they" *insert* "such authority"
- Pages 33 and 34, Schedules. *Omit* First, Second, Third, and Fourth Schedules, *insert* the following new Schedules:—

"FIRST SCHEDULE.

"J, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare, that, according to the best of my skill and ability, I will faithfully, impartially, and truly execute the office and perform the duties of a Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

" (Signed) A.B."

"SECOND SCHEDULE.

" (A.)

"To the Sheriff of New South Wales, his Deputy, and all Officers of the Police Force of the said Colony, and to the Keeper of the Gaol at

"These are to command you, the said Sheriff, and all Officers as aforesaid, to apprehend A.B., and to convey him to the said gaol, and to deliver him to the said Keeper thereof, together with this warrant; and you, the said Keeper, are hereby required to receive him into your custody in the said gaol, and him there safely to keep for the term of

"[or unless the sum of _____ shall be sooner paid], I the undersigned _____ of the _____ (or _____) having now here adjudged the said A.B. [to pay a fine of _____, and in default of immediate payment thereof] to be imprisoned for the said term, for that he the said A.B.

" [Here state the offence to the following effect as the case may require.]

"That A.B., having been duly summoned as a witness, and having had his expenses paid or tendered, neglected to appear before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, (or) that A.B. wilfully insulted the said Committee, (or) C.D. one of the members of the said Committee, (or) that A.B. interrupted the proceedings of the said Committee, (or) that A.B. misbehaved himself before the said Committee, (or) that A.B., having been summoned or being examined as a witness in a certain inquiry or matter pending before the said Committee, refused to be sworn, or to produce a certain document mentioned in the summons served on him, viz., _____ (or) that A.B. having been so summoned refused to be sworn or to make a solemn declaration pursuant to the 'Public Works Act of 1888,' (or) that A.B. was guilty of prevarication in his evidence or refused to answer a certain lawful question.

Given under my hand, this

day of

C.D.,

"Chairman (or Vice-Chairman) of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works."

" (B.)

" (B.)

" *Form of Warrant.*

" In the matter of the 'Public Works Act of 1888' and
 " To the Sheriff of New South Wales, his Deputy and Assistants, and to all Officers of the Police
 " Force of the said Colony.

" WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (f) of section 10 of the said Act, it has this
 " day been proved to me that of has been duly summoned to attend and give
 " evidence before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, pursuant to the
 " Public Works Act of 1888, but has failed to appear,—

" This is to require you forthwith to apprehend the said , and to detain him in
 " custody and bring him before the said Committee to give evidence.

" Given under my hand and seal, at aforesaid, this day of
 " in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

" A.B.,

" Chairman (or Vice-Chairman) of the said Committee."

" THIRD SCHEDULE.

" *Form of Conveyance.*

" I, of , in consideration of the sum of paid to me (or as the case
 " may be, into the hands of the Master in Equity of the Supreme Court, or to of
 " and of two trustees appointed to receive the same, pursuant to the
 " 'Public Works Act of 1888' by the [here name the Constructing Authority] do hereby convey
 " to the said Constructing Authority, his successors and assigns, for and on behalf of Her Majesty,
 " all &c. (describing the premises to be conveyed), together with all ways, rights, and appurtenances
 " thereto belonging, and all such estate, right, title, and interest in and to the same as I am or
 " shall become seized or possessed of, or am by the said Act empowered to convey, to hold the
 " premises to the said Constructing Authority, his successors and assigns, for ever, according to the
 " true intent and meaning of the said Act.

" In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
 " in the year of our Lord "

" FOURTH SCHEDULE.

" (A.)

" *Notice of Claim and Abstract.*

" To the [here name the Constructing Authority.]

" IN pursuance of the 'Public Works Act of 1888,' I of (or we), hereby give you notice that
 " I (or we) claim compensation in respect of the land hereunder described which has been taken
 " under the said Act. The amount of such claim and other the particulars required by the said Act
 " are stated in the subjoined abstract. [If the claim is not for land taken, this form may be modified
 " in accordance with the nature of the claim.]

" *Abstract.*

Names and descriptions of parties claiming, and nature of their interests, whether tenants for life in tail or otherwise.	Situation and description of property.	Quit rents payable if leasehold, name of landlord, term of lease, and rent reserved.	Names of occupiers, distinguishing whether tenants-at-will or under lease, rent reserved, terms, &c.	Particulars of claim, specifying separately the amount claimed for value of property and for compensation.	Dates and other short particulars of documents of title.	Names of persons having the custody of documents and place or places where the same may be inspected, and name of claimant's solicitor or agent.

" (Signature)

" (Address)

" (Date)

" (B.)

" *Notice of Valuation.*

" To A. B., claimant in respect of the land hereunder described, taken under the 'Public Works
 " Act of 1888.'

" Take notice that the land hereunder described, being that in respect of the taking whereof, under
 " the authority of the aforesaid Act, your claim for compensation lodged has been valued at the
 " sum of £

" A. B. (Constructing Authority.)

" Description of land or damage in respect of which claim has been made.'

" All that piece or parcel of land, &c., &c.

* Forms (A) and (B) in this Schedule, modified to suit the circumstances of the case, may be used in respect of lands taken or acquired under Part II of the Act aforesaid.

" FIFTH

" FIFTH SCHEDULE.

" 'PUBLIC WORKS ACT OF 1888.'

" Offer and particulars of Claim where land is taken for Railway or Tramway Purposes.

" To

" I hereby offer to accept from the Constructing Authority, as purchase money for the land (including buildings and fences erected thereon) of which I am* delineated on the tracing plan attached to the notice of land taken, and numbered which I hereby acknowledge to have received, containing acres roods and perches, more or less, and as compensation for damage by severance, by the , or otherwise caused by the execution of the works, as particularly set forth in the subjoined Schedule of Claim, the sum of £ , which sum I declare to be my full claim in respect of the matters aforesaid.

" Dated this day of 188 .

" [Name and Address of Claimant.]

" To the Constructing Authority, Sydney.

" Schedule of Claim.

Land Resumed.	Reference No.	Area.	Character.	Estimated Value.		Total Value.
		a. r. p.		Per acre £	or per foot £	£ s. d.
			Building ...	£	.....
			Cultivation...	" £	.....
			Pasture .....	" £	.....
			Mineral .....	" £	.....
Improvements taken.	Nature and Description of Improvements taken.					
	Buildings					
	Fences					
Other improvements						
Damage by severance or otherwise						
Total amount of Claim £						

" [Signature of Claimant.]"

- * (1) "the owner in fee simple,"
 - (2) "the owner of an estate for life,"
 - (3) "mortgagee with power of sale,"
 - (4) "I have a leasehold interest for years,"
- (as the case may be.)

NOTE.—This form, varied so as to suit the particular circumstances of the case, may be used for land taken for Railway or Tramway Purposes.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered (after Debate), that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

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

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Twenty minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 MAY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mrs. M. Goddard, or Baker:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What is the number of Police Court proceedings taken against Mrs. M. Goddard, or Baker, formerly at Mudgee, Hill End, Campbelltown, Liverpool, and North Shore and Illawarra lines of railway?

(2.) Is it a fact that Mrs. Goddard applied for a refreshment-stall at Waterfall, and that the Commissioner for Railways refused the same?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) I do not think that any useful purpose can be served by making public information respecting private individuals of the kind sought for by the Honorable Member.

(2.) I am informed by the Commissioner for Railways that tenders were invited for the right of selling newspapers, fruit, &c., at the Waterfall Station; but, before the tenders were decided upon, the lessee of the bookstalls on the railway lines claimed the right to the sale of papers at the station referred to. This request had to be allowed, and Mrs. Goddard's tender was declined. Arrangements were subsequently made with another person for the sale of fruit at Waterfall.

- (2.) Transit Commissioner's Solicitor:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount of money was given as costs to the Transit Commissioners' solicitor in all cases where he prosecuted for the Transit Commissioners at the Water Police Court, Central Police Court, or other Courts, during the year 1886?

(2.) The like as regards the year 1887?

(3.) The like as regards the months of January, February, March, and April of the present year—1888?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed that costs are not allowed to, or asked for by the Transit Commissioners' solicitor.

- (3.) Use of Dynamite Cartridges to destroy Fish:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Artillery-men stationed at Middle Head and other parts of the harbour are in the habit of using dynamite cartridges to destroy fish?

(2.) If so, will he issue imperative instructions to put a stop to this practice, and advise the Commander of the troops to punish any soldiers who disobey the order?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) No.

(2.) The resident officers at the Heads have made inquiries as to the use of dynamite cartridges by the men stationed in their districts, and state that in no single instance have they been able to trace anything of the kind. No explosives of any kind are allowed to be in the possession of any soldier, unless otherwise specially ordered.

- (4.) Mr. Philip Sheridan, Trustee of the Association Cricket Ground:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was any money paid to carpenters, &c., for fowl-houses, dog-houses, and patent hatching-houses, made on the Association cricket ground for Mr. Philip Sheridan, one of the trustees of the Association cricket ground, the said fowl-houses, &c., being taken to Mr. P. Sheridan's house at Summer Hill, and was any sum paid to the carpenters working at Mr. Sheridan's house, Summer Hill; if so, what amounts?

(2.)

- (2.) Was any money paid as cab-hire by Mr. Philip Sheridan for cabs used by himself and his family out of the money received by the trustees of the cricket-ground ; if so, what amount ?
- (3.) Has any money been paid by the trustees of the Association cricket ground for timber, &c., used for the private use of Mr. P. Sheridan, one of the trustees of the cricket ground ; and, if so, what amount ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The expenditure of the funds derived from the Association Cricket Ground is not a matter coming within the control or supervision of the Government.

- (5.) Health Officer stationed at Watson's Bay:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the name of the Health Officer stationed at Watson's Bay ?
 - (2.) Does he board vessels before they enter the Heads ?
 - (3.) If not, at what distance from the pier at Watson's Bay does he board vessels ?
 - (4.) Is he aware that this Health Officer has a crew of four boatmen ; if so, is it necessary to employ so many men ?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that shipping butchers' boats often go 10 miles out of the Heads to board ships, and that the crew consists of only two men ; if this be the case, will he give orders to reduce the number of men in the Health Officer's boat ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Dr. J. C. Sibley.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Anywhere inside the Heads ; sometimes at the Quarantine Station.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Shipping butchers' boats are not bound to go out in all weathers, but the Assistant Health Officer at Watson's Bay is.

- (6.) Railway Trial Survey, Singleton, *via* Jerry's Plains, towards Cassilis:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he cause steps to be taken for the promised railway trial survey, Singleton, *via* Jerry's Plains, towards Cassilis ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—This matter is receiving consideration.

- (7.) Erection of Munro Drinking Fountain, Singleton:—Mr. Gould asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he intend to authorize the granting of the triangular portion of the lock-up reserve at Singleton for the erection of the Munro drinking fountain, as requested by the Singleton Borough Council in January last ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No decision has been come to in this matter, chiefly because other matters of more importance have engaged the attention of the Government ; but a decision shall be arrived at in the next two days.

- (8.) Telegraph Probationers connected with Railways:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many probationers are now engaged in the Telegraph Service in connection with the Railways ?
 - (2.) How many of these have been so engaged upwards of three years, two years, and one year respectively ?
 - (3.) How many are qualified for appointment as operators ?
 - (4.) What salary are they receiving ?
 - (5.) Will he cause steps to be taken to provide for an annual increase of pay to all Railway telegraph probationers pending appointment as operators ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-eight.
- (2.) Six, upwards of three years ; seven, upwards, of two years ; four, upwards of one year ; eleven, under one year.
- (3.) Eighteen.
- (4.) Twenty-three are paid 2s. 6d. per week ; one is paid 7s. 6d. per week ; two are paid 12s. 6d. per week ; one is paid 18s. 6d. per week ; one is paid 20s. per week. In addition, expenses are allowed to probationers when doing duty as operators.
- (5.) Probationers join the Service with the understanding that they will only be paid a nominal sum until an opportunity arises to appoint them as operators. Having acquired a knowledge of operating, they are then eligible for promotion, and meanwhile may leave our Service and engage in other pursuits, their names being on the list for appointment as opportunity offers.

- (9.) Railway Return Tickets issued in connection with Centennial Exhibition:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that 1d. a mile return tickets were issued at all stations by special train leaving Wallangarra on 3rd instant to Sydney, in connection with the so-called "Centennial Exhibition" being held here ?
- (2.) If so, at whose request were these concessions granted ?
- (3.) Does the so-called Centennial Exhibition represent any (and, if so, what) public or colonial interests or industries ?
- (4.) Is it a fact that similar concessions have been repeatedly refused to the Hunter River Agricultural and Horticultural Association (Maitland), and the Northern Agricultural Association (Singleton), in connection with their annual shows ?
- (5.) Is it not a fact that these Societies are valuable educational agencies and *bond fide* Associations for the promotion of agricultural, pastoral, and horticultural pursuits ?
- (6.) Is it a fact that the Centennial Exhibition is a private speculation, while the Associations referred to in the preceding question are of a public nature ?

Mr.

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) At the request of the President, the Honorable R. H. D. White, M.L.C. The train was not run solely for the Exhibition. It was thought a large traffic would be secured, as neither harvesting nor shearing was going on, and country people would take advantage of the opportunity to visit Sydney. It would take the place of the farmer's trains, which were previously run at the same rate. 253 persons travelled by the train, and the earnings were £278 14s. 5d., which were very remunerative.
- (3.) I understand the Exhibition was of an industrial and educative character.
- (4.) Holiday excursion tickets are always granted on the occasion of the Hunter River Show. To grant 1d. per mile rates purely for these local shows would establish an inconvenient precedent, and moreover, it is not considered that 1d. per mile rates would attract more people than would travel at excursion rates.
- (5.) I believe so.
- (6.) I am not in a position to say: it was opened by His Excellency the Governor.

(10.) Engaged Compartments in Railway Carriages:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to a letter in the *Maitland Mercury* of Tuesday, 8th May, in reference to Railway officials at Newcastle refusing to allow people getting into an empty railway carriage, on the plea that it was engaged by the Commissioner for Railways?
- (2.) If so, who was the carriage engaged for; were six tickets taken, to legally allow the person to occupy it; was the person for whom it was engaged an M.L.A. or M.L.C.; if not, who was he?
- (3.) Will he institute inquiries into this matter, and punish any officials and porters, &c., who abuse their position by allowing persons to occupy compartments without the necessary number of tickets?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) The compartment was set apart on the Friday evening referred to for the use of Members of Parliament returning to their homes, &c. It is the usual practice to do this on the South and West lines; and it has recently, when asked for, been extended to the Northern line. I find, on the occasion in question, that the gentleman who was so insistent upon travelling in this carriage gained his point, causing much inconvenience to the Honorable Members for whom it was set apart.

(11.) Road Contracts—*Mr. Wells*, Roads Engineer:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The number of tenderers for contract No. 4, on Main Northern Road, Chain of Ponds?
- (2.) The amount of each tender?
- (3.) The amount of the accepted tender for contract and the name of successful tenderer?
- (4.) Was any tender submitted lower than that of the person whose tender was accepted?
- (5.) Is it not a fact that, in consequence of complaints by contractors some time ago, that *Mr. Bennett*, Chief Commissioner for Roads and Bridges, wrote to *Mr. McElhone* that *Mr. Wells*, Roads Engineer, would be removed from the Upper Hunter District?
- (6.) If so, why was he not removed?
- (7.) Was he at one time Roads Engineer in Shoalhaven District; if so, why was he removed from that district?
- (8.) Is it a fact that his father, Colonel Wells, is next in degree to *Mr. Bennett*, the Chief Commissioner for Roads and Bridges?
- (9.) Is it not a fact that the person whose contract has been accepted for the work referred to above has thrown up the contract or contracts for which he was the approved tenderer, and that, in consequence of this, he was disqualified for twelve months from being allowed to tender for any Government contracts?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Thirteen tenders were received.
- (2.) J. Murphy, £55; T. Hayes, £82 10s.; J. Ayton, £86 12s. 6d.; W. Bennett, £99; J. J. Lynch, £99; C. Clendenning, £120; G. Wilton, £243 7s. 6d.; J. Power, £119 12s. 6d.; R. Campion, £111 7s. 6d.; W. Carroll, £119 12s. 6d.; J. Edwards, informal; M. Lester, £148 10s.; M. O'Halloran, £136 2s. 6d.
- (3.) £82 10s.; T. Hayes.
- (4.) Yes; but the tender was reported by the local officer as informal.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) No opportunity has offered of doing so.
- (7.) Yes; *Mr. Wells* was removed from Nowra to Muswellbrook, in order to relieve the officer then stationed at the latter place.
- (8.) Yes.
- (9.) The local officer reports by telegram as follows:—"Hayes signed for contract 4 R on 23rd ultimo, and he has not notified to me that he has thrown up contract. He has never been disqualified for a year from tendering for road work."

(12.) Clerks of Petty Sessions:—*Mr. Gould* asked the Minister of Justice,—What steps has he decided upon taking with reference to the promised increase of salaries of Clerks of Petty Sessions who were deprived of fees under the Clerks of Petty Sessions Fees Act?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—It is not considered advisable to take any steps in the direction indicated until the report of the Public Service Inquiry Commission is received.

(13.) Construction of Locomotives :—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that alterations have been made in the plans and specifications of the locomotives proposed to be manufactured in the Colony?
- (2.) Is it a fact that it is proposed to substitute one material for another in the construction of said locomotives?
- (3.) Will he state in what particular part of the locomotive the alterations are to be made?
- (4.) Will he state what difference in cost (if any) will the proposed alterations make?
- (5.) Have any of the locomotives imported by the Government been constructed, or similar material used, as is now proposed under the new specifications?
- (6.) If so, have they been as lasting and done as much work, with as little cost for repairs, as the type of engine imported from the best makers in England and America?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes. The main frames in the pattern engines are very heavy and costly forgings, necessitating much smith's and steam-hammer work; but the altered frames are made of bar iron in pieces, which will be very much simpler and less costly to make, and yet be interchangeable with the present frames.
- (2.) Yes; Steel will be used instead of copper for fire-boxes, and steel tubes instead of brass. Steel is considered to be equally adapted for the work, and it is cheaper.
- (3.) The boilers will be of steel throughout, and built with fewer parts, joints, and plates than the pattern engine, and yet be interchangeable. The main frames are to be altered as previously stated. Cast-iron will be used instead of brass for slide valves, because they are cheaper and last very much longer. Copper chimney-tops and brass dome-covers will be abolished, and cast-iron used instead. Brass or Dalziel's metal will be used for bearings where required, but in much less quantities than in other engines, and a cheap and effective engine will be obtained.
- (4.) It should cheapen the cost of construction, but the actual figures cannot be obtained until the tenders are received.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) Yes.

(14.) Station-Master, Eskbank :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the name of the station-master at Eskbank railway station?
- (2.) Was he charged with any offences; if so, what is the nature of the offences, and when were the charges made—was it in 1885 or 1886?
- (3.) Was he fined a sum of £10, or any other sum; if so, what for, and what were the nature of all charges made against him?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) R. Crawford.
- (2.) Yes; he was charged with misappropriating two trucks of coal supplied for station use, and for utilizing the labour of Railway employes for his own service. On inquiry, the charge with reference to the misappropriation of coal was disproved, and it was found the services of the Railway men had been principally to improve the station grounds. The charges were made in 1886.
- (3.) Yes; the inquiry elicited other matters, viz., that Mr. Crawford had used kerosene oil, valued at £3, supplied for station use, in his own (station-master's) residence, and had received certain goods—some grass and chaff—by railway without first obtaining permission or paying freight. The freight was subsequently paid.

(15.) Tramway Guards :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a detective, set to watch the tramway guards, lately caught one of them with the sum of £1 or more in his pocket, made in one trip?
- (2.) If so, what is the name of the tramway guard so detected?
- (3.) Is it a fact that, instead of his being dismissed and punished, he has simply been removed to another tram-line as a guard?
- (4.) Will he punish the man referred to by prosecuting?
- (5.) Was any influence brought to bear on him to prevent the man being prosecuted?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) A detective, set to watch certain tram conductors, caught one who had 11s. more in his bag than his register indicated. The amount in the bag, however, corresponded with the number of passengers.
- (2.) Joseph Hendy.
- (3, 4, and 5.) He was at once dismissed the Service.

(16.) Rifle Ranges, Paddington and Randwick :—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have arrangements been completed for taking over the new rifle range at Randwick; and, if not, what hinders the completion?
- (2.) When will the Paddington range be finally abandoned for rifle shooting?
- (3.) To what purpose does the Government intend to devote the Paddington rifle range when the butts are removed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There are impediments to the new rifle range at Randwick being used, arising out of the fact that the land belongs to the Church and School Estate. This imposes a difficulty not easily got over, and the whole question, in consequence, is still under consideration. If it had not been for these impediments the rifle range at Paddington would have been given up long since, and the new range occupied. The discovery that the land is Church and School lands has caused the delay of which I have spoken.

(17.) Railway from Goulburn to Crookwell :—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. Ball, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the Government officers reported in favor of a railway from Goulburn to Crookwell?
- (2.) If so, will it be considered in the railway policy of the Government?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) The reports from the Railway officers show that this line could be made a remunerative one.
- (2.) The railway policy of the Government is now having consideration.

2. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes made a statement to the House with reference to Chinese Immigration.
3. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL**:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill:—
- (1.) By Mr. Ewing—From Frederick R. Furlonger, Chief Templar of the “Northern Star” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Lismore.
 - (2.) By Mr. Ewing—From James Thompson, Chief Templar of the “Hope to Save” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Lismore.
 - (3.) By Mr. Ewing—From Thomas McKay, as Chairman of the “Pride of the Richmond” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Rous.
 - (4.) By Mr. Ewing—From Peter McKenzie, Worthy Chief Templar of the “Minnehaha” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Lismore.
 - (5.) By Mr. Inglis—From Thomas Lambert, as Chairman of the “Victoria” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Armidale.
 - (6.) By Mr. Inglis—From Thomas Moffatt, as Chairman of the “Hope of Saumarez” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Saumarez Ponds.
 - (7.) By Mr. Cooke—From Francis E. Desailly, as Chairman of the “Lachlan” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Forbes.
 - (8.) By Mr. Cooke—From Thomas Kingsland, Worthy Chief Templar of the “Hopeful” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Condobolin.
 - (9.) By Mr. Abigail—From W. Dyer, as Chairman of the “Guiding Star” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Wellington.
 - (10.) By Mr. Frank Smith—From R. Campbell, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents in and about Balmain.
 - (11.) By Mr. Creer—From John Marcord, as Chairman of the “Alexander Hutchison” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Newcastle.
Petitions received.
4. **CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL**:—Mr. Ewing presented a Petition from Patrick Hogan, of Randwick, stating that he is the purchaser of conditional purchase No. 83-34, of 640 acres, parish of Nimbin, county of Rous; that it was selected by James Murphy, upon the death of whom the Petitioner purchased it, and expended large sums of money in improving it; and praying that the whole circumstances of the case may receive the consideration of the House.
Petition received.
Mr. Ewing (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition of Patrick Hogan, of Randwick, respecting a conditional purchase taken up in the county of Rous, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill.
Question put and passed.
5. **PAPERS**:—Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Regulations under the Bankruptcy Act of 1887.
 - (2.) Return to an Address adopted on the 3rd May, 1888—“Police Magistrate for Parramatta.”
 - (3.) Return to an Address adopted on the 22nd February, 1888—“Travelling Expenses claimed by Judge Docker.”
- Ordered to be printed.
6. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Ninian Melville, Esquire, to act for this day only.
7. **DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Gale,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Wisc,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Cortis.

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Dr. Wilkinson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. W. J. Allen,	Mr. Riley.
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Ryrie,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Fitzgerald.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Melville reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 12th June.

8. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Day moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 25th April, 1888.

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Melville reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the decision of the House had been given thereon.

Mr. Melville stated that, in Committee of Supply, the estimate £9,220 for the Legislative Assembly was put by him, the voices taken, and the question declared carried, when he proceeded to the next estimate and proposed it to the Committee. The Honorable Member, Mr. McElhone, thereupon claimed to have addressed the Chair before the voices were given, and demanded his right to be heard, which he, the Deputy Chairman, would not admit. The Committee then decided that the following *Point of Order* should be referred to the House:—
“Mr. Chairman put the question, that the sum of £9,220 for Legislative Assembly be granted, when Mr. McElhone rose and called Mr. Chairman, when Mr. Chairman declared the question was carried, and Mr. McElhone was too late to speak.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that he was unable to decide the question of fact involved in the reference; but if the Chairman proposed the estimate following the one referred to, any debate upon the preceding estimate would be out of order. He could not, upon the facts before him, overrule the decision of the Deputy Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY, 1888, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Melville reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eleven minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Electric Telegraph Department :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has the new operating room of the Telegraphic Department yet been brought into use ; if so, on what date ?

(2.) As it was stated in an answer given by him on the 10th February, that “ the cables were now all ready for connection, but that it was inexpedient to connect the cable system until the new operating room was completed,”—will he state how many of the hundred wires contained in the two cables erected have been connected and used, and how many are now in use ?

(3.) Did Mr. Cracknell obtain the sanction of the Government to alter in London the kind of cable he originally recommended for use on the frieze-work in George-street, as is stated in the replies of the Agent-General in the Return of 17th April ?

(4.) If not, has Mr. Cracknell at any time made a report on the subject to the Minister at the head of his Department ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The Superintendent of Telegraphs reports as follows :—

(1.) The new operating room of the Telegraphic Department was brought into use on the 31st March last.

(2.) Fifty wires were connected up, and are now in use.

(3.) No alteration was made in the type of cable originally proposed.

(4.) No.

- (2.) Free Railway Passes :—*Mr. Thompson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he furnish a list of the names of all persons, except public officials and Members of Parliament, who are now holding free passes or tickets for the railways in this Colony ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes ; information will be laid upon the Table of the House.

- (3.) Station-master, Palmer's Island—Money Order Department :—*Mr. Thompson* asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it not the rule for a monthly or quarterly statement of the balances held by each Money Order Office to be placed before the Officer-in-charge of the Money Order Department ?

(2.) Was this done in the case of the station-master at Palmer's Island ?

(3.) If so, how was it that the Officer-in-charge of Money Order Department did not demand an explanation of the excessive balance at this office ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The Acting Superintendent of the Money Order Office informs me that it is not the rule for a monthly or quarterly statement of the balances held by *each* Money Order Office to be placed before the Officer-in-charge, a quarterly statement showing the *aggregate* transactions and balances only being placed before that officer.

(2 and 3.) Answered by No. 1.

(4.)

- (4.) Annual Increases to Salaries of certain Civil Servants:—*Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Neild*, asked the Postmaster General,—Is it intended to give the annual increase for 1888 to the officers coming under Rules and Regulations in the Post and Telegraph Department, as well as to those in the Railway Department under similar Rules and Regulations?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I desire to assure the Honorable Member that this matter is now under consideration.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 8th November, 1887—“ Resumption of Land for School Purposes, parish of Holsworthy.”

Ordered (after Debate) to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 17th April, 1888—“ Railway Crossing to connect Eastgrove with Goulburn.”

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) The original Tenders for the Carriage of Wool and other Produce from the Railway Stations, Redfern and Darling Harbour. (*As Exhibits only*).

3. THE LATE ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE AT COROWA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hayes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Further Return to an Order, “ The late Acting Police Magistrate at Corowa,” laid upon the Table of this House on 18th April, 1888, be printed.
Question put and passed.

4. FORMATION OF STREET NORTH OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Dibbs* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a plan showing the line of frontage of the Post Office to a proposed new street; a line showing a street 75 feet wide, as lately proposed by the Government; a line showing a street 100 feet wide, as proposed by *Mr. Dibbs*, with the land then available for frontage to new street, and depth of same; and showing the land representing the site of the old Tank Stream belonging to the Government, from the frontage of the Post Office to Hunter-street.
Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund Bill postponed until Tuesday, 26th June.

6. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL :—*Mr. H. H. Brown*, 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 8th February, 1888, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brown then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 26th June.

Question put and passed.

7. CHINESE RESTRICTION AND REGULATION BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Sir Henry Parkes*, and read by *Mr. Speaker* :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 50.

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 repeal the ‘ Influx of Chinese Restriction Act of 1881 ’ ; to provide for the protection of the Colony from the disturbances and national dangers of Chinese immigration ; to provide specially for the regulation of Chinese at present resident within the Colony ; and to indemnify the Government for all acts done by Executive or Ministerial authority in relation to Chinese immigrants, or vessels carrying such immigrants, since the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.”

Government House,

Sydney, 16th May, 1888.

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

8. PAPER :—*Sir Henry Parkes* laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Chinese Passengers by steamships “ Afghan,” “ Tsinan,” “ Guthrie,” and “ Menmuir.”
Ordered to be printed.

9. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, *Mr. Speaker* nominated *Albert John Gould, Esquire*, to act for this day only.

10. THE CHINESE :—*Mr. Haynes* presented a Petition from certain Chinese Residents in New South Wales, praying that in any legislation upon the subject of the immigration of Chinese, the House will not ignore the rights conferred by existing law upon those Chinese who have either left the Colony relying upon its provisions, and who are either holders of Exemption Certificates, or have come, or are coming, to this Colony under the provisions of the said law.
At the request of *Mr. Haynes*, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*, and received.

11. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL :—*Mr. Ball* presented a Petition from *F. Treddle*, as Chairman of the “ W. S. Reay ” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Breadalbane, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors ; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill.
Petition received.

12. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to repeal the 'Influx of Chinese Restriction Act of 1881'; to provide for the protection of the Colony from the disturbances and national dangers of Chinese immigration; to provide specially for the regulation of Chinese at present resident within the Colony; and to indemnify the Government for all acts done by Executive or Ministerial authority in relation to Chinese immigrants, or vessels carrying such immigrants, since the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight," through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

13. **CHURCH OF ENGLAND PROPERTY BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the vesting of properties held on trusts for the benefit of the Church of England and to grant powers of dealing with the same discharged from trust or consecration in certain events*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th May, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 26th June.

14. **CHINESE RESTRICTION AND REGULATION BILL**:—

- (1.) Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal the "Influx of Chinese Restriction Act of 1881"; to provide for the protection of the Colony from the disturbances and national dangers of Chinese immigration; to provide specially for the regulation of Chinese at present resident within the Colony; and to indemnify the Government for all acts done by Executive or Ministerial authority in relation to Chinese immigrants, or vessels carrying such immigrants, since the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

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

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Gould*, that the report be now received.

Mr. Gould then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to repeal the "Influx of Chinese Restriction Act of 1881"; to provide for the protection of the Colony from the disturbances and national dangers of Chinese immigration; to provide specially for the regulation of Chinese, at present resident within the Colony; and to indemnify the Government for all acts done by Executive or Ministerial authority in relation to Chinese immigrants, or vessels carrying such immigrants, since the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

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

- (3.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the 'Influx of Chinese Restriction Act of 1881'; to provide for the protection of the Colony from the disturbances and national dangers of Chinese immigration; to provide specially for the regulation of Chinese at present resident within the Colony; and to indemnify the Government for all acts done by Executive or Ministerial authority in relation to Chinese immigrants, or ships carrying such immigrants, since the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight*,"—which was read a first time.

Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Bill be printed and now read a second time.

Point of Order.—Mr. Copeland submitted as a Point of Order that the Bill was beyond the order of leave, which contained no authority for the repeal of any portion of the law relating to Aliens, and the effect of clause 3 of this Bill was to partially repeal such law.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the order of leave was sufficiently comprehensive to cover the intention of clause 3, and also sufficiently explicit to define the general powers sought under the Bill.

He considered that the Bill was properly before the House.

Debate on original Question ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question,—That the Bill be printed and now read a second time,—put and passed.

- (4.) 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 *Mr. Gould* reported the Bill with amendments, and an amendment in the Title.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(5.)

(5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, *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 repeal the 'Influx of Chinese Restriction Act of 1881'; to provide for the protection of the Colony from the disturbances and national dangers of Chinese immigration; to provide specially for the regulation of Chinese at present resident within the Colony; and to indemnify the Government for all acts done by Executive or Ministerial authority in relation to Chinese immigrants, or vessels carrying such immigrants, since the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th May, 1888, A.M.*

15. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved without Notice, That this House at its rising, do adjourn until Four o'clock p.m., this day.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at a quarter past Seven o'clock, a.m., until *Four* o'clock, p.m., This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 MAY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Free Railway Passes:—*Mr. Dawson*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
Is it a fact that the Wesleyan ministers who attended the Conference of the Wesleyan Church being held, or lately held, in Melbourne, received free passes by railway to Melbourne; if so, did any of them receive free passes, and for what reason?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Representative clergymen from Queensland, New Zealand, and the South Seas visiting Sydney, *en route* to Melbourne, were allowed passes over the New South Wales railways.

(2.) Transit Commission:—*Mr. Dawson*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Inspector-General of Police a right to a seat on the Transit Commission, in virtue of his office?

(2.) Is there any clause in the Act whereby another person can act in *Mr. Fosbery's* place when he is away from the Colony; if so, what clause or section of the Transit Commission Act gives this power?

(3.) If there is no such power in the Act to appoint a person to act in *Mr. Fosbery's* place when he is absent from the Colony, what action has been taken to fill the vacancy?

(4.) Is it a fact that *Inspector Read* is occupying *Mr. Fosbery's* place as a Transit Commissioner; and, if so, will he at once give instructions to put a stop to *Mr. Read* doing duty as a Transit Commissioner, if he is performing such duty?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Registrar of the Metropolitan Transit Commission:—

(1.) Yes; under the 4th section of the Act 36 Vic. No. 14.

(2, 3, and 4.) There is no clause in the Act enabling a person to be appointed in the place of the Inspector-General of Police. I understand that before *Mr. Fosbery* left Sydney, *Mr. Read* was appointed to act as "Inspector-General of Police" during *Mr. Fosbery's* absence. If this was done, *Mr. Reid* is now Inspector-General, and therefore entitled to sit under clause 4 above quoted.

(3.) Railway Employés:—*Mr. Dawson*, for *Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does he intend to give effect to the recommendation of the principal officers of the Existing Lines Branch, Railway Department, by reducing the staff of officials in that Branch?

(2.) Has he been informed by the said officers that reductions could be safely made to the extent of £14,000 or £15,000 a year permanently, without impairing the efficiency of the aforesaid Branch?

(3.) Is it a fact that there are time-keepers employed in the Existing Lines Branch whose educational deficiencies are so apparent that they are unable to keep a proper record of the time worked by the gangs of men under their supervision, and that the services of clerks are retained, whose salaries are paid by the Government, to perform this duty?

(4.) If so, will he dispense with the services of these men, and employ time-keepers who can keep a proper record of the time men work, and reduce the staff of clerks now employed at this work, and save the country the payment of their salaries?

(5.) Is it not a fact that the Railway Department has reduced the number of fitters employed on the Railways, and no recent appointments of fitters have been made; but nevertheless, the same number of inspectors and sub-inspectors of the Permanent Way Branch is still retained in the Service, although the number of men they are required to supervise has been diminished?

(6.) If this is a fact, will this state of things be continued, and is it in opposition to the wishes of the responsible officers of the Existing Lines Branch, who are desirous of reducing the working expenses of that Branch?

Mr.

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes; and to a greater extent than recommended.
- (2.) The report referred to recommended a reduction of £10,892 per annum. By the Commissioner's scheme of retrenchment, a saving of £25,000 a year has already been effected.
- (3 and 4.) It is not a fact that the time-keepers are incompetent.
- (5.) While the services of a few Inspectors have been dispensed with, the number of men has not been decreased, and consequently the reduced inspecting staff have the same number of men to supervise; but the Inspectors and men have a far greater mileage to look after than formerly, no additional men having been taken on for the increased mileage opened.
- (6.) A retrenchment of £25,000 a year has already been effected, and the most effective means of increasing the further retrenchment proposed is under consideration. In the opinion of the Commissioner for Railways, the proposals made by the officers of the Existing Lines Branch do not go far enough.

(4.) Engaged Compartments in Railway Carriages:—*Mr. Dawson*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In reference to *Mr. McElhone's* questions last Thursday, *re* engaged compartments—wherein it was stated that the Rev. Dr. Barry and Messrs. Malpas & Son had got two compartments, and in the case of Malpas & Son, the giving them this compartment saved the Department the necessity of putting on another sleeping car,—who framed the answers to *Mr. McElhone's* questions; and is it not a fact that in regard to the Southern express train to which he referred, there was no sleeping-car attached to it when it left Sydney?

(2.) Will he state if the Rev. Bishop Barry, Cardinal Moran, the clergymen of any church or churches, have any right to a compartment more than any other person?

(3.) When Sir Alfred Stephen asked for this favour for Dr. Barry, did he offer to pay for tickets to entitle him to a compartment; if not, will Sir Alfred Stephen be asked to pay for the tickets?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The answer was furnished by the Traffic Manager, who inquired into the matter. While it is true that the sleeping-car is not attached to the express train till the train reaches Mittagong, the berths are engaged in Sydney. On the occasion in question, all the berths in the sleeping-car were engaged.

(2 and 3.) The persons referred to are not entitled by right to any special privilege of the kind; but the Traffic Manager who, on the application of the Lieutenant-Governor, extended this courtesy to Dr. Barry, cannot, in my opinion, be considered as having acted improperly.

(5.) Terania Forest Reserve:—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Secretary for Lands,—With reference to question No. 9, respecting Terania forest reserve, of 29th February last,—is he yet in a position to give the desired information?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Pending legislation as to valuable areas of this character, I do not propose to take any action towards cancellation of the reserve.

(6.) Agricultural Resources of various Districts:—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is he in a position to state when reports on the districts of the Colony, with reference to their agricultural resources, made by an officer of his Department (*Mr. W. S. Campbell*), will be printed?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The reports referred to have not yet been finally dealt with; but as soon as they have been, there will be no objection to have them printed.

(7.) Richmond River Entrance:—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he expect to receive the report by Sir John Coode on entrance to Richmond River?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a copy of the report referred to, and hope to be in a position to submit copies of the plans accompanying that report in the course of a week.

(8.) Mineral Leases, Cobar District:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that a number of mineral leases have been applied for in the Cobar district, out of lands that are now held as pastoral leases?

(2.) Will he grant leases in such cases?

(3.) If it is illegal to grant mineral leases out of pastoral leases, will he take steps to introduce legislation which will provide that mineral leases can be taken out of pastoral leases, and that the pastoral lessee will be compensated for any loss sustained thereby?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Yes; it is known that a number of mineral leases have been applied for in the Cobar district, and it is probable that some of them refer to lands within pastoral leases.

(2.) Yes; if the applications have been made in terms of the Act and the Regulations, and the land is available.

(3.) It is understood that it is not illegal to grant leases for mining purposes of land comprised in a pastoral lease. If a claim for compensation be established, it will no doubt be dealt with by the Lands Department.

(9.) Reserved Compartment for Members, Great Northern Railway:—*Mr. Dawson*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is there a reserved carriage set apart for Members of the Legislative Assembly on the Great Northern railway?

(2.) If so, is it a fact that *Mr. Joseph Creer*, M.L.A., occupied this compartment to himself on last Friday night?

(3.) When a Member of the Legislative Assembly has a compartment to himself in a crowded train, will he give instructions that the public shall have the right to seats in it to the extent of its carrying capacity?

Mr.

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) A reserved compartment on Friday nights is set apart for the convenience of Members on the Northern line, when specially asked for.

(2.) No compartment was reserved last Friday night, as no application was made.

(3.) I am quite certain that no Honorable Member of the Legislature would occupy a compartment to himself to the inconvenience of the travelling public.

- (10.) Assurance Fund, Real Property Act:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Copeland*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—As the 28th clause of the Real Property Act distinctly states that “the Treasurer shall from time to time invest all sums of money received on account of the Assurance Fund, together with the profits which may have accrued thereon, in New South Wales Government Securities,” and he, in answer to previous questions put by *Mr. Copeland*, stated that upwards of £58,600 were “in hand,” on which he proposes to pay simple interest;—will he state the difference to the Fund arising from the course he proposes, and if the amounts collected in each year had been annually invested, together with the accrued profits on previous investments?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have given directions for the preparation of a Return embracing the information asked for by the honorable gentleman.

- (11.) Horses Purchased by Electric Telegraph Department:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Thompson*, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) In the Return laid upon the Table on 17th April, 1888, relating to the supply of horses for use by the Telegraph Department, it is stated that, on 14th January, and 30th September, 1881, 14th March, 1882, and 12th October, 1883, a sum of £40, also on 17th May, 10th and 23rd July, 1884, sums of £20, and on 20th November, 1884, the sum of £30, were spent by the Superintendent of Telegraphs on each date, in divided sums of £10 each, without Ministerial authority; and, by answers to questions given on 28th February last, that £50 was spent on 31st May, 1887, and £40 on 30th September, 1887, under similar circumstances,—is it the intention of the Postmaster-General to order the discontinuance of this practice, which he said in his answer to question 3, of 17th April, 1888, “does not appear necessary”?

(2.) Has he ascertained from the Superintendent whether the application for Ministerial authority to purchase in the whole of these instances was omitted “through an inadvertence,” as stated in answer to question 10, of 28th February, 1888, with regard to the last two purchases?

(3.) Has any explanation been furnished by the Superintendent of Telegraphs in reference to these purchases; if so, what is the nature of it; if not, has, or will it be asked for by the Postmaster-General?

(4.) Were five horses purchased on 31st May, 1887, without Ministerial authority; if so, will he lay the whole of the papers in reference to the purchases upon the Table of the House?

(5.) Is it a fact that the five horses purchased on 31st May, 1887, were obtained from Messrs. Brown Bros.; and is *Mr. H. H. Brown*, one of the partners in the firm, a Member of this House?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) I do not think it desirable, in the public interest, to withdraw from the Superintendent of Telegraphs the power to spend sums not exceeding £10 on urgent matters.

(2.) The Superintendent of Telegraphs acted upon a practice of the Department, which is explained in the answer to question No. 3, in all the cases referred to except the two purchases alluded to in the answer to question 10 of 28th February, 1888, wherein it is stated that the omission to apply for Ministerial authority was the result of inadvertence.

(3.) The Superintendent of Telegraphs has explained that, during the years 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884, it was a custom of the Department to purchase horses for immediate requirement, without waiting for Ministerial authority; and he considered that he was acting quite within his power in doing so, even if he bought three or four horses on one day, provided always that they cost not more than £10 each. In 1885 and 1886 this custom was changed, and since then horses have only been purchased on the authority of the Minister (*vide* statement laid upon the Table, 17th April last), with the two exceptions in 1887, the result of inadvertence, as previously explained.

(4.) Yes; there can be no objection to lay all the papers upon the Table.

(5.) Yes; I believe *Mr. H. H. Brown*, one of the partners in the firm of Messrs. Brown Bros., is a Member of this House.

- (12.) Martini-Henry Rifles:—*Mr. Gould* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many Martini-Henry rifles, the property of the Government, are there in the Colony?

(2.) How many have been issued (a) to the Partially Paid Force, (b) to the Reserves, (c) to Rifle Clubs?

(3.) How many are now in store?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) 14,035.

(2.) (a) 2,534; (b) 408; (c) 147.

(3.) 10,779 in store and armoury.

- (13.) Agricultural Societies:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Fitzgerald*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Upon what basis is subsidy paid to Agricultural Societies?

(2.) Is gate-money considered public subscription upon which subsidy is paid?

(3.) What is the proportion of difference of subsidy allowed to the Pastoral and Agricultural Society at Singleton and that at Murrurundi?

(4.) Will he explain why a difference and a distinction, if any, have been made in the payment of subsidy to the two named Societies?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Subsidy for 1887 to Agricultural Societies can only be paid in the proportion of £1 for every £4 raised by private contributions, but for the present year it will be at the rate of £1 for every £1 subscribed.

(2.) No.

(3 and 4.) Both Societies were paid on the same basis, being at the rate of £1 for every £4 subscribed during last year.

(14.)

- (14.) Salaries of Civil Servants—Civil Service Act:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take back from the Civil Servants the amounts already paid them in excess of the reduced salaries provided for in this year's Estimates?
 - (2.) If so, in what way will the amounts be taken—by instalments, or in a lump sum for the current half year?
 - (3.) If the amount for the half year is to be taken in a lump sum, will it not represent the absolute forfeiture of one month's salary?
 - (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the Pension Fund, and to return to the Civil Servants the amounts which they have contributed to it?
 - (5.) If it is not intended to abolish it, will the Government bring in a Bill to provide for the entire reorganization of the Fund, and the reduction of the amount of the annual contributions?
 - (6.) What amount of money is there now to the credit of the Fund?

Mr. Burns answered,—

The answer to questions 1, 2, and 3 is in the negative.

(4.) It is not the intention of the Government to abolish the Civil Service Pension Fund.

(5.) It is intended to deal with the question next Session.

(6.) I must ask the Honorable Member to postpone this question until next week, as I have not the information at hand.

- (15.) Iron Cove Bridge:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the original plans of Iron Cove Bridge, Balmain, provide for a passage or footway for pedestrians?

(2.) What has become of the castings which were provided for erection as a protection from the road traffic over this bridge?

(3.) Are the Government aware of the very great danger to pedestrians through the absence of this protection, by reason of the mobs of cattle driven across the bridge to the abattoirs?

(4.) Will the Government take the necessary steps immediately to remove this danger?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The original plans contained such provisions as would enable footways to be attached when required. They were not included, however, in the contract, but can be added if found to be necessary.

(2.) No castings were ever provided for the purpose.

(3.) There is inconvenience, but cattle do not frequently cross, except at night.

(4.) The subject will be considered in connection with the question of a tramway over the bridge.

- (16.) Intoxicating Drink Inquiry Commission:—Mr. Hutchison, for Mr. Henson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When will the Intoxicating Liquor Inquiry Commission present their second and final report?

(2.) What is the reason this Commission is so long in completing their inquiry?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the President of this Commission:—The last meeting of the Intoxicating Drink Inquiry Commission was held on the 12th September, 1887, and the Commission made its first report on the 20th of the same month. No meeting of the Commission has been held since, as the Commission is considered to have expired in terms of the last extension of its sittings. If the Commission could have taken evidence, or otherwise obtained authentic information respecting the drink traffic in the country districts, and the working of the licensing law in those districts, the material for a final report would have been available. In a short time the results of certain experiments made by the Government Analyst on the subject of fusel oil and its effects on the lower animals will be communicated by that officer; but it is not clear that under the present circumstances any member of the late Commission is, strictly speaking, authorized to report until the Commission is revised, or a new Commission has been issued.

- (17.) M. Pasteur's Investigations—Cumberland Disease and Typhoid:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he state the terms (if any) on which M. Pasteur's representatives are to be paid for teaching some one chosen by the Government the mode of cultivating the virus of Cumberland disease, as recommended by the Chief Inspector of Stock, and if any person has been appointed to this position or office, at what salary?

(2.) In the interests of suffering humanity, will any steps be taken to have a similar investigation made into the existence of the alleged microbe of typhoid fever now so prevalent in the Colonies, with the view of suppressing, if possible, this most fatal disease?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Inquiries are being made in reference to this matter, but no terms have been made with M. Pasteur.

(2.) This refers to a matter which is dealt with by the Colonial Secretary, to whom inquiry should be directed.

- (18.) Cost of Buildings, Rodd Island:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What will be the cost, when completed, of the erection of suitable buildings on Rodd Island for the use of the members of the Intercolonial Rabbit Commission?

(2.) Also, the cost of erection of two laboratories for the use of the scientists, and the cost of the erection of the crematorium?

(3.) Out of what fund is the money to be expended?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1 and 2.) About £1,400.

(3.) A special fund will require to be provided to meet necessary expenses incurred by the Rabbit Commission. From this fund the expenses will be defrayed.

(19.) Crown Lands Statistics :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The number of homestead leases taken up under the Lands Act of 1884 on resumed areas, and average rent paid for the same per acre ?
- (2.) The number of occupation leases on the reserved areas ?
- (3.) The number of pastoral lessees holding occupation leases, and average rate of rental paid for the same ?
- (4.) The number of pastoral tenants who have failed to take up occupation leases ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The information sought cannot possibly be furnished at such short notice but will be given as soon as possible.

(20.) Dams or Tanks in Eastern and Western Districts :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—The number and amount of money expended in the construction of dams or tanks in the Eastern and Western Districts, and the amount of revenue annually received from the same ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Expenditure of this character is effected under the Mines and Works Departments. I cannot, therefore, supply the information desired.

(21.) Pastoral Holdings on Lines of Railway Trial Surveys :—Mr. Cooke asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The number of pastoral holdings on the line of the trial survey for a railway from Forbes or Parkes to Wilcannia, and within about 50 miles on either side of same ?
- (2.) The number of pastoral holdings in the country within the following lines, viz. :—From Menindie to Tulpa, on the Darling ; from Tulpa to the Queensland Border, at a point where it meets the eastern boundary of Thuroow Downs ; from that point to the north-western point of this Colony ; from thence to Thackaringa, on the South Australian Border ; and from Thackaringa to the point of commencement.
- (3.) The number of stock, as per latest returns, depasturing on said holdings ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) One hundred and sixty-six.
- (2.) Sixty-seven.
- (3.) Horses, 12,997 ; cattle, 30,264 ; sheep, 8,490,584.

(22.) Free Railway Passes :—Mr. Dawson, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that a Salvation Army officer lately received a free pass on our railways ; if so, why ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Yes ; as this gentleman is engaged in purely philanthropic work in connection with our prison system, my honorable colleague considered the privilege of a free pass might be granted to him. My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, recommended the issue of the pass, as the officer in question was doing good service.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Government Railways Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 51.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales, and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 17th May, 1888.

(2.) Distribution of Funds in Sempill's Estates Bill (No. 2) :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Distribution of certain Funds among certain Creditors, in respect of claims by them against Insolvent Estates formerly assigned to Robert Hamilton Sempill, late Official Assignee,*"—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, 17th May, 1888.

(3.) Christian Chapel Lands Sale Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 53.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the Trustees of certain lands situated in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on which is erected the Christian Chapel, to sell such land, and to apply the proceeds for the benefit of the said Trust,*"—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, 17th May, 1888.

(4.) Rockdale Municipality Naming Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 54.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter the name of the Municipal District of West Botany*,"—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, 17th May, 1888.

3. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on the 9th May, 1888—"Commissions to Prosecute for the Crown."
- (2.) Report of the Deniliquin Fire Brigades Board for 1887-8, under the Fire Brigades Act, 1884
- (3.) Statistical View of the Progress of the Colony of New South Wales, from the Separation of Queensland in 1859 to the year 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 28th March, 1888—"Selections by John Harrison, of Lismore."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Report by Sir John Cooke on the entrance to Richmond River.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ST. THOMAS CHURCH ENFIELD LANDS SALE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Minister and Churchwardens of St. Thomas' Church, Enfield, to sell certain land in Kent-street, Sydney, devised by the will of Thomas Hyndes, deceased*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th May, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. J. P. Abbott, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 5th June.

5. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, PARISH OF METZ:—Mr. J. P. Abbott (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the name of Mr. J. P. Abbott, one of the Members for Wentworth, be removed from the Committee sitting on "Mineral Conditional Purchases, parish of Metz." Question put and passed.

6. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill:—

- (1.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor—From Thomas Moxham, as Chairman of the "Evening Star" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Parramatta.
 - (2.) By Mr. McFarlane—From John McLachlan, as Chairman of the "Rock of Refuge" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Maclean, Clarence River.
 - (3.) By Mr. Martin—From Alexander Miller, as Chairman of the No. 96 Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Milton.
 - (4.) By Mr. Woodward—From John Sweeny, as Chairman of the "Pride of Austinmer" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Austinmer.
 - (5.) By Mr. Ryrie—From E. F. Carlile, as Chairman of the "Happy Dawn" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Araluen.
- Petitions received.

7. DEDUCTIONS FROM WAGES OF EMPLOYEES FOR MEDICAL ATTENDANCE:—Mr. Walker (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order, "Patients received into Hospitals from Public Works," laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed 21st September, 1887, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Deductions from Wages of Employées for Medical Attendance." Question put and passed.

8. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Ives presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of St. Leonards, representing that the said Borough has considerable frontage to the waters of Port Jackson and Middle Harbour, and that certain clauses of the Crown Lands Bill regulate the sale, disposition, and management of Crown Lands, and continue the power of rescinding reservations of water frontages, and permit the reclamation of land lying below high-water mark; and praying that clauses 84 to 87 in the said Bill may be eliminated, or amended in the manner indicated in the Petition. Petition received.

9. **NORTH SHORE BOROUGH'S WHARVES BILL**:—Mr. Ives, 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 September, 1887, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ives then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 26th June.

Question put and passed.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Dibbs rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to bring under notice of the Government the decision of the Supreme Court, and the intention of the Government in regard thereto, in the matter of the illegal detention of certain Chinese."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—

Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Interruption.

11. **ELECTORATE OF CENTRAL CUMBERLAND**:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 1st instant declaring the Seat of Andrew Hardie McCulloch, junior, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. McCulloch; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of David Buchanan, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Central-Cumberland.

(2.) David Buchanan, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat, as a Member for the Electoral District of Central-Cumberland.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**:—The Debate on this subject,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry No. 11,—resumed.

Question put and negatived.

13. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Ninian Melville, Esquire, to act for this day only.

14. **RESUMPTION OF PROPERTIES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, ELIZABETH AND CASTLEREAGH STREETS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Withers moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The date of payment for the resumption of the properties bounded by the north side of Market-street, west of Elizabeth-street, and east side of Castlereagh-street.

(2.) The amount of purchase-money for same.

(3.) The amount expended in the erection of the property of the Public School.

(4.) The cost of alterations, additions, and repairs to the building used as a High School.

(5.) The amount received from rentals up to date.

(6.) The present revenue from the properties, clear of all taxes.

Question put and passed.

15. **PUBLIC WORKS 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 Mr. Melville reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes (after Debate), 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 constitution of an Authority to investigate and report upon proposals for Public Works submitted to Parliament, to make better provision for the acquisition of land for carrying out such Works, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th May, 1888.

16. **MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, PARISH OF METZ**:—Mr. Melville (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order and Further Return (*in part*) to Order, laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on the 7th July and 21st September, 1887, respectively, respecting "Applications for Mineral Conditional Purchases, parish of Metz," be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.

Question put and passed.

17. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive, postponed until Tuesday next.

18. **REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Day, 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 Mr. Melville reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Day, 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 extend the 'Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883.'*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th May, 1888.*

19. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 MAY, 1888.

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

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY, 1888.

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

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

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill:—
- (1.) By Mr. Moore—From certain Residents of Tingha.
 - (2.) By Mr. Garrett—From J. A. Graham, Chief Templar of the "Flower of the Forest" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Kangaloon.
 - (3.) By Mr. Garrett—From W. H. Mitchell, as Chairman of the "Enemy of Alcohol" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Werombi, near Camden.
 - (4.) By Mr. Nobbs—From Henry J. Collins, Chief Templar of the "Sherwood Rangers" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Goughtown.
 - (5.) By Mr. Lee—From David E. Corney, as Chairman of the "Temple of Good Hope" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Tenterfield.
 - (6.) By Mr. Mitchell—From A. Bradbury, as Chairman of the "Princess Beatrice" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Newtown.
 - (7.) By Mr. Cooke—From Charles Smart, as Chairman of the "Rescue" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Parkes.
 - (8.) By Mr. Lees—From Richard Iles, as Chairman of the "Pride of Rooty Hill" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Rooty Hill.
 - (9.) By Mr. Sydney Smith—From Henry Wilson, as Chairman, and certain Members of the "Union is Strength" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Wiseman's Creek.
 - (10.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From J. E. Ambrose, as Chairman of the "Hearts of Oak" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Waverley.
 - (11.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From G. H. Wigley, as Chairman of the "Alexandria" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, St. Mark's, Darling Point.
 - (12.) By Mr. Gale—From James Walker, as Chairman of the "Southern Cross" Division of the Sons of Temperance, Kiama.
 - (13.) By Mr. Gale—From certain Residents of Wagga Wagga and surrounding Districts.
 - (14.) By Mr. Gormly—From William Nicholls, Chief Templar of the "Try Again" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Hillston.
 - (15.) By Mr. Waddell—From G. A. J. Peterson, as Chairman, and certain Members of the "Ark of Refuge" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Cobar.
 - (16.) By Mr. Teece—From John Wesley Macgraw, as Chairman of the "Union of the East" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Eastgrove, Goulburn.
 - (17.) By Mr. Colls—From J. S. Wheatley, as Chairman of the "Eureka" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Gunning.
 - (18.) By Mr. J. P. Abbott—From George A. Harp, as Chairman of the "Hope of Wilcannia" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Wilcannia.
 - (19.) By Mr. Henson—From Anthony J. Sheffield, as Chairman of the "Golden Chain" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Petersham.
 - (20.) By Mr. Teece—From J. W. Walsh, as Chairman of the "Dawn of Day" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Goulburn.
- Petitions received.

3. **CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL** :—Mr. J. P. Abbott, 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 September, 1887, 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 Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
4. **MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, PARISH OF METZ** :—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from Joseph Francis McKinlay, of Armidale, representing that Petitioner is, and has been for many years, the holder of a miner's right; that he and others, forming a mining party, have, for a period of thirteen months, been in possession of certain portions of land, parish of Metz; that John Moore, John McBean, and Peter Speare, claim to be entitled to possession of the said land; that a Select Committee has been duly appointed to inquire into the matter; and praying that Petitioner may be heard before the said Committee, with liberty to adduce evidence.
Petition received.
Mr. Melville (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petition be granted.
Question put and passed.
5. **MR. J. M. BEATTY** :—Mr. Alfred Allen presented a Petition from James Macartney Beatty, of St. Leonards, submitting a statement of his public services, which extend over a period of about twenty-five years; claiming consideration on account of failing health, the result of a serious accident which happened to him in the performance of his public duty; and praying the House to take his case into consideration, in order to do what it may think right under the circumstances.
Petition received.
6. **CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL** :—Mr. Garrett (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return the papers regarding the case of the Conditional Purchase of 40 acres, applied for by Robert Cork at Milton on 3rd June, 1880, laid upon the Table and referred to the Select Committee on the Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill on the 24th April, 1888.
Question put and passed.
7. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES** :—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Jacob Garrard, Esquire, to act for this day only.
8. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until after the Notice of Motion of General Business No. 1, standing in the name of Mr. Dibbs.
9. **THE CHINESE—VOTE OF CENSURE** :—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) "That" no legislation which does not provide for the total exclusion of Chinese immigrants will be acceptable to this House.
(2.) That any legislation in regard to the Chinese should, if possible, be the result of the united action of the Australasian Colonies.
(3.) That the Government should withdraw the Bill now before the Legislative Council, which assumes to deal with the Chinese, with the view of adopting the principles involved in Resolutions Nos. (1) and (2).
(4.) That this House is of opinion that it would fail in its duty if it did not express its condemnation of the late illegal acts of the Government with regard to the Chinese.
(5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Neild moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "this House is of opinion that it is desirable for the Government to unite with the Governments of the other Colonies in endeavouring to restrict the influx of Chinese into Australasia."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Mr. Crouch moved, "That the Question be now put."
Question put,—That the Question be now put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Waddell,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Teccc,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Garland,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Riley,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Crouch.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. See,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McCourt.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Moore.

And

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that there were not forty Members in favour of the Motion,—
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 24 MAY, 1888, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Jeanneret,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Tonkin.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Levien,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Dawson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Lakeman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—

- (1.) That no legislation which does not provide for the total exclusion of Chinese immigrants will be acceptable to this House.
- (2.) That any legislation in regard to the Chinese should, if possible, be the result of the united action of the Australasian Colonies.
- (3.) That the Government should withdraw the Bill now before the Legislative Council, which assumes to deal with the Chinese, with the view of adopting the principles involved in Resolutions Nos. (1) and (2).
- (4.) That this House is of opinion that it would fail in its duty if it did not express its condemnation of the late illegal acts of the Government with regard to the Chinese.
- (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Vaughn.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Dawson.

Noes, 41.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Henson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Mitchell,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer powers upon the 'Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales (Limited)'*",—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd May, 1888.

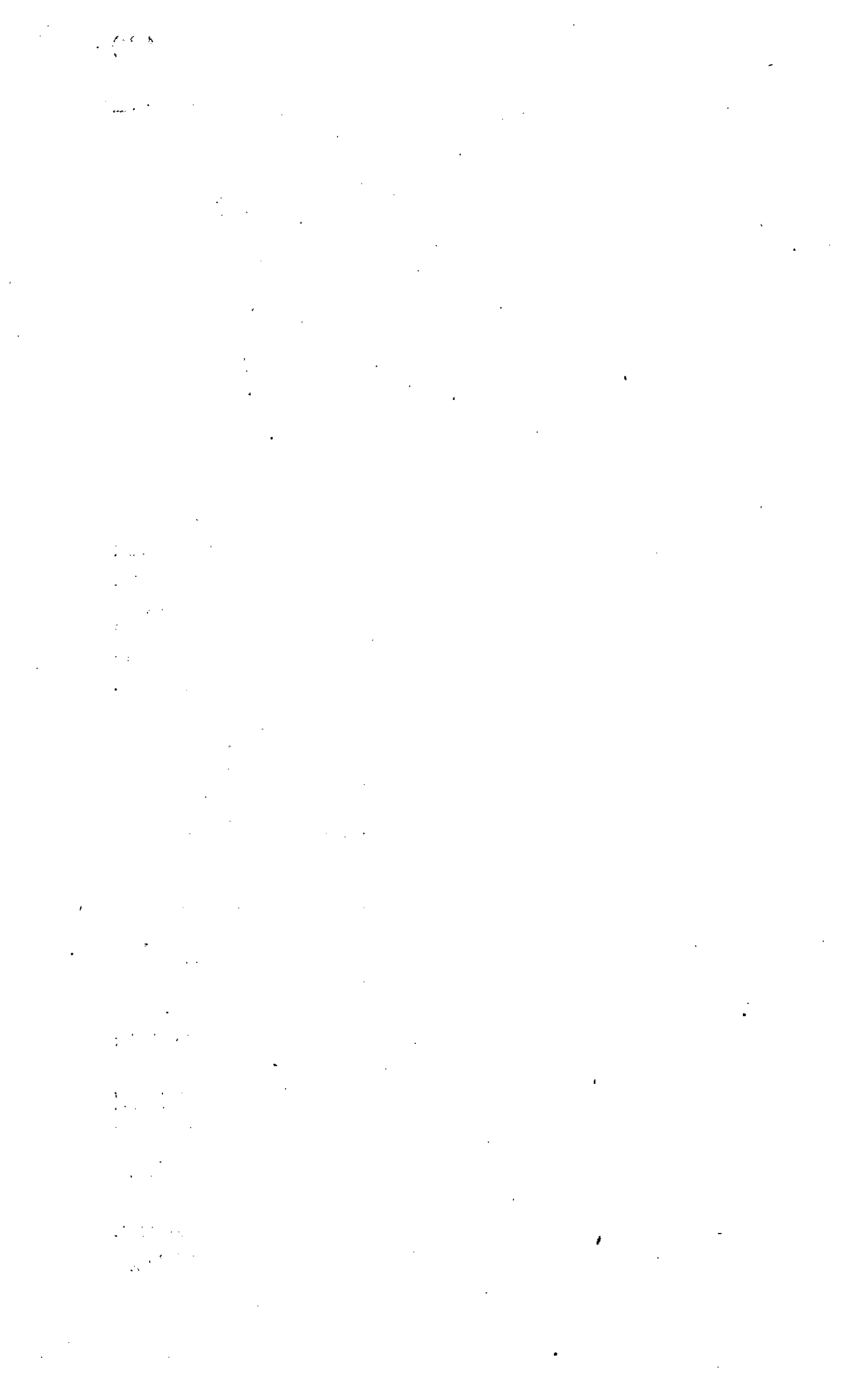
JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at three minutes after One o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 MAY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bankruptcy Act:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Into what Bank has the Colonial Treasurer directed all moneys to be paid under section 98 of the Bankruptcy Act of 1887?

(2.) Has the Colonial Treasurer caused the accounts of the Registrar to be audited once every quarter, in compliance with sub-section 6 of section 98 of the said Act?

(3.) Has the Colonial Treasurer received any moneys from the Registrar, in pursuance of section 100 of the said Act?

(4.) What arrangements have been made to have the accounts and books of the Official Assignees properly audited from time to time?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The Bankruptcy Estate Account rotates quarterly between the Associated Banks.

(2.) The accounts of the Registrar were audited in April last, and his accounts will be examined quarterly as prescribed by the Bankruptcy Act.

(3.) No moneys have yet been received from the Registrar in pursuance of the section specified.

(4.) Provision has been made in the Bankruptcy Act for an examination of the accounts of Official Assignees at least twice in each year by the Registrar; and, in addition, the Judge in Bankruptcy may at any time direct an investigation to be made of the books and vouchers of an Assignee or trustee by the Colonial Treasurer or by the Registrar.

(2.) Road from Narramine Railway Station to the Bogan:—Mr. Hutchison, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the road from Narramine railway station to the Bogan, be proclaimed and opened for the use of the public?

Mr. Garrett answered,—If the road referred to be the one from Narramine to the Bogan at the "Oaks," it was withdrawn from lease and notified as reserve No. 1 on the 8th September, 1885.

(3.) Mineral Leases:—Mr. Hutchison, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is a miner, holding a miner's right, allowed to take a mineral lease out of a conditional lease, the conditions of which are duly being complied with; if so, will he state under what Act and clause such cases are dealt with, for the information of the general public?

Mr. Abigail answered,—In the present state of the law it is not certain that a mineral lease can be granted of land comprised in a valid conditional lease.

(4.) Capitation Allowance, Reserve Corps:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the reason the capitation allowance due to the Reserve Corps on the 1st day of January last has not been paid yet?

(2.) When will it be paid?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces that, in consequence of instructions from the Auditor-General, the Chief Paymaster had to refund a sum of £5,051 to the Treasury from the Volunteer Vote, and there was not therefore sufficient money to meet the claims when they became due on the 1st January, 1888.

(2.) As soon as funds are available.

(5.)

(5.) Pastoral Leases—Occupation Licenses:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he, in cases where pastoral leases or occupation licenses have been fixed at the minimum, and the lessee has appealed, and the rent has been reduced below the minimum, cause a refund of the rent paid over and above the sum fixed on appeal?
- (2.) If so, will the refund be calculated from the date of the notification in the *Gazette* of the division of the run.

Mr. Garrett answered,—By section 100 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 it is provided that rents may be reduced upon appeal, and that the reduction shall take effect after notification in the *Government Gazette*, and therefore my action is limited by law. Possibly an opportunity may offer during the consideration of the Land Bill now before this House of modifying the operation of the law in the direction the Honorable Member's questions indicate.

(6.) Prisoner Healey:—*Mr. Stokes*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Was a prisoner named Healey sentenced some three years ago for an assault upon a constable at Bondi?
- (2.) What was his term of imprisonment?
- (3.) What has been his conduct whilst in gaol?
- (4.) Has he been released; if so, on whose recommendation, and after serving what term?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes; on the 26th March, 1885.
- (2.) Eight years, which was subsequently reduced to four years, and on which period he would be eligible for a further remission of eight months under Gaol Regulations, upon compliance with certain conditions.
- (3.) Good, during last twelve months.
- (4.) Yes; prisoner was released after serving a term of three years seven weeks and three days. I desire to explain the reasons for my recommendation in this case: In January, 1887, my predecessor placed a minute on record that in the event of Healey's conduct continuing good his case might be brought under consideration, with a view to mitigation of his sentence. The Comptroller-General of Prisons also informed me that the late Chief Justice verbally expressed to him his desire to modify, at some future period, the sentences passed in this case. Taking these matters into consideration, also the fact of Healey's father having died on 16th instant, and the short term of imprisonment he would have had to serve but for certain breaches of gaol discipline in the earlier part of his sentence, I was disposed to give the young man a chance to redeem his character, and prove the sincerity of his professions of reform.

(7.) Railway Station, Bowral:—*Mr. Stokes*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Department at any time promised to erect new station buildings at Bowral?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the station is entirely unsuitable for the traffic, and that accidents are liable to occur through the platform being so narrow?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Department to do anything to remedy the matters complained of by the inhabitants; if so, when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) I find it was promised before I took office that favourable consideration would be given to the question of the erection of new station buildings at Bowral; but, with the desire to economise the expenditure, this work, with many others, was subsequently postponed.
- (2 and 3.) It is reported that the existing accommodation answers the present traffic requirements.

(8.) Woods-lane, near Quirindi Road, Yarraman Réserve:—*Mr. Lee*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it proposed to make a deviation from the Quirindi Road, by Yarraman Creek, which is known as Woods-lane?
- (2.) Through whose properties would this deviation pass?
- (3.) At whose instance has this deviation been proposed?
- (4.) What object is to be served if it is carried out?
- (5.) How long since was Woods-lane set out as a road, and has it not been cleared to the width of a chain?
- (6.) What is the length of the deviation?
- (7.) Will the proposed deviation run right to a public-house?
- (8.) How many distinct holdings, either purchases or conditional purchases, will this deviation cut into?
- (9.) If carried out, does the Government intend to fence on each side and to give compensation for damage to be done?
- (10.) Is it a fact that some of the holdings will be cut into such small pieces as to render parts of them utterly useless to the owners?
- (11.) Will the proposed deviation, if carried out, have the effect of cutting off other parts of the holdings from access to water?
- (12.) Will the proposed deviation, if carried out, have the effect of cutting off the public travelling with teams or stock for market from the travelling stock reserve at Yarraman and from water?
- (13.) What was the amount of the contract for clearing Woods-lane; and has that amount been paid?
- (14.) Is it a fact that the maintenance man at Colly Blue was employed by Road-Overseer Cox in cutting burrs on private property?
- (15.) Was that maintenance man discharged because he did not continue to do so, as ordered by Mr. Cox?
- (16.) Is it a fact that a 3-chain road running through Kickerbill Run, along the A. A. Company's boundary, has lately been reduced to 1 chain wide; and, if so, by whose recommendation?
- (17.) When should the money due to contractors for roads in the neighbourhood of Blackville and Yarraman stations be paid to them?
- (18.) Has the Road Overseer or Superintendent any right to retain moncy's due to road contractors after their work has been done and passed?

(19.) Was any application made to set out a township on the Yarraman reserve; if so, when, and why was the application refused, and what objection is there now existing to it?

Mr. Garrett answered,—If moved for in the shape of a Return, the information desired can be supplied. At present, however, it is not possible to furnish replies to all the questions.

(9.) **Municipal Rates on Government Property**:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Creer, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total amount of rates paid by the Government to the Sydney Corporation for the year 1887 on all Government buildings and land, and on all buildings and land rented and in the use and service of the Government in the city of Sydney?

Mr. Burns answered,—The total amount of rates paid by the Government to the Sydney Corporation for the year 1887, on all Government buildings and land, and on all buildings and land rented and in the use and service of the Government in the city of Sydney, was £13,325 7s. 6d.

(10.) **Mr. Thomas, formerly Inmate of Gladesville Asylum**:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Adverting to a reply from the Colonial Secretary's Department, touching the fate of a Mr. Thomas, at one time—1879 or 1880—a patient, or privileged guest, in the Gladesville Asylum, and who has not, so far, been traced,—

(1.) Was the said Mr. Thomas,—who was a gentleman of station, and at one time filled in one of these Colonies the position of Private Secretary to a Premier or Minister named Donaldson or Nicholson, who resided some years in Sydney, and was well known, and who, in 1879 or 1880, after his recovery (?) from an attack of mania, to which he was periodically subject, left the Colony in the Japanese man-of-war, after a preliminary service on shore as guide, and has not since been heard of—a certificated patient at Gladesville?

(2.) If so, who signed the certificate of admission?

(3.) How much (if any) was paid for his maintenance and treatment, and who paid it?

(4.) Does any satisfactory evidence exist regarding his fate subsequent to his departure in a professional capacity, or as a guest, on board His Majesty the Mikado's vessel of war?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Inspector-General of the Insane reports that, so far as can be ascertained from the records, which are very full and complete, no person answering the description given of Mr. Thomas was ever an inmate or patient at Gladesville. No sums have ever been paid for the maintenance of a Mr. Thomas answering the description given, and nothing whatever is known as to any person who had been an inmate of Gladesville leaving the Colony in a Japanese man-of-war.

(11.) **Assistant Examiner of Accounts, The Treasury**:—*Mr. Henson*, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications from gentlemen applying for the position of Assistant Examiner of Accounts in the Treasury Department?

Mr. Burns answered,—The papers will be laid upon the Table in a day or two.

(12.) **Post and Telegraph Masters, at Parramatta, Grafton, Cootamundra, and Braidwood**:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) What officers have been promoted to the recent vacancies for post and telegraph master at Parramatta, Grafton, Cootamundra, and Braidwood?

(2.) Have any objections or protests been made against any of these appointments; and, if so, on what grounds?

(3.) Who suggested or recommended the appointment to the vacancy at Braidwood?

(4.) What is the name and the length of service of the officer recommended for Braidwood; what positions has he held before; what has been his character in the Service; how many times has he been suspended; how long was he under suspension; and what are his claims to promotion?

(5.) Is it a fact that he has been so promoted over the heads of older and more efficient officers who have never been under suspension?

(6.) What proportion of the salary of an officer, who is post and telegraph master, is provided by the Postal and Telegraph Departments respectively?

(7.) Since what date has the Postal Department claimed the right of filling similar appointments?

(8.) How were they previously made?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Mr. T. Quirk, previously post and telegraph master, Grafton, was appointed to Parramatta; Mr. R. C. Willaus, previously at Cootamundra, to Grafton; Mr. A. H. Davies, previously at Queanbeyan, to Cootamundra; and Mr. L. Kingsmill, previously at Booligal, to Braidwood.

(2.) No objections or protests have been made beyond the difference of opinion between the Secretary to the Post Office and the Superintendent of Telegraphs respecting Kingsmill's appointment to Braidwood.

(3.) The Secretary to the Post Office.

(4.) Luke Kingsmill, the officer recommended for Braidwood, entered the Service as probationer, at Murrurundi, on the 15th April, 1875, and has since held the following positions, viz.:—Junior operator at Boggabri; station-master, Tabulam; junior operator, Glen Innes; post and telegraph master, Coonamble; and post and telegraph master, Booligal. His management of the Coonamble office was not satisfactory, and he was placed under suspension on the 26th March, 1886, but reinstated, with a reprimand and caution, on the 22nd July. He was again suspended on the 23rd June, 1887, and reinstated on the 9th August. On this occasion also he was reprimanded, it being at the same time decided to remove him from Coonamble when an opportunity offered. He was removed to Booligal on the 13th October last, and having satisfactorily discharged the duties of that office, there was no reason why he should not receive promotion in his turn.

(5.) The only officers over whose heads Mr. Kingsmill was promoted are those who refused the Braidwood appointment, which he accepted.

- (6.) Four-ninths by the Postal Department, and four-ninths by the Telegraph Department, the remaining one-ninth being provided by the Money Order Department.
- (7.) The Postal Department has never claimed the right of filling appointments.
- (8.) As they are at present. Promotions to combined offices are usually submitted to the Postmaster General as the joint recommendations of the Secretary to the Post Office and the Superintendent of Telegraphs; and should these officers differ, the Postmaster General decides the matter, as indeed he does in every case, pending the approval of the Executive Council.

(13.) Botany Road:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the date of the proclamation of the Botany Road as a main road of the Colony?
- (2.) What was the annual income and expenditure for the three years prior to such proclamation?
- (3.) What was the annual expenditure since such proclamation?
- (4.) Who is responsible for keeping the abovenamed road in proper repair?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) 30th December, 1885.
- (2.) The following information has been obtained from the late Road Trust:—

Year.	Income.			Expenditure.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1883	2,303	8	4	2,556	17	10
1884	2,570	11	8	2,568	13	8
1885	2,832	8	4	2,866	10	3
	£7,706	8	4	£7,992	1	9

- (3.) 1887, £217 5s. 3d.; 1888, £650 2s. 7d.

(4.) With the exception of those portions within the Municipal limits of Redfern, Waterloo, and Alexandria, which are under Municipal control by proclamations of the 31st December, 1886, the road is in charge of the Roads Department.

(14.) Quit Rents:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Returns, showing the quit rents due; ordered by this House on the 18th March, 1887, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Burns answered,—It has been found, upon examination, that the grants subject to quit rent date from the foundation of the Colony, and that the record of these grants in the Treasury is very imperfect. An approximate amount of quit rent, having reference to grants that are traceable, might be arrived at; but as the calculations have to be made in each case, I am unable to say with certainty within what time such a Return could be prepared; but I am informed that it will probably be done by the 30th June.

(15.) Electric Telegraph Department:—Mr. Lee, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) How many of the wires in the fricze cable now said by him to be connected were so connected on Wednesday, 9th May—the day on which the notice of the last questions relating to them was given?
- (2.) What is the length and value of the gutta-percha wire which has been used to replace the cable in the street-crossings?
- (3.) How many persons have been employed on this work since 1st May, at what cost to the Government per diem, and what were their names?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) None. They had been temporarily removed to admit of some alterations. They were replaced on the 10th instant.
- (2.) About 4 miles, at a cost of (say) £60.
- (3.) Two men, at 8s. per day, named Thos. Fish and Andrew Nicol.

(16.) Salaries of Clerks of Petty Sessions:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he carried, or does he intend to carry out, the promises made to this House on the 30th March, 1887, viz., to make provision in the Estimates to make good the loss sustained by Clerks of Petty Sessions by the abolition of fees?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—The statement referred to was made by me in view of the inconvenience that might possibly result to Clerks of Petty Sessions by being deprived of their fees from 1st July, 1887, the date on which the Clerks of Petty Sessions Fees Bill, as originally submitted, was to take effect. The Bill, however, having been altered in Committee so as not to take effect till the 1st January, 1888, and a Public Service Inquiry Commission having been since appointed to examine into, and report upon (*inter alia*), the question of salaries now paid to Civil Servants, I think it advisable to refrain from dealing further with this matter until the Commission have furnished their report to the Government; more particularly as my experience satisfies me that the salaries of Clerks of Petty Sessions generally require a thorough readjustment, some salaries, exclusive of fees, being, in my opinion, too high, whilst others, even with fees formerly allowed, are apparently inadequate.

(17.) Land, Corner of Oxford and Elizabeth Streets, Paddington:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are the Government in possession of any information relative to an alleged attempt to sell or lease the block of land situate at the corner of Oxford and Elizabeth Streets, Paddington, held in trust by the trustees of the Sydney Infirmary, in terms of the will of the late Wm. Perry, Esq., whose will directs the said land to be devoted to the erection of a free dispensary for the poor?

Sir Henry Parkes answered.—I am informed that application has been made to the Board of Directors of the Sydney Hospital to lease or sell the land, but the application has been declined.

(18.) Martini-Henry Rifles :—Mr. Gould asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to his reply to that portion of Mr. Gould's question *re* Martini-Henry rifles, on 17th May instant, in which he stated 147 of these rifles had been issued to rifle clubs, will he be pleased to state the names of the clubs to which these rifles have been issued and the numbers respectively?

(2.) Upon what conditions have such rifles been issued?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces :—

(1.) General and Permanent Staff Rifle Club, 65; New South Wales Rifle Association, 82.

(2.) That they be kept in proper order, and returned to the armoury when required.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL :—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill :—

(1.) By Mr. Stephen—From Members of the "Reunion" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Upper Botany.

(2.) By Mr. Dawson—From Henry Gunning, Chairman of the "Star of the South" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Cooma.

(3.) By Mr. Inglis—From W. J. Gibson, as Chairman of the "Hope of Walcha" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Walcha.

(4.) By Mr. Roberts—From W. F. Way, Chief Templar of the "Hope of the Hastings" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Port Macquarie.

(5.) By Mr. Garrard—From William Watt, Chief Templar of the "Haste to the Rescue" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Balmain.

(6.) By Mr. Day, for Mr. H. H. Brown—From John Clague, as Chairman of the "Excelsior" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Clarence Town.

(7.) By Mr. Ewing—From James Leeson, as Chairman of the "Pride of Bungawalbyn" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Bungawalbyn.

(8.) By Mr. Ewing—From John Toovey, as Chairman of the "Wardell Hope" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Wardell.

(9.) By Mr. McFarlane—From Kenneth Reid, as Chairman of the "Star of Hope" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Chatsworth, Clarence River.

(10.) By Mr. McFarlane—From John McPhoes, as Chairman of the "Rose of Dyraba" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Lawrence, Clarence River.

(11.) By Mr. Creer—From William Stewart, as Chairman of the "Pride of Minmi" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Minmi.

(12.) By Mr. Lakeman—From R. Massie, as Chairman of the "Perseverance" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Hay.

(13.) By Mr. Schey—From William H. Jeater, Chairman of the "Unity" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, St. Paul's, Redfern.
Petitions received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report by Sir John Coode on the Entrance to Clarence River.

(2.) Notification of Resumption of Land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, in the parish of Cundle, county of Macquarie, required for Wharf, &c., near Ghinny Ghinny, Manning River.

(3.) Notification, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act, of the completion of the Water Supply Works for the town of Wentworth.

(4.) Notification, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act, of the completion of the Water Supply Works for the town of Bourke.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Report of the Civil Service Board of New South Wales for the year 1887.

(2.) Annual Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines for the year 1887.

(3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Port Macquarie.

(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Gosford.

(5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ulladulla.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the quarter ended 31st March, 1888.

(2.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies for the quarter ended 31st March, 1888.

(3.) Despatch respecting Applications for Certificates of Competency as Masters and Mates.

(4.) Further Despatch respecting the possibility of opening up a Trade in Wheat between Australia and Barcelona.

(5.) Despatch relative to the Employment of Officers of the Royal Navy under Colonial Governments.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report and Evidence in connection with the Fatal Accident to John Mansfield, at the Northumberland Colliery.

(2.) Report and Evidence in connection with the Fatal Accident to Edward McCarran, at the West Wallsend Colliery.

(3.) Papers in connection with the Influx of Explosive Gas into the South Waratah Colliery, in February last.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 4th October, 1887—"Removal of Survey Offices from Albury to Wagga Wagga."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 27th September, 1887—"The Licensing Act."

Ordered to be printed.

4. RAILWAY FROM YOUNG TO DUBBO:—Mr. Cooke presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Grenfell, suggesting, for the favourable consideration of the House, the construction of a cross Line of Railway from Young, as the starting point, south, thence to Grenfell, Forbes, Parkes, and Dubbo; submitting reasons for the construction of the said line; and praying the House to entertain the project.
Petition received.
Mr. Cooke then presented a similar Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Parkes.
Petition received.
5. PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. J. P. Abbott, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a Report, with the Standing Orders prepared by that Committee, pursuant to the reference of the 27th March last.
Ordered to be printed.
6. RESUMPTION OF EDWARD IRBY'S LAND AT BLUFF RIVER.—Mr. Lee presented a Petition from Edward Irby, of Tenterfield, representing that the Petitioner is interested in the matter of the resumption by the Government of certain lands situated on the Bluff River, and has made certain claims in respect thereto; that the matter has been referred to a Select Committee of this House; and praying that permission may be granted to him to be represented at the meetings of the said Committee by Counsel and Attorney.
Petition received,
Mr. Lee (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petition be granted.
Question put and passed.
7. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Albert John Gould, Esquire, to act for this day only.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Bills of Sale Act Amending Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 12th June.*
(2.) Fuel Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 10th July.*
(3.) Totalizator Legalizing Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 5th June.*
(4.) Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company's Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday, 12th June.*
(5.) Sydney Hydraulic Power Company's Bill; resumption of the Debate on the Question, "That leave be given for the Committee of the Whole to sit again on Tuesday, 26th June, for the further consideration of the Bill";—*until Thursday next.*
(6.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Day, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until Tuesday, 12th June.*
9. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2.)—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Davis 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 *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Davis, 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 Mr. Gould reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 26th June.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 25th April, 1888.

10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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, 30 MAY, 1888, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gould reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes after Four o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY, 1888.

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

VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 55.

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 May or following month of the year 1888, together with provision for other Services of the year 1888, of an urgent nature.

Government House,

Sydney, 30th May, 1888.

Ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Endowment on Contributions for Municipal Purposes:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Does the Government decline to pay endowment on contributions for municipal purposes made by non-resident ratepayers to municipalities; if so, under what authority?

(2.) Has any Attorney-General given any opinion on the legality of this action; and, if so, will he be good enough to lay the same upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Burns answered,—I will lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the opinions of Attorneys-General on certain claims made by municipalities upon the Government in consideration of contributions made at various periods to those municipalities.

(2.) Duplicating line between Parramatta and Penrith:—*Mr. J. P. Abbott* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has Professor Warren yet furnished the Works Department with his report upon the bridges between Parramatta and Penrith?

(2.) Will he cause a copy of this report to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Further inquiries are being made of Professor Warren relative to matters brought under attention in his report, and when question is completed there will be no objection to lay information upon the Table of the House.

(3.) Telegraph Line from Tumbulgum to Tweed River Heads:—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Postmaster General,—Is it a fact that the telegraph line lately erected from Tumbulgum to Tweed River Heads has never been placed in sufficiently good order to admit of transmission of messages?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The line between Tumbulgum and Tweed Heads has not been used hitherto because a new cable was required for the purpose of spanning one of the rivers. This cable will be supplied very shortly. Meanwhile, communication with Tweed Heads has been maintained uninterruptedly by the direct line thence from Murwillumbah.

(4.) *Mr. Midelton*, Locomotive Engineer:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a *Mr. Midelton* been appointed to the position of Railway Locomotive Engineer?

(2.) Was *Mr. Midelton* formerly engaged on the Tasmanian Main Line Railway, and was he compelled to resign that position; and, if so, for what cause?

(3.) Was *Mr. Midelton* suspended from the position of Assistant Locomotive Engineer on the New South Wales Railways?

(4.)

- (4.) Did Mr. Midelton design the traverser at Goulburn?
- (5.) Was this traverser, as designed, a success, or had it to be altered at considerable additional expense?
- (6.) Did Mr. Midelton design an under-carriage which, when constructed, was condemned as unsafe?
- (7.) Is Mr. Midelton's appointment a permanent one?
- (8.) On what day did the late Locomotive Engineer, Mr. Scott, receive notice that he would be required to cease work as such?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Midelton has been appointed to the position of Locomotive Engineer.
- (2.) He was formerly engaged on the Tasmanian Main Line Railway. He was offered the position of Engineer and Locomotive Superintendent by the Board of Directors in London in 1876, and proceeded to Tasmania to put the engineering matters on that line straight. He was authorized by the Chairman of the Board "to cut and carve the rolling stock as he pleased, so long as he made it a success, as it was in a fearful muddle then," the agent in Tasmania, he said, being a very good diplomatist only. Mr. Midelton, during the two years he was in office, did what he was sent out to do, and the agent consequently was annoyed and was so overbearing and objectionable that he tried for a long time to cause Mr. Midelton to be insubordinate or to resign in disgust. He was not compelled to resign, and had he gone to the Supreme Court under his agreement with the Company he, no doubt, would have received substantial compensation. Mr. Midelton's agreement with the Company was terminated by mutual consent upon the Company paying him £200.
- (3.) Mr. Midelton was suspended from the position of Assistant Locomotive Engineer of the New South Wales Railways on the 5th of August, 1885, upon fourteen "charges" made against him by Mr. Scott. These charges have not been proved.
- (4.) Mr. Midelton designed the 50-foot traverser in the new running-shed at Goulburn.
- (5.) It would have been a success if it had been made as designed; but as the thirty-two wheels, which carry it were put under in their rough state as they left the foundry, and without being turned true, the said traverser was condemned by Mr. Scott, and it was put into working order by Mr. G. A. Key, and has been at work successfully for about two years.
- (6.) Mr. Midelton designed the bogies of the State cars. If these are the under-carriages referred to, they ran most successfully for some time, but were condemned by Mr. Scott just before Mr. Midelton was suspended.
- (7.) Mr. Midelton's appointment is a permanent one.
- (8.) Mr. Scott, the late Locomotive Engineer, has retired in accordance with the Regulations of the Government on the 22nd of May, 1888.

(5.) Centennial Park:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is there any objection to the making of gateways from the Borough of Waverley into the Centennial Park?
- (2.) If no objection exists, will he give directions for the providing of such gateways?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In respect to this matter, other Members for Paddington have been making inquiries, especially the Honorable Member, Mr. A. Allen; but the answer supplied to me is in these words: "Every means will be afforded for access to the park when completed from the various localities which surround it. I may state that there are already five entrances proposed for Paddington, Woollahra, and Waverley." I cannot give any more definite information.

(6.) Cycling on Sundays, Lithgow:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that the Police Magistrate at Lithgow has given instructions to the police to institute proceedings against cyclists riding their machines through the towns on Sundays; if so, what is his authority for giving such instructions?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I am informed by the Police Magistrate at Lithgow that no instructions of any kind have been given by him to the police upon this subject.

3. WEST MAITLAND CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Bruncker, presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of West Maitland, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of West Maitland to purchase land and erect and maintain cattle sale-yards thereon.

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

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill:—

- (1.) By Mr. Ball—From Robert Greson, as Chairman of the "Victoria" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Collector.
- (2.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From Laurence Stark, as Chairman of the "Joseph Livesay" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Randwick.
- (3.) By Mr. Ewing—From J. P. A. Walker, Worthy Patriarch, and Members of the "Friendship Division," No. 10, of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, Lismore.
- (4.) By Mr. Holborow—From the Members of the "Centennial" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Marulan.
- (5.) By Mr. Frank Farnell—From W. B. Smith, as Chairman of the "Universal Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Castle Hill.
- (6.) By Mr. Frank Farnell—From Herbert Edgar McIntosh, as Chairman of the "Star of the East" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Field of Mars.
- (7.) By *Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Levien—From Adam Walker, as Chairman of the "Harvest Home" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Tamworth.

Petitions received.

5. PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the proposed Standing Orders, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee and ordered to be printed on 29th May, 1888, be considered in Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, 20th June.
Question put and passed.
6. CONTRACTS FOR LOCOMOTIVES TO BE MADE IN THE COLONY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, minutes, and other documents in connection with the calling for tenders and recent letting of contracts for certain locomotives to be made in the Colony.
Question put and passed.
7. SALE OF CERTAIN LAND, PARISH OF MOLONG, COUNTY OF ASHBURNHAM (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross 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 correspondence, plans, *Gazette* Notices, Judge's decision and ruling, in Common Law or Equity, in connection with the sale or disposal of portions of land 59, 60, 21, 56 and 6, in the parish of Molong, county of Ashburnham.
Question put and passed.
8. PURCHASE BY GOVERNMENT OF IRON AND STEEL RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY MATERIALS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The total number of tons of railway and tramway rails purchased by the Government during the past twenty years.
(2.) A comparative statement in tons of the total weight of iron and steel purchased by the Government during the above period, comprised in bridges, girders, cylinders, locomotives, and other engines, tenders, waggons, cranes, hydraulic machines, turntables, water-pipes, wheels and axles of all kinds, guns, gun carriages, springs, axle-boxes, bolts and nuts, railway roofs, galvanized iron, and all other descriptions of iron and steel, distinguishing cast from wrought.
(3.) The total amount expended in the purchase of the above, and the price per ton delivered at their destinations in the Colony, such price to include freight, cartage, inspection, insurance, and all expenses whatsoever incurred that may reasonably be placed to the actual total cost of such materials.
Question put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Perpetual Trustee Company Bill (*Council Bill*); third reading;—until Tuesday, 12th June.
(2.) Liverpool Church of England Grammar School Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 10th July.
10. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Ninian Melville, Esquire, to act for this day only.
11. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Correspondence respecting the Chinese Conference.
(2.) Correspondence respecting Proposed Engagement of Imperial Military Officer.
(3.) Correspondence respecting Proposed Establishment of Manufactory for Ammunition.
(4.) Report on the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for 1887.
(5.) Report on Vaccination for 1887.
(6.) Statistical Register for 1887, Part IV—"Works and Manufactories."
(7.) Blue Book for the year 1887.
Ordered to be printed.
12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Inglis, for Mr. Burns, moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of 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 1888," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. FORMATION OF STREET NORTH OF GENERAL POST OFFICE:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That this House approves of the expenditure of the sum of fifteen thousand pounds (£15,000) for the purpose of purchasing certain frontages to George and Pitt Streets, and of making compensation to the lessees of said land, with the view of securing an uniform width of 70 feet in the formation of the street north of the General Post Office, the designs of the buildings to be erected on the northern side of the new street to be subject to the approval of the Government.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Disorder:—Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Melville reported that certain disorder had occurred in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the House had dealt with the disorder.

Mr. Melville stated that, in Committee, Mr. McElhone had used words to the effect that the Minister for Lands was one of those who tried to fleece the Government; that he, Mr. Melville, as Deputy Chairman, declared the words to be disorderly, and required Mr. McElhone to unconditionally withdraw them; that Mr. McElhone had declined to do so, and left the Chamber, remarking, "Now you can do what you like."

Debate

Debate ensued.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That Mr. McElhone do attend in his place forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to communicate to Mr. McElhone the decision just arrived at by the House.

After a short interval, the Sergeant-at-Arms came to the Bar, and reported that he had made diligent search for the Honorable Member for The Upper Hunter, Mr. McElhone, but had failed to find him on the premises.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That "Mr. McElhone," for the disorder reported from the Committee, is guilty of contempt, and that for such contempt Mr. McElhone be committed by the warrant of Mr. Speaker to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House, and by the said Sergeant-at-Arms safely kept in custody during the pleasure of the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. P. Abbott moved; That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the words "Mr. McElhone," in the first line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "be ordered to attend in his place in the House to-morrow at 4 o'clock to answer to the House for his disorderly conduct."

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 31 MAY, 1888, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Nobbs,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Tecece,	Mr. Mackintosh,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Riley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Alfred Allen,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. W. J. Allen
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Goodwin.

Tellers,

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Gale.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker issued his Warrant (of which the following is a copy), committing the Honorable Member to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms:—

"To Laurence Joseph Harnett, Esquire, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

"WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales hath this day resolved that John McElhone, Esquire, a Member for The Upper Hunter, having been guilty of a contempt of this House, be committed to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House.

"These are, therefore, to require you to take into your custody the body of the said John McElhone, and him safely to keep during the pleasure of this House, for which this shall be your sufficient warrant.

"Given under my Hand and Seal, this thirty-first day of May, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, a.m.

" [L.S.] JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

" Speaker."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Melville reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

14. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Melville reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Melville also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Melville, that the report be now received.

Mr. Melville then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(C.) Resolved,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £603,000, being £493,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of May or following month of the year 1888, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1887, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1888; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway employes, and for Railway Services generally, during the month of June, 1888; £10,000 to meet wages to become due to employes in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, and for other Services of an urgent nature during the month of June, 1888.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

15. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Melville reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. Mr. Melville also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, on motion of Mr. Melville, that the report be now received. Mr. Melville then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
- (7.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1888, the sum of £603,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales
- On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
16. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5)**:—
- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 7), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1888.
- (2.) Mr. Burns 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 1888*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.
- (3.) 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 Mr. Melville reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time
- (4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Burns, *passed*.
Mr. Burns 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 1888*.”
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 1888*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st May, 1888, a.m.*
17. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 31 MAY, 1888.

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

MEMBER IN CUSTODY OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Warrant which he had issued upon the passing of the Resolution at the last sitting of the House had been put into execution, and that Mr. McElhone was now in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, awaiting the pleasure of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Government Printing Office:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is the Government Printing Office permitted to do printing work of any description other than that ordered by and for the actual use of the Government or for Parliament?
- (2.) What is the amount of receipts from outside sources that have been made during the year 1887 for work done at the Government Printing Office?
- (3.) What was the cost of the publications issued from that office other than Parliamentary documents, and including letterpress, lithographic, and photographic work for the year 1887?
- (4.) Are Members of Parliament entitled to a copy of any work or document issued at the Government Printing Office free of charge?
- (5.) Do any other persons enjoy such privileges; and, if so, whom?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) No, except when specially authorized by the Ministerial head of the Department.
- (2.) £205 15s. 5d.
- (3.) £27,504 16s. 11d., including the cost of the *Government Gazette* and *Police Gazette*.
- (4.) No; Members of Parliament are only entitled to documents ordered to be printed by Parliament.
- (5.) No. Free Public Libraries and Schools of Arts are furnished with the *Gazette*, *Parliamentary Debates*, and other publications.

(2.) Pastoral Holdings, Eastern Division:—Mr. Crouch asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has notice been given to the lessees of pastoral holdings in the Eastern Division that their leases will not be renewed at the expiration thereof?
- (2.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to give such notice within the prescribed time?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No. The matter is now under consideration, and a decision will be shortly arrived at.

(3.) Police Quarters, Rylstone:—*Mr. Toohy*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the new police quarters at Rylstone have been completed some five or six months, and are not yet tenanted?
- (2.) When will the officer-in-charge be authorized to take possession of them?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I may perhaps be permitted to explain that it is not usual for the Government to take possession of any new public building until it is reported, under proper authority, that the contract has been satisfactorily carried out. That report has only just been made, and the building will now be taken possession of.

- (4.) Training School, Education Department:—Mr. Martin asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Do the Government intend closing the Training School in connection with the Education Department; and, if so, for what reason?

Mr. Inglis answered,—The Government have no such intention.

- (5.) Mr. Midelton, Locomotive Engineer:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, all papers, correspondence, reports, &c., in reference to the suspension of Mr. Midelton; also, all papers, minutes, correspondence, &c., in reference to his appointment as Locomotive Engineer?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No objection, if moved for in the usual way.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wentworth, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
- (2.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Mudjee.
- (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Tenterfield.
- (4.) Return to an Order made on the 3rd May, 1888—"Swamp-street, Double Bay."
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (6.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (7.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (8.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Correspondence and Papers respecting Formation of Street north of the General Post Office.

Ordered to be printed.

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill:—

- (1.) By Mr. Martin—From Members of the "Hope of Coolangatta" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Coolangatta, Shoalhaven.
- (2.) By Mr. Henry Clarke—From George Luck, Chairman of the "Star of Moruya" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Moruya.

Petitions received.

5. ELECTORATES OF THE GWYDIR AND INVERELL BOUNDARIES AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the boundaries of the Electoral Districts of The Gwydir and Inverell.
Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Moore then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the boundaries of the Electoral Districts of the Gwydir and Inverell*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 24th July.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Seduction Punishment Bill postponed until this day three months.

7. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Jacob Garrard, Esquire, to act for this day only.

8. FORMATION OF STREET NORTH OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider the following Resolutions:—

- (1.) That this House approves of the expenditure of the sum of fifteen thousand pounds (£15,000) for the purpose of purchasing certain frontages to George and Pitt Streets, and of making compensation to the lessees of said land, with the view of securing an uniform width of 70 feet in the formation of the street north of the General Post Office, the designs of the buildings to be erected on the northern side of the new street to be subject to the approval of the Government.

- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to his Excellency the Governor.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

9. PRIVILEGE—DISCHARGE OF MEMBER FROM CUSTODY OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:—Mr. Buchanan, as a matter of Privilege, moved, That the Honorable Member for the Upper "Hunter" be discharged from custody forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "Hunter," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "be allowed to attend in his place in this House to make a statement."

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Lakeman moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Street,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. W. J. Aller,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hutchison,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. Crouch,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Scaver,	Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. See,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Dalton.
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Tonkin.

Noes, 19.

Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Frank Farnoll,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Gornly.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Toohy.

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of "at least forty members,"—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 66.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Haynes,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Melville,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gale,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Scaver,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Frank Farnoll,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. W. J. Aller,	Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. See.
Mr. Stevenson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Cortis.

Noes, 2.

Tellers,

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Moore.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put, That the Honorable Member for the Upper "Hunter" be discharged from custody forthwith.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Buchanan
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Day.

Tellers,

Mr. Walker,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes 57.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Jones,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Gale,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. See.
Mr. Street,	
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Tellers,
Mr. Lakeman,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Frank Smith,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Fitzgerald having stated that he was authorized to express Mr. McElhone's regret for his disorder, and to state that that gentleman would, if permitted, make an explanation which would be satisfactory to the House,—

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House, having learned through the Honorable Member for the Upper Hunter, Mr. Fitzgerald, that Mr. McElhone, the Honorable Member for The Upper Hunter, now in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, is desirous of explaining and apologising to the House for the conduct which resulted in his arrest, authorizes Mr. Speaker to admit Mr. McElhone to the Bar, in order that he may have an opportunity of so explaining and apologising.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker thereupon directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to admit Mr. McElhone to the Bar of the House.

Mr. McElhone being at the Bar, Mr. Speaker read to him the Resolution under which he was admitted; whereupon Mr. McElhone offered an explanation and apology, and withdrew.

Mr. J. P. Abbott then moved, That the Honorable Member for The Upper Hunter, Mr. McElhone, be discharged from the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Haynes moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question,—That the Question be now put,—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. J. P. Abbott then moved, That Mr. McElhone be brought to the Bar of the House, and asked by Mr. Speaker if he desires to make a further statement to the House.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. J. P. Abbott then moved, That this House having learned, through Mr. J. P. Abbott, that the Honorable Member for The Upper Hunter, Mr. McElhone, now in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, is desirous of further explaining and apologising to the House for the conduct which resulted in his arrest, authorizes Mr. Speaker to admit Mr. McElhone to the Bar, in order that he may have an opportunity of so explaining and apologising.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker thereupon directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring the Honorable Member, Mr. McElhone, to the Bar of the House.

Mr. McElhone, being admitted accordingly, was informed by Mr. Speaker of the Resolution just adopted by the House; and Mr. McElhone apologised for his conduct, and withdrew.

Whereupon Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, That the Honorable Member for The Upper Hunter, Mr. McElhone, having apologised to this House for the disorderly conduct which led to his arrest, be discharged from the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker then directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to release the Honorable Member, Mr. McElhone.

10. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5):—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 1888*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 31st May, 1888.

JOHN HAY

President.

11. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—Mr. Roberts moved, That the Orders of the Day, Nos. No. 2 to 16, be postponed until after the Order of the Day relating to the "Formation of Street north of the General Post Office."
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. **PARRY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES ON CURRUGUNDI AND WARREN SOUTH RUNS**:—Mr. Hassall, 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 8th November, 1887.
Ordered to be printed.
13. **FORMATION OF STREET NORTH OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That this House approves of the expenditure of the sum of fifteen thousand pounds (£15,000) for the purpose of purchasing certain frontages to George and Pitt Streets, and of making compensation to the lessees of said land, with the view of securing an uniform width of 70 feet in the formation of the street north of the General Post Office, the designs of the buildings to be erected on the northern side of the new street to be subject to the approval of the Government.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE, 1888, A.M.

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

14. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—
(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, until Tuesday next.
(2.) The Notices of Motions of General Business, not disposed of, postponed until Tuesday next.
15. **SYDNEY HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate on the Question, "That leave be given for the Committee of the Whole to sit again on Tuesday, 26th June, for the further consideration of the Bill," having been read,—
And the Debate not being resumed,—
Question put and passed.
16. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 to 8, of General Business postponed until Tuesday next.
17. **Oakey Park Coal-Mining Company's Railway Bill**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Hurley moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the first word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the Bill be referred back to the Select Committee appointed on the Bill for further consideration and report; that the "Petition of Brisbane Doyle, of Penrith, presented by Mr. Hurley on the 18th April last be "referred to such Committee; and that leave be granted to the Petitioner to be heard in person, or "by counsel, before the Committee."
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 referred back to the Select Committee appointed on the Bill for further consideration and report; that the Petition of Brisbane Doyle, of Penrith, presented by Mr. Hurley on the 18th April last, be referred to such Committee; and that leave be granted to the Petitioner to be heard in person, or by counsel, before the Committee,—put and passed.
18. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at Sixteen minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Martini-Henry Rifles:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many Martini-Henry rifles of the sea-service pattern are included in the 10,779 said to be in store; if any, when did they arrive in the Colony?
 - (2.) If none are in store, have any been ordered; if so, when?
 - (3.) If ordered, has the order been fulfilled?
 - (4.) If the order has not been fulfilled, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Burns answered,—The following information has been supplied by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) None.
- (2, 3, and 4.) Some have been ordered, received, and issued.

- (2.) Board of Inquiry into Collieries:—*Mr. Stephen*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to form a Board to inquire into and report upon the Lithgow or other collieries, or for any similar purpose?
 - (2.) If so, does he intend to appoint any practical working miners or miners' representatives to such Board?
 - (3.) If not, does he expect that any such Board would have the approval and confidence of the miners?

Mr. Abigail answered,—It is not intended to appoint a Board, as, under the Coal Mines Regulation Act, officers have been appointed to inspect and report upon the various collieries. No complaints of neglect have been received; but if the Honorable Member is in possession of any, and will forward them to the Department, they will be promptly dealt with.

- (3.) Holidays in General Post Office:—*Mr. Stephen*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Why have no steps been taken by the Postal Department to allow the officers of the Mail Branch a day off in lieu of any public holiday on which they may have to work?
 - (2.) Has he forgotten his promises and assurances made to Mr. Schey on this matter, in reply to previous questions?
 - (3.) Will he give instructions that such promises shall be at once given effect to?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The Honorable Member asked two questions on the 28th March. The first was whether the clerks in the Mail Branch would each be allowed three clear days in lieu of the Easter holidays, on which holidays they would to a greater or less extent be on duty. The second was whether I would allow all officers employed in the Mail Branch a day in lieu of every holiday on which they had to work. I replied that it *would* afford me much pleasure to grant the additional concession asked for, *but* it must be borne in mind that the convenience of the public must be studied, and hence I could only promise to grant such consideration and indulgence to the officials as might appear to be justified, with due regard to the public interest. The promise referred to in my reply has been strictly carried out, and to allow each officer of the Mail Branch a full day off in lieu of any public holiday upon which he might have to work would necessitate an enormous increase in the staff of the Department.

- (4.) Rifle Ranges, Paddington and Randwick:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, in consequence of the rifle range at Paddington having been closed for practice, except on Saturday afternoon, the members of the Head Quarters Forces are prevented from firing their annual course of musketry instruction, as required by the Volunteer Regulations, and thus will be unable to qualify as "efficient"?

(2.)

- (2.) Have the non-commissioned officers and men of the partially paid portion of the Force been deprived of their pay set apart as "efficiency money" ?
- (3.) Will he consider the propriety of causing the necessary steps to be at once taken, either to provide a new rifle range, or to have the present one so altered as to render it perfectly safe, and thus allow the various portions of the Military Forces at Head Quarters to qualify in rifle shooting ?
- (4.) Is it not a fact that there is no other rifle range available for practice within from 30 to 40 miles of Sydney ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) See answer given to similar question on the 15th May.
- (4.) Yes.

- (5.) Railway Freight on Empty Sacks, Mineral Ores, &c. :—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) As wood, cut to size for kerosene, soap, and candle boxes is carried free on the railways, will he authorize a similar concession to the farmers in the interior by carrying empty wheat, corn, and chaff sacks free also ?
- (2.) Has any reduction been sanctioned in the rate of carriage for mineral ores from Tenterfield to Newcastle ?
- (3.) The rate per ton per truck now charged ?
- (4.) The estimated cost to the Government for haulage of empty trucks (say) 381 miles ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) This question will receive consideration.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) For crude ores, £5 17s. 2d. per truck of 6 tons.
- (4.) It is difficult to say what the cost is, as empties usually form part of a train which is otherwise loaded. If a train of empties only were run the distance named, the cost would be about £36.

- (6.) Prison Labour, Casino Gaol :—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he sanction prisoners in Casino Gaol being employed in clearing the reserves, &c., within the municipality, in the same way as the prison labour of Grafton Gaol is being utilized ?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—In the instance referred to, where prisoners in Grafton Gaol were employed in clearing certain reserves, such reserves did not belong to the municipality, but to the Crown. In the case of Casino Gaol, it is assumed the reserves belong to the municipality; and to grant this request would be to open up a large question, which would involve a great deal of consideration.

- (7.) Electric Telegraph Department :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Thompson*, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Upon what day, prior to the 9th May, were the wires in the frieze cable spoken of in answer No. 15, of 29th May last connected, and how long prior to this date had they been uninterruptedly in such connection ?
- (2.) How many wires were connected on 29th May, and how many were in use for telephonic purposes ?
- (3.) Has it been necessary to replace the new unused cable on the frieze-work with 4 miles of gutta-percha wire; if so, what has been the reason ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) April 15th, 22nd, and 24th. They were in connection for various times—some a week, some longer.
- (2.) Fifty-nine wires were at work on the 29th May, of which thirty-four were used for telephonic purposes.
- (3.) No; the gutta-percha wire was used in the pipes under the streets because the larger insulated coating was an advantage.

- (8.) Board of Inquiry into the *Phylloxera* :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Creer*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the names of the gentlemen who constitute the *Phylloxera* Board ?
- (2.) What are their duties ?
- (3.) What is the name of the Secretary to the Board, and the nature of his duties ?
- (4.) What is the amount of his salary, and the date of his appointment ?
- (5.) How often has the Board met since his appointment, and the date of their last meeting ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Charles Moore (Director of the Botanic Gardens), Dr. Charles McKay, and Francis Ferguson.
- (2.) The duties are defined in the *Vine Diseases Act*.
- (3.) George Joseph Anthony Martin; attending meetings, and conducting correspondence appertaining to the Board; but as the powers conferred upon the Board by the present law were found insufficient for carrying out the objects intended, it was deemed necessary to introduce an Amended Act, consequently the meetings of the Board have been few.
- (4.) £170 per annum; 1st March, 1887.
- (5.) Ten times. The last meeting of the Board was held on 30th April, 1888, where a minute was passed approving of the Secretary's conduct and ability.

- (9.) Services of Unregistered Surgeon to Railway Employés :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a person is now, and has been for some time, acting as surgeon to the navvies employed on the North Shore extension railway, the Illawarra railway, and Carcoar railway, and is without a proper medical qualification, and unregistered ?

(2.)

(2.) Does he approve of an arrangement which may compel a large number of navvies on public works in remote situations to employ an unqualified and unregistered man as surgeon?

(3.) Will he, in future contracts, insist on contractors employing none but duly qualified surgeons on dangerous public works, where the distance from a town renders it necessary to have a resident medical officer?

(4.) Will he have any objection to issue a notice to the officers in his Department, or any of their subordinate officers, preventing them from furnishing their friends or other outsiders with information concerning the acceptance of tenders, or acting in any other way, in connection with contracts, than in accordance with the official rules of the Service?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2 and 3.) This seems to be a matter for the contractors and employes themselves to arrange.

(4.) I do not think there is any necessity for this course. Under the practice I have recently initiated, all tenders are opened publicly, and the prices declared as soon as tenders are opened.

(10.) Kerosene Oil, &c., in Bonded Warehouses:—*Mr. McCourt*, for *Mr. Martin*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that many families reside contiguous to city bond warehouses, where excessive quantities of kerosene oil are stored?

(2.) Is it a fact that thousands of cases of this oil are stacked on the public wharves for weeks at a time, unprotected from risk of explosion?

(3.) Will he take immediate steps to avert this danger?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am not aware “that many families reside contiguous to city bonds, where excessive quantities of kerosene oil are stored,” or “that thousands of cases of this oil are stacked on the public wharves for weeks at a time, unprotected from risk of explosion”; but I have referred to the Collector of Customs for information, and he states as follows:—

(1.) There are two kerosene bonds in Sydney, both being situated the distance from a dwelling-house prescribed by the Act, 35 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Kerosene entered for bond does not remain on wharves for any length of time beyond the time necessary for transfer to lighters.

(3.) It does not appear, therefore, that the suggested danger exists.

(11.) Land purchased by Government on Pennant Hills Road:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the Government purchased lately any land on the Pennant Hills Road?

(2.) If so, from whom did they purchase the land, at what price, and for what purpose?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I have caused search to be made in the records of the Department, but I cannot find that any such purchase as that indicated in the Honorable Member's first question has been made. If the Honorable Member will give me a more definite description I may be successful in any further search.

2. MESSRS. HUGH McNEILL AND PARTY—MINERAL LEASE AT CAPTAIN'S FLAT:—*Mr. Dibbs* presented a Petition from *Hugh McNeill*, *William Edwards*, and *John Huxham Blatchford*, of *Captain's Flat*, referring to the appointment of the Select Committee on the subject of the claims (if any) of *Hugh McNeill* and party to compensation for losses sustained through the neglect of the Mining Department to issue them a mineral lease at *Captain's Flat*; and praying for leave to be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before the said Select Committee, with liberty to adduce evidence, and examine and cross-examine such witnesses as may give evidence at such inquiry.

Petition received.

Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petition be granted.

Question put and passed.

3. AMENDED ESTIMATES FOR DEPARTMENTS UNDER CONTROL OF COLONIAL SECRETARY:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Burns*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 56.

Governor.

The Governor requests the return to him of that portion of the Estimates-in-Chief, 1888, having reference to the provision for the Departments and Services under the control of the Colonial Secretary, with a view to the substitution of an amended Estimate in lieu thereof.

Government House,

Sydney, 5th June, 1888.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by *Mr. Burns*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 5):—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 57.

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 1888,*”—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, 1st June, 1888.

(2.)

(2.) Public Works Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 58.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the constitution of an Authority to investigate and report upon proposals for Public Works, and the carrying out thereof, when authorized by Parliament, to make better provision for the acquisition of land for carrying out such Works, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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 June, 1888.

(3.) Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act Extension Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 59.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the 'Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883,'*"—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 June, 1888.

5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill :—

- (1.) By Dr. Ross—From W. Furlong, as Chairman of the "Hope of Molong" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Molong.
 - (2.) By Mr. Woodward—From William Gray, as Chairman of the "W. E. Gladstone" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Mount Keira.
 - (3.) By Mr. Inglis—From John A. Wallworth, as Chairman of the "Glen Morrison" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Glen Morrison.
 - (4.) By Mr. Gordon—From A. C. Hutchison, as Chairman of the "Star of Young" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Young.
 - (5.) By Mr. McCourt—From Thomas Brownlow, Chief Templar of the "Pride of Moss Vale" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Moss Vale.
 - (6.) By Mr. McCourt—From G. W. Layton, as Chairman of the "Hope of Bundanoon" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Bundanoon.
 - (7.) By Mr. McCourt—From Joseph Ritter, as Chairman of the "Gordon" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Bowral.
 - (8.) By Mr. Henson—From W. T. Hannah, as Chairman of the "Rose of Marrickville" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Marrickville.
 - (9.) By Mr. Ewing—From Chas. R. Eastment, as Chairman of the "Life Buoy" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Gundurimba.
- Petitions received.

6. GOULBURN AND TUENA TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Stevenson presented a Petition from John George Griffin, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from Goulburn to Tuena, in the Colony of New South Wales. And Mr. Stevenson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Goulburn Herald*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

7. IMPORT DUTY ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE :—

- (1.) Mr. Copeland presented a Petition from certain Farmers and Residents of New England, and others, representing that the farming industry is in a deplorable condition, no market being available on account of distance and the high rate of freight, and under such conditions farming cannot be made remunerative; and praying the House to grant such relief as it may deem advisable, and thus save the farmers from ruin and the country from calamity. At the request of Mr. Copeland, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
- (2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Petition from certain Farmers and others of the Inverell District, alleging the necessity of establishing in New South Wales a specific duty upon grain imported from foreign ports; and praying the House to take the matter into serious consideration, and place such specific duties upon imported grain as will save the agricultural industry from destruction. Petition received.

8. PAPERS :—

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 5th October, 1887—
"District Court Bailiffs."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Regulations relating to Mining Leases under the Mining Act Further Amendment Act of 1884.
Ordered to be printed.

9. **SITE OF TELEGRAPH OFFICE, ANGLEDOOL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and documents in connection with changing the site of the telegraph office at Angledool.
Question put and passed.
10. **SICK POOR OF THE METROPOLIS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all recent correspondence between the Medical Adviser to the Government and the Directors of the Prince Alfred Hospital and the Sydney Hospital, respecting the necessity of providing additional accommodation for the sick poor of the metropolis.
Question put and passed.
11. **WEST MAITLAND CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Bruncker, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of West Maitland to purchase land and erect and maintain cattle sale-yards thereon.
Question put and passed.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the day postponed until Tuesday, 10th July:—
(1.) Attorneys' Bills of Costs and Practices of Conveyancing Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
(2.) Original Grants of Land Boundaries Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
(3.) Totalizator Legalizing Bill; second reading.
13. **IMPORT DUTY ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE**:—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, moderate import duties on such agricultural productions as can be grown in the Colony, and on all articles which can be locally manufactured, would tend to bring financial prosperity to the Colony and give profitable employment to many of our present unemployed mechanics and the working classes generally.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, "That the Question be now put."
Question put, That the Question be now put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Creer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	
Mr. Crouch,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Gaie,	
Mr. Toohoy,	
Mr. W. J. Allen,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. O'Mara,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	
Mr. Ewing.	

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Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Hawkon,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Teece.
Mr. Hawthorne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Street,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	

And so it passed in the negative.
Original Question again stated.
Debate continued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 25th April, 1888.

14. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Jacob Garrard, Esquire, to act for this day only.
15. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL**:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill:—
(1.) By Mr. Sydney Smith—From James Graham, as Chairman of the "Star of Oberon" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Oberon.
(2.) By Mr. Hassall—From Frank Wearne, as Chairman of the "Want Supplied" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Bingera.
(3.) By Mr. Dowel—From F. W. C. Warner, as Chairman of the "Currabubula United" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Currabubula.
Petitions received.
16. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McElhone rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to call attention to the action of the Lands and Mining Departments allowing Mary Lane, Mary P. Lane, Mr. Withers, and other persons, being allowed to hold mineral conditional "purchases

" purchases on the Teralba coal reserve, and granting certificates for the same on the above reserve, which was exempted from sale, or conditional purchase, or mineral conditional purchase, in virtue of such reservation."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

17. VINE DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT 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 *Mr. Garrard* 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 enlarge the powers conferred by, and amend, the 'Vine Diseases Act, 1886.'*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th June, 1888.*

18. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—The Order of the Day, having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

19. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND SALE AND DEDICATION BILL:—

(1.) 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, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the formation of a street in lieu of Queen-street, in the city of Sydney, to declare Queen-street vested in the Commissioner for Railways, and to provide for the sale and dedication of certain lands resumed for tramway purposes.

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

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

Mr. Garrard 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 formation of a street in lieu of Queen-street, in the city of Sydney, to declare Queen-street vested in the Commissioner for Railways, and to provide for the sale and dedication of certain lands resumed for tramway purposes.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Burns then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the formation of a street in lieu of Queen-street, in the city of Sydney, to declare Queen-street vested in the Commissioner for Railways, and to provide for the sale and dedication of certain lands resumed for tramway purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE, 1888, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Harbours and Rivers Department:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Alexander Moriarty, a nephew of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, did, on the 1st June, at a little after 1 p.m., take the pay-sheets away from the Harbours and Rivers Pay Department, and tell the Cashier "to do his best"; and that, in consequence, many of the officers were not paid until after 3 p.m.?
 - (2.) Will he cause an official investigation to be made into this matter to prevent its recurrence?
 - (3.) Can he inform the House how many relatives of Mr. Moriarty (the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers) are in the Government service and connected with the Harbours and Rivers Department, their positions, rate of pay, and length of service?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1 and 2.) I have ascertained that the pay-sheets were most improperly removed from the Cashier's room by the officer referred to; and, on the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, I have suspended him, pending a full inquiry into this circumstance.

(3.) A Return, giving the desired information, will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House.

- (2.) Special Grants to Municipalities:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government come to any decision yet in respect of the recent application of the municipalities for a special endowment of £ for £, for the year 1888; if so, what is the nature of such decision?

Mr. Burns answered,—The matter is under consideration, but no decision has been arrived at.

- (3.) Mr. J. C. Neild, Executive Commissioner, Adelaide Exhibition:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amount of money spent by Mr. Neild, as personal and other expenses, as Commissioner to the Adelaide Exhibition?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Government has not yet received from Mr. Neild any accounts of his expenditure of the advances made to him as Executive Commissioner for the Adelaide Exhibition. Correspondence on the subject has taken place between the Auditor-General and Mr. Neild, and between the Treasury and Mr. Neild; and, on the 8th May last, Mr. Neild wrote to the Treasury, stating that he would adjust the advances as soon as the accounts were closed, which would probably be in six or eight weeks.

- (4.) Construction of Railway Locomotives in the Colony:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In reference to the fifty railway engines ordered by the Government to be made in the Colony, what would be the difference per engine in the cost of their construction if made with copper fire-box plates and brass tubes, as built by Beyer & Peacock, and those ordered by the Government to be made in the Colony with steel fire-boxes and tubes?

(2.) What is the difference in the life of fire-boxes with copper plates and brass tubes and steel plates and steel tubes?

Mr. Roberts answered,—My honorable colleague will presently lay the information upon the Table in the form of a Return.

- (5.) Engaged Compartments in Railway Carriages:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In reference to questions asked by Mr. McElhone on 15th May, *re* engaged carriages on the Northern Line,—who was the Member of Parliament for whom it was said the Commissioner for Railways had engaged a compartment, as per letter in *Maitland Mercury* dated 8th of May, which Mr. McElhone gave the Minister to read?

(2.) Has the Commissioner, station-master, or Minister the right to allow a Member of Parliament the privilege to occupy a compartment to the inconvenience of the general public?

Mr.

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) As my honorable colleague stated in his reply to the question previously, it is the practice on the South and West lines to reserve a compartment for the convenience of Members of the Legislature returning home on Friday evenings when Parliament is in session; and this has been extended, when asked for, to the Northern line. On the occasion in question, the compartment was reserved for Members generally travelling north, and would have been occupied by Mr. Lee, M.P., and Mr. Neild, M.P., who had two gentlemen with them.

(2.) As my honorable colleague stated previously, he is quite certain that no Honorable Member of the Legislature would occupy a compartment to himself to the inconvenience of the travelling public.

2. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL:**—Mr. Dangar presented a Petition from George S. Hay, as Chairman, and certain members of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Walgett, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill.
Petition received.
3. **IMPORT DUTY ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE:**—Mr. Crouch presented a Petition from Robert Page, as Chairman of the Casino Political League, complaining of the present fiscal policy of the Colony permitting a free import system; stating that the Petitioner and other producers in the Casino District labour under many disadvantages in having to compete in the Sydney market with the sea-borne produce of foreign countries; and praying that the House will favourably consider the Resolutions submitted to it by Mr. Copeland, and oppose any reduction in the butter, bacon, cheese, and timber duties.
At the request of Mr. Crouch, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
4. **RAILWAY FROM YOUNG TO DUBBO:**—Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Young, suggesting, for the favourable consideration of the House, the construction of a cross Line of Railway from Young, as the starting point south, thence to Grenfell, Forbes, Parkes, and Dubbo; submitting reasons for the construction of the said line; and praying the House to entertain the project.
At the request of Mr. Gordon, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
5. **PAPERS:**—
Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes at Wattle Grove.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return respecting the Manufacture of Locomotives in the Colony.
(2.) Return to an Order made on the 27th October, 1887—"Locomotive Engines."
Ordered to be printed.
6. **GOULBURN AND TUENA TRAMWAY BILL (Formal Motion):**—
(1.) Mr. Stevenson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a tramway from Goulburn to Tuena, in the Colony of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Stevenson having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum 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 from Goulburn to Tuena, in the Colony of New South Wales,*"—read a first time.
7. **MRS. ANN ROUSE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, PARISH OF KAHIBAH:**—Mr. Day, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, 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 25th October, 1887.
Ordered to be printed.
8. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:**—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Ninian Melville, Esquire, to act for this day only.
9. **LAND TAX BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Mara moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
10. **SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY'S BILL:**—Mr. Brunker, 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 2nd May, 1888, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 24th July.
Question put and passed.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE, 1888, A.M.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twelve minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Department of Engineering, Sydney University:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) The number of pupils at present in the Department of Engineering in the Sydney University?
- (2.) The total annual cost to the State and to the University exchequer for the conduct of such Department?
- (3.) The estimated cost of the projected School of Mechanical Engineering, including the tools, furnaces, machinery, &c.
- (4.) Has he had any official interviews with Professors Liversidge and Warren, Mr. Russell, or any of the University authorities touching the advisability of Parliament supplementing a certain contribution from the Challis Fund by a sum of £40,000 towards the erection of workshops, assay-works, museums, &c., for the conduct of the new Mining and Engineering Schools?
- (5.) Will he state if he has made a careful study of the questions involved in his avowed intention of transferring the functions of the Board of Technical Education to the University and the Public Instruction Department, and can he inform the House when he will be prepared to propound his scheme?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) Nine regular students, and twenty-four attending individual courses of lectures.
- (2.) Salary of Professor of Engineering, £500; salary of Lecturer in Architecture, £100; salary of Mechanical Instructor, £200; Government grant for maintenance and appliances, £100; total, £900.
- (3.) There is no proposal before the University for extending the Department of Mechanical Engineering.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) No intention has been avowed of transferring the functions of the Board of Technical Education to the University. The whole matter of technical education, however, has had, and is still receiving, careful study and earnest attention.

- (2.) Land Board at Casino:—Mr. Crouch asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there has been no meeting of the Land Board at Casino since August last?
- (2.) The number of cases in the Land Districts of the Richmond and Tweed at present waiting to be dealt with by the Land Board?
- (3.) Are there any conditional purchases or conditional leases applied for over twelve months not yet confirmed or disallowed by the Board?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I have been furnished by the Chairman of the Local Land Board with the following replies to the Honorable Member's questions:—

- (1.) No Courts were held from 19th to 24th September, and from 15th to 18th November.
- (2.) Lismore, 85 cases for inquiry, of which 60 are five years old, and 25 three years old; Casino, 23 cases, of which 13 are five years old, and 10 three years old; Murwillumbah, 11 cases, of which 4 are five years old, and 7 three years old.
- (3.) Yes; Lismore, 6 conditional purchases, and 2 conditional leases; Casino, 6 conditional purchases, and 8 conditional leases; Murwillumbah, 5 conditional purchases.

- (3.) Country Cavalry Corps:—Mr. Crouch asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the complete equipment and new uniform for country cavalry corps be available?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The papers referring to this matter are before me at the present time, but the pressure of other business has kept me for the last day or two from going into them. They will be dealt with in a day or two. (4.)

- (4.) Entrance to the Richmond River :—Mr. Crouch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) In view of the favourable report of Sir John Coode, *re* the improvement of the entrance to the Richmond River, is it the intention of the Government to carry out the recommendations of Sir John Coode without delay?
 - (2.) If so, will the estimated cost be provided for in the Loan Estimates about to be submitted to Parliament?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—I have not yet had time to fully consider the matter, but will take an early opportunity of doing so.
- (5.) Government Tramways :—Mr. Sec asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The total number of miles of Government tramways in the Colony?
 - (2.) The total cost of the tramways to date?
 - (3.) The total cost of tramway rolling stock?
 - (4.) The total cost of tramway workshops and sheds in (a) Sydney and suburbs, (b) Newcastle and suburbs, (c) Camden?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—Information, in reply to this question, will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.
- (6.) Boring Operations, Clarence Siding :—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Lees, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Before boring operations were commenced at Clarence Siding, was any inquiry made to ascertain who were the owners of the land operated on?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the land was Crown land, which had been forfeited before operations were commenced?
 - (3.) If coal or any other valuable mineral had been found, what claim or title would have been vested in the persons who are now charged with the cost of testing the land?
- Mr. Abigail answered,—In view of the fact that the Crown Solicitor is now taking steps to recover the sums due for boring at Clarence Siding, it is considered inadvisable to supply any information on this subject, pending such action.
- (7.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Bourke :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the work of completing the Bourke post and telegraph offices be gone on with?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the public are suffering much inconvenience through the long delay in completing this work?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—I am aware, from personal inquiry and observation, that the public are put to considerable inconvenience. Tenders have been received for the work, but one cannot be accepted until the requisite funds are available, which I am taking the necessary steps to provide.
- (8.) Mineral Leases held by Messrs. Garrett and Greville in the District of Newcastle :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) In reference to Mr. McElhone's question of 25th September, 1878, in reference to the area of land held by Messrs. T. Garrett (now Secretary for Lands) and Greville, under mineral lease, wherein it was shown that the rent was 5s. per acre, and that Garrett and Greville owed £550 8s. 2d. as rent,—have they ever paid the rent due; if not, will Mr. Garrett pay it?
 - (2.) What area of this Trialba coal reserve has been conditionally or otherwise selected, and by whom has it been taken up?
 - (3.) Is any portion of this Teralba or Trialba reserve open to conditional or mineral conditional purchase?
 - (4.) If not, why have not the selections been cancelled?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—
- (1.) No, the leases were forfeited for the non-payment of rent, which became due while I was in England during 1878.
 - (2.) Almost the whole of the reserves for coal-mining purposes in the parishes of Teralba and Stockrington, No. 60, notified 16th October, 1878, and No. 83, notified 5th July, 1880, has been taken up by mining conditional purchase by the Lane family and Messrs. Horne and Withers. The reserves in question having been pronounced by the law officers of the Crown to be bad, the conditional purchases referred to could not be rejected,—indeed they were made good beyond question by the Mining Act Further Amendment Act of 1884, 48 Victoria, No. 10, section 5, sub-section 2.
 - (3.) No; the portion of the reserve not selected, as just previously stated, is not open to conditional or mineral conditional purchase, the reservation before referred to as invalid having been made valid by the Act mentioned in the reply to question No. 2.
 - (4.) For the reasons already stated.
- (9.) Teralba Coal-mining Reserve :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Did the following persons take up conditional purchases or mineral conditional purchases as follows, on the Teralba or Trialba coal reserve, in the following dates and areas :—82-3a, Mary Lane, 625 acres, of 15/6/84; 82-2a, Mary P. Lane, 639 acres, of 15/5/82; 83-4a, Mary Lane, 138½ acres, of 25/10/84; 83-3a, William Thorne, 250 acres, of 26/2/83; 83-9a, Mary P. Lane, 475 acres, of 25/10/83; 84-5, Mary P. Lane, 638 acres, of 17/4/84; 84-6, Mary P. Lane, 249 acres, of 24/1/84; 84-3, George Lane, 472 acres, of 17/4/84; 84-4, Henry Lane, 626 acres, of 17/4/84; 84-7, Mary Lane, 203 acres, of 24/4/84; 84-2, Mary P. Lane, 604 acres, of 17/4/84; 84-12, Mary P. Lane, 640 acres, of 8/5/84; 83-5, Henry J. Withers, 640 acres, of 25/10/83; 84-10, William Thorne, 126½ acres, of 8/5/84; 84-9, Mary Lane, 298 acres, of 8/5/84; 84-1, William Thorne, 200 acres, of 20/3/84; 84-12, Henry Lane, 640 acres, of 21/8/84; in all, 7,463 acres?
 - (2.) Was not the above Teralba coal reserve reserved at the times these mineral conditional purchases were made, and was barred from sale or selection as a coal reserve?
 - (3.) If so, will he at once cancel the above mineral conditional purchases as being illegally made?
- (4.)

- (4.) Is it a fact that the above coal reserve is one of the best coal-fields in the Colony, and that the coal in it at 6d. per ton would give the Crown at least £500 an acre?
- (5.) In the case of *Brown v. Patterson* (3, Supreme Court Law Report), did not the Supreme Court decide that no one person could hold more than one uncompleted conditional purchase of 640 acres on Crown Lands open to mineral conditional purchase; and, if such was the decision of the Supreme Court in the above case, will he immediately take steps to cancel these conditional purchases, and compel the present holders to pay the royalty of 6d. per ton, as prescribed by law?
- (6.) What persons or company now hold the above mineral conditional purchases?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The land was reserved from sale for coal-mining purposes, which reservation was pronounced by the Honorable the Attorney-General (a copy of whose opinion I will presently lay upon the Table of the House) to be illegal, and therefore the land was open to conditional purchase.
- (3.) No; it having been decided, as before stated, that the reserves had been illegally made, the conditional purchases were not affected by the reservation.
- (4.) I am unaware.
- (5.) No; the decision referred to applications for mineral conditional purchases being made in person.
- (6.) The registered holders in the Department of Lands are James Robert Miller Robertson and Robert Barclay Wallace.
- (10.) Protection of Prisoners confined in Police Office Cells:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he adopted any measures by which prisoners confined in police office cells may be protected from injury, and if he has dealt in any way with those officers in charge of the Sydney Police Office who suffered a prisoner to be cruelly murdered in one of the cells without interfering for his protection?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There has been no occasion for me to deal with the question in any special manner. The laws of the country are such that a Minister need not specially intervene. In the case of any occurrence of this kind, there would be an immediate inquiry without my setting it on foot. I am very glad to say that the police organization of this country is sufficiently complete, and the gentlemen in charge are of sufficiently high character, to see that it is done without the necessity of any Minister intervening. There was an inquiry in this case, and, as Honorable Members are aware, the whole of the circumstances have also been inquired into in the Coroner's Court, and the jury acquitted the police of any blame whatever in the matter. With regard to the unfortunate man who met with this horrible death not making a noise that would attract attention, the medical officer who was examined gives this special information on oath:—

“The man would probably not have felt the pain very intensely if, at the time he received the injuries, he was in a drunken stupor; again, the man might have fainted when he suffered the injury, and he would then have not been able to call out.”

With regard to what did actually take place, I have a report, specially asked for this morning, from the able and respected officer who now presides over that important Department of the Public Service—the Police Force (I mean Mr. Superintendent Read), whose integrity and ability I think no one doubts. Mr. Read specially reports this morning as follows:—

“The police cells are constantly visited at short intervals, and, on the occurrence of any unusual noise, attention is at once given to it. In the instance referred to, the cells had been visited a short time before the crime was committed. There was no noise whatever to attract attention; the police on duty had, therefore, no opportunity of preventing it. All the circumstances have been inquired into by the Coroner's Court, and the jury did not attach any blame to the police.

Report of medical evidence attached.

GEO. READ,
Acting Inspector-General of Police.”

I need hardly point out that this is a case of such a horrible nature that I am not surprised at more than ordinary attention being drawn to it; but I need not point out that however good the laws of the country may be—however effectively they may be administered—it is impossible to prevent a man from meeting you in the street and taking your life. Such sudden and diabolical crimes, especially when committed by madmen in a desperate state, whether arising from drink or other circumstances, cannot, by any precaution whatever, be prevented. It is one of those occurrences from which the keenest oversight and the best precautions cannot protect society. In this particular case, there were two men, both confined for drunkenness. One appears to have been a man of very weak physique, who had no power of resistance; the other was a strong man, whose strength had been inflamed by *delirium tremens*, and who probably would have torn the heart out of his victim if he had had the power, without knowing anything of what he was doing, except, perhaps, that he was gratifying a savage instinct, inflamed by the condition in which he was. There is absolutely no means of preventing such fearful occurrences. How is it possible, in the ordinary course of police operations, to know that one of these men had a design? Probably he had no design; probably it was a sudden impulse. How is it possible for the wisest insight on the part of an officer to see into what a man will do who is of a savage disposition, and who gratifies a criminal instinct, of the full extent of which he was probably unconscious at the time. It is simply impossible to do anything of the sort. It is gratifying to me to believe, as I do believe, that the police are in no way whatever to blame in this matter.

2. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. Gould presented a Petition from William Macquarie Cowper, M.A., Commissary of the Bishop of Sydney, with the advice of the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney, stating that Petitioner is conscientiously opposed to the provisions of the Divorce Extension Bill now before the House, for the reasons set forth in his Petition; and praying that the House will refuse its assent to the said Bill. Petition received.

3. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL**:—Mr. R. Burdett Smith presented a Petition from Thomas D. Hurrell, as Chairman of the "Olive Branch" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Kinchela, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill.
Petition received.
4. **CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2)**:—Mr. Dawson presented a Petition from certain Selectors of Adaminaby and District, in Public Meeting assembled, praying the House to consider certain amendments, suggested by them, to be made in the Crown Lands Bill.
Petition received.
5. **PAPER**:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Opinion of Mr. Attorney-General Dalley, respecting the application of Section 4 of the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," to the reservation of large areas from sale for mining purposes.
Ordered to be printed.
6. **TERALBA COAL-MINING RESERVE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A copy of all applications made by Mary Lane, Mary P. Lane, Hy. Withers, Wm. Thorne, G. Lane, H. Lane, T. Garrett, Greville, and all other persons, to select land on the Teralba coal reserve as mineral selections or mineral conditional purchases.
(2.) Also, copies of all minutes, correspondence, papers, &c., between the Lands and Mining Departments, and all other persons, in regard to the mineral conditional purchases made on the Teralba coal-fields reserve.
(3.) Also, copies of all letters, correspondence, minutes, &c., between the Mines and Lands Departments, and all other persons, which led to certificates being granted for the said mineral conditional purchases on the said Teralba coal reserve.
Question put and passed.
7. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE BY MR. AND MRS. POOLE, MESSRS. PARNELL, AND THE MISSES PARNELL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A copy of all evidence given at an inquiry or inquiries held at Gunnedah, before the Local Land Board, into the cases of Mr. Poole, Mrs. Poole, Messrs. Parnell, and the Misses Parnell, selections, near Gunnedah, particularly the evidence of Inspectors O'Hara and Brune regarding the non-fulfilment of residence and improvement clauses of the Land Act, and also of evidence given as to a sheep having died and been left to rot in the hut said to be the residence of one of the parties above.
(2.) Also, copy of the report of the Local Land Board on the above cases, giving the date when the inquiry was held, and date of report or reports sent to Minister for Lands, and his decisions in the cases, and date or dates of same.
Question put and passed.
8. **GOULBURN AND TUENA TRAMWAY BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Stevenson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Goulburn and Tuena Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Colls, Mr. Ball, Mr. Jeanneret, Mr. Day, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Barbour, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
9. **HARBOURS AND RIVERS DEPARTMENT (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing:—
(1.) The number of officers (giving names) employed in the Harbours and Rivers Department, and by whom appointed.
(2.) Their length of service.
(3.) The rate of pay received by each.
(4.) The number of articed pupils, and the rates of pay they receive.
Question put and passed.
10. **GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Frank Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing detailed particulars as to how the amount of £205 15s. 5d., mentioned in No. 3 answer to question No. 2 in Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 31st May, 1888, is made up; and, also, as to how the amount of £27,504 16s. 11d., mentioned in No. 4 answer to the same numbered question, is made up; also, showing what work was specially authorized to be done at the Government Printing Office during the year 1887.
Question put and passed.
11. **COMMON FOR MUSWELLBROOK (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all correspondence, minutes, plans, and papers, relating to the purchase of land at or near to Muswellbrook for the purpose of a common, and all papers relating to the dedication of the same as a common.
(2.) Copies of all correspondence, minutes, plans, and papers relating to the dedication and ultimate resumption of the land which was formerly dedicated as a common for Muswellbrook, together with all reports and plans in reference to the proposed subdivision and sale of the same.
Question put and passed.
12. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees Mr. Speaker nominated Jacob Garrard Esquire, to act for this day only. 13.

13. WEST MAITLAND CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—Mr. Brunker having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Borough of West Maitland to purchase land and erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon,*"—read a first time.
14. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes made a Statement relative to the condition of the Public Business, and the intentions of the Government in relation thereto. He also referred to the Public Accounts; to the amount of, and mode of dealing with, the Deficit; and to the alterations in the Estimates for the Military Service.
15. PAPERS :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Port Macquarie.
 (2.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Ulladulla.
 (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Gosford.
 Ordered to be printed.
16. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes stated to the House the policy of the Government in reference to the construction of Railways.
17. LAND TAX BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Burns, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
 And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 JUNE, 1888, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Ives.
Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. Mitchell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Haynes,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Slattery,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Ser,
Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Barbour.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Toohy.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Burns moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hawken;
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Nobbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Brunker.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. W. J. Allen.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Chanter.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Garrard* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

18. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Garrard* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

19. POSTPONEMENTS :—

- (1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business, postponed until Tuesday next.
- (2.) Notice No. 1 of General Business, postponed until Tuesday next.

20. TERALBA COAL-MINING RESERVE :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, take evidence, and report on the mineral conditional purchases made by Mary Lane, Mary P. Lane, Henry J. Withers, William Thorne, George Laue, and Henry Lane, on the Teralba or Trialba coal reserve ; also, in connection with the granting of certificates, &c., for same, giving title thereto or legalising the same, since the year 1880.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Slattery, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at sixteen minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 JUNE, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Engine-sheds and Changing-places at Dubbo and Wellington:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Colony is losing heavily by maintaining engine-sheds and changing-places at both Dubbo and Wellington?

(2.) Has he not learned recently that one or other of these engine-sheds, &c., can be dispensed with; and, if so, what does he propose to do in the matter?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that the Colony is losing heavily by maintaining these two engine-sheds.

(2.) The Locomotive Engineer reports: "Strong efforts were made by me in 1881 to utilise the Dubbo sheds by running all engines through—Dubbo to Bathurst and Bathurst to Dubbo; but the men petitioned against this, as the time at work was too long and the distance too great for a day's work, and changing engines at Wellington was resumed. It is almost impossible for me to say now which station is the most advantageous, as I have returned to the Locomotive Department but a fortnight. Steps will be taken to decide the matter as soon as it is possible for me to investigate the matter thoroughly."

(2.) Board of Technical Education:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the work of the Board of Technical Education has, for a considerable time, entailed personal sacrifice on the part of one or two members of the Board?

(2.) Is it a fact that the members of the Board are, for the most part, anxious that its constitution should be remodelled at as early a date as possible?

(3.) Has he consulted the Board officially and categorically, with a view to elicit the lines on which, in its judgment, the constitution of the Board might be advantageously remodelled?

(4.) If he be in possession of any report on the matter from the Board, will he place it upon the Table of the House?

(5.) If he should neither have received nor called for such a report, will he object to call on the Board of Technical Education for one, and to place it upon the Table of this House during the present Session?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) No doubt the work of the Board, as of all unpaid Boards, necessitates some amount of personal sacrifice; but I am not aware that one or two members have specially sacrificed themselves. It is to be presumed that every member does all he can to carry out the purpose for which the Board was instituted.

(2.) Beyond an application for incorporation, the Board has expressed no desire to have its constitution remodelled.

(3.) There has been no necessity to consult the Board in the manner indicated, inasmuch as the Board, in its annual reports, has made suggestions from time to time calculated, in its opinion, to increase its usefulness.

(4.) All reports or suggestions on this subject are embodied in the Board's annual report, and have already been laid upon the Table of the House.

(5.) Is answered by No. 4.

(3.) Teralba Coal-mining Reserve:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has reserve 60, county of Northumberland (Teralba coal reserve), notified in the *Government Gazette* of Wednesday, the 15th October, 1878, been cancelled?(2.) If so, what was the date on which such cancellation was notified in the *Government Gazette*?

(3.) Was the whole or any part of the said reserve 60 selected by Mary Priscilla Lane, Mary Lane, George Lane, and Henry Lane?

(4.) Were the above selections declared void; and, if so, on what date?

(5.) If so, what was the reason for the voidance of the same?

(6.) Were the voidances reversed; and, if so, on what date?

(7.) What was the reason for such reversals?

(8.)

- (8.) Is the Mary Lane above referred to identical with the Mary Lane whose conditional purchase, 84-9 (Newcastle), is included in the Validating Bill now under consideration of the House?
- (9.) Was the above conditional purchase made under the 13th section, requiring residence?
- (10.) Is the Mary Lane who selected conditional purchase 84-9, Newcastle, under the 13th section, identical with the Mary Lane who selected conditional purchase 82-3a, Newcastle, also under 13th section?
- (11.) Have the above conditional purchases, 84-9 and 82-3a, under 13th section, been converted into mineral conditional purchases?
- (12.) If so, what was the date of such conversion?
- (13.) Did an Inspector report on the residence of the said Mary Lane prior to the conversions from the 13th to the 19th section?
- (14.) If so, who was the Inspector?
- (15.) Was the said Mary Lane reported by the Inspector as having been resident on the aforesaid conditional purchases, as required by law?
- (16.) Is he aware that the said Mary Lane was a young girl, who, at the time of the selections, 84-9 and 82-3a, under the 13th section, requiring residence, was living with her mother, Mary Priscilla Lane, at the North Shore, Sydney?
- (17.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House the Inspector's report or reports on the aforesaid conditional purchases by Mary Lane?
- (18.) Were the 83-3 and 84-10, Newcastle, made by Wm. Thorne under the 13th section?
- (19.) Who was the Inspector, and on what dates were the before-mentioned conditional purchases inspected by him?
- (20.) Did the Inspector report Wm. Thorne as resident on the said conditional purchases, 83-3 and 84-10, Newcastle?
- (21.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all plans and papers in connection with all conditional purchases made by Henry J. Whitchers, Mary Priscilla Lane, Mary Lane, George Lane, Henry Lane, and William Thorne, in the parishes of Stockrington and Teralba, county of Northumberland, from the beginning of the year 1882 to the present date?

Mr. Garrett answered, —

- (1.) No; the reserve was found to have been illegally made, and before the defect could be remedied the land was conditionally purchased, and consequently there was no reservation to cancel.
- (2.) The reserve did not, for the reasons just stated, require cancellation.
- (3.) The whole of the reserve was selected by M. P. Lane, M. Lane, G. Lane, and H. Lane.
- (4.) Yes; on the 22nd November, 1884.
- (5.) The land was included in a reserve, notified 7th November, 1878, which, at the time of the voidance of the conditional purchases, was considered to be perfectly legal.
- (6.) Yes; on 17th April, 1885.
- (7.) The reserve referred to being illegal, it not having been notified for a purpose defined by law.
- (8.) Yes.
- (9.) Conditional purchase 84-9, Newcastle, was made under the 13th section, and required residence from within three months of date of selection—8th May, 1884—to date of application to convert, 11th December, 1884.
- (10.) Yes; it was reported so by the Newcastle Local Land Board on the 12th September, 1887.
- (11.) Yes.
- (12.) Conditional purchase 84-9 was converted on 11th December, 1884; conditional purchase 82-3a was converted on 25th October, 1883.
- (13 and 14.) No.
- (15.) No; but it appears from the evidence given at the inquiry on the 12th September, 1887, that residence was carried out for the required term—*i.e.*, from within three months of date of selection, 8th May, 1884, to date of application for conversion, 11th December, 1884.
- (16.) No.
- (17.) All documents are now being copied; but, as before stated, there is no report as to the residence of Mary Lane by an Inspector.
- (18.) Yes.
- (19.) Inspector Edward Higgins, upon the 30th June, 1887.
- (20.) Yes; but it must be a mistake on the part of the Inspector in regard to conditional purchase 83-3, although under any circumstances residence for four days only was necessary.
- (21.) Yes; they are now being copied.
- (4.) Roads passing through Municipalities:—*Mr. McCourt*, for Mr. Crouch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the "Mileage Vote" for Government Roads within municipal limits be available for the present year, in accordance with the vote of the House passed last Session?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—No lengths within municipal limits are included in the Schedules, care having been taken this year to exclude such lengths. This is explained in a note at the foot of the Schedule, and also in the heading of the Votes on the Estimates-in-Chief. Separate provision is made on the Estimates for main roads through municipalities.
- (5.) Railway Charge for Carriage of Wheat:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Rylie, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the case that Victorian wheat coming across by rail does not pay any increased charge, while grain going by rail to the interior does pay an increased price?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes, but the conditions are not similar. An increased rate from shipping ports was imposed because the trucks carrying merchandise on the down journey—*i.e.*, going up country—were quite sufficient, and more than sufficient, to bring back the grain produced in the interior, and therefore additional trucks carrying grain from shipping ports into the country had to be brought back empty. The original rate for a truck only loaded one way did not pay, and from a railway economic point of view the increase on grain from shipping ports was therefore justified. It may be added that there is very little grain sent across the border by rail from Victoria. About an average of 6 tons a day is carried by way of the Wahgunyah Bridge, but of course we have no railway connecting with that crossing place.

2. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Ives presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipal District of Manly, representing that the said Borough has considerable frontage to the waters of Port Jackson and Middle Harbour, and that certain clauses of the Crown Lands Bill regulate the sale, disposition, and management of Crown Lands, and continue the power of rescinding reservations of water frontages, and permit the reclamation of land lying below high-water mark; and praying that clauses 84 to 87 in the said Bill may be eliminated, or amended in the manner indicated in the Petition.
Petition received.
3. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE—REMOVAL OF NOTICES:—Mr. Burdekin, as Chairman, brought up a Report from the Refreshment Room Committee with reference to the removal of Notices exhibited in the Refreshment Room.
Ordered to be printed.
4. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—Mr. J. P. Abbott presented a Petition from certain Residents of the District of Boggabri, stating that the Petitioners are deeply interested in the proper and permanent settlement of the people upon the Crown Lands of the Colony; that, in their opinion, a Land Court of Appeal should be established; that the present Court of Appeal, or that proposed by the Land Bill now before the House, does not meet with the approval or confidence of the people of the Colony; and praying the House to take the above premises into consideration.
Petition received.
5. CENTENNIAL PARK:—Mr. Nield presented a Petition from certain Residents of Woollahra and neighbourhood, representing that a large population exists in and around Moncur-street, Woollahra, and in the streets connecting therewith; and that the placing of a gateway at the top of Moncur-street, giving access to the Centennial Park, would prove a great public convenience; and praying the House to take the foregoing facts into consideration, with a view to granting relief.
Petition received.
6. IMPORT DUTY ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE:—Mr. Copeland presented a Petition from certain Farmers, Agriculturists, and Labourers, resident in Central New England, stating that Petitioners are unable to dispose of the agricultural produce, grown by them, at prices which will afford a fair livelihood, and are unable to dispose of their surplus produce, after supplying the local market, without loss, owing to the cost of land carriage; and praying the House to impose moderate import duties on such agricultural productions as can be grown in this Colony.
At the request of Mr. Copeland, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
7. PAPERS:—
Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Road Trust Accounts for the half-year ending 30th June and 31st December, 1887.
(2.) Return to an Order made on the 27th March, 1888—"Supply of Coal on Great Northern Railway."
Ordered to be printed.
(3.) Correspondence respecting Mr. L. C. Jenkins, late Driver on Railways and Tramways of New South Wales.
8. PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. P. Abbott, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to confer powers upon the 'Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited).'*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to confer powers upon the 'Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited).'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th June, 1888.

PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th June, 1888.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 6, line 35. After "unpaid" insert "of which paid up capital, twenty thousand pounds shall be invested in the purchase of debentures or inscribed stock in such of the public funds of the Colony as the Directors of the Company may select, in the name of the Colonial Treasurer, in trust for the Company, but transferable only with the joint consent of the said Treasurer and the Company, or upon the order of the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof."

Page 2, clause 6, lines 38 to 45. Omit "so soon as the Company shall possess a paid up capital of not less than twenty-five thousand pounds, of which paid up capital twenty thousand pounds shall be invested in the purchase of debentures or inscribed stock in such of the public funds of the Colony as the Directors of the Company may select, in the name of the Colonial Treasurer, in trust for the Company, but transferable only with the joint consent of the said Treasurer and the Company, or upon the order of the Supreme Court or of a Judge thereof."

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Page 4, clause 12. *Add* at end of clause, "And no person shall be appointed a director or manager of the said Company unless he is a *bona-fide* resident of New South Wales, and any person being a director or manager of the said Company who ceases to reside in New South Wales, shall, upon so ceasing to reside, vacate his office, and such vacancy shall be filled up in the manner provided by the articles of association for filling casual vacancies."

Page 6, clause 19, line 1. *Omit* "two pounds ten shillings," *insert* "five pounds."

Page 6, clause 20, line 25. *After* "shall" *insert* "together with interest at current rates on fixed deposits in banks."

Examined,—

T. M. SLATTERY.

Deputy Chairman of Committees.

WEST MAITLAND CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. Bruncker*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the West Maitland Cattle Sale-yards Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Thompson*, *Mr. Gould*, *Mr. See*, *Mr. Fletcher*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Creer*, *Mr. Frank Farnell*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

10. CONVICTIONS UNDER THE LICENSING ACT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hutchison*, for *Mr. Henson*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House is of opinion that, in the Annual Return ordered by this House from the Department of Justice of the convictions for drunkenness, &c., in the various districts of the Colony, columns be added to stand as six and seven respectively, showing the number of "all other convictions in which drunkenness formed part of the charge," and "the number of penalties included in foregoing offences"; and further, that the totals of convictions given in the Return be shown for the whole Colony.

Question put and passed.

11. BOWRAL RAILWAY STATION (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McCourt* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, correspondence, minutes, and reports of officers, having reference to the improvement of the Bowral railway station during the past six years.

Question put and passed.

12. ESTATE OF THE LATE CAPTAIN JOHN FOSTER COCHRAN (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Neild* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters and other documents, including extracts from Police Court records and books in the office of Inspector-General of Police, relating to the estate of the late Captain John Foster Cochran, who died in Sydney Infirmary on 2nd October, 1861.

Question put and passed.

13. FREE RAILWAY PASSES TO EX-MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of *Mr. Haynes*, discharged.

14. POSTPONEMENTS :—

(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Legal Practitioners Bill postponed until Tuesday, 10th July.

(2.) The Order of the Day in reference to the Import Duty on Agricultural Produce postponed until after the Government Business on the Notice Paper for to-day.

15. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL :—*Mr. Street* presented a Petition from certain Ministers of Religion of various Religious Denominations praying, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, that the House will withhold its assent from the Divorce Extension Bill.

Petition received.

16. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, *Mr. Speaker* nominated *Ninian McIvillie*, Esquire, to act for this day only.

17. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Day*, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Debate not being resumed,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of *Mr. Day*, *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 *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of *Mr. Day*, the report was adopted.

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

18. DAMS AND WEIRS REGULATION AND REGISTRATION BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

19. COMPANIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. J. P. Abbott* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of *Mr. Abbott*, *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 *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of *Mr. Abbott*, the report was adopted.

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

20. **PARTNERSHIP BILL:**—The Order of the Day in reference to the introduction of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. J. P. Abbott, discharged.
21. **DIVORCE EXTENSION 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 the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill with amendments.
 Mr. Neild moved (*with the concurrence of the House*), "That" the report be now adopted.
 Mr. J. P. Abbott 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 1."
 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, for the reconsideration of clause 1,—put and passed.
 On motion of Mr. Neild, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill 2^o with a further amendment.
 Mr. Neild moved (*with the concurrence of the House*), "That" the report be now adopted.
 Mr. Buchanan 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 2."
 Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the side of the *Noes*, Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.
 Question then,—That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
22. **BILLS OF SALE ACT AMENDING BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Day 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. Day, 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 *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Day, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
23. **BROKEN HILL AND SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY'S BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Day 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. Day, 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 *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill with an amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Day (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
24. **ST. THOMAS CHURCH ENFIELD LANDS SALE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
25. **GRAFTON SCHOOL OF ARTS TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See 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. See, 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 *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
26. **CONTRACTORS DEBTS ACT EXTENSION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
 Ordered that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

27. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow :—
 (1.) Parramatta Municipal Quarries Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
 (2.) Parramatta Church-street Amended Alignment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
28. **JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
 Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
29. **PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrard moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Garrard, Mr. Speaker left Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Garrard, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
30. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Trade Marks Bill postponed until to-morrow.
31. **RUSHCUTTERS BAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. J. P. Abbott, discharged.
 Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
32. **SPECIAL GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES**:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. Creer, discharged.
33. **REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cortis, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration of legally qualified medical practitioners, to prevent unqualified persons from assuming certain titles, or giving certificates of deaths or evidence as experts in medical or surgical cases, and for other purposes,—
 And the Debate not being resumed,—
 Question put and negatived.
34. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow :—
 (1.) City of Sydney Mayoral Election Bill ; second reading.
 (2.) Accomplices Evidence Amending Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to accomplices.
 (3.) Merchandise Marks Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to fraudulent marks on merchandise.
 (4.) New Trials Limitation Bill ; second reading.
 (5.) Broken Hill Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
 (6.) Ministerial Election Bill ; second reading.
 (7.) State House.—Houses of Parliament ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to appropriate the sum of £150,000 from the proceeds of the sale of a portion of the Centennial Park for the erection of a State House to be used as Houses of Parliament, on the site in Macquarie-street purchased for that purpose.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 25th April, 1888.

35. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with five Members of the Legislative Council, the "Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works," as provided for by the "Public Works Act of 1888," namely:—Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, James Nixon Brunker, Esquire, Henry Copeland, Esquire, Jacob Garrard, Esquire, Sydney Smith, Esquire, Alexander Kethel, Esquire, Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, and John Rendell Street, Esquire.
 Debate ensued.
 And Mr. McCourt requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
 Debate continued.
 Question,—That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with five Members of the Legislative Council, the "Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works," as provided for by the "Public Works Act of 1888," namely,—put and passed.
 Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—J. N. Brunker, Esquire, Henry Copeland, Esquire, Alexander Kethel, Esquire, J. P. Abbott, Esquire, J. R. Street, Esquire, T. M. Slattery, Esquire, Jacob Garrard, Esquire, and Sydney Smith, Esquire.

36. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The Government Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 to 15 inclusive, postponed until after the Order of the Day of General Business in reference to Import Duty on Agricultural Produce.
37. **IMPORT DUTY ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Copeland,—
- “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, moderate import duties on such agricultural productions as can be grown in the Colony, and on all articles which can be locally manufactured, would tend to bring financial prosperity to the Colony and give profitable employment to many of our present unemployed mechanics and the working classes generally.
- “ (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
- And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE, 1888, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. De Courey Browne,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. See,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Buchanan,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Toohey,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. O'Mara,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Fitzgerald,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Day,	

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Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Tcece,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. Hawkon,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. Black,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Ball,	

And so it passed in the negative.

38. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Civil Service Commission:—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Government received any report from the Commission on the Civil Service?

(2.) If so, will the report be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Government have received a report from the Civil Service Commission, which has relation to some only of the Departments. The report has to be considered by the Government and dealt with; and then, after some decision has been arrived at, the question of its being submitted to the House will be considered.

(2.) Workmen at Prospect Reservoir:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that some of the workmen at the Prospect Reservoir are kept out of their pay for seven or eight weeks, while others are paid regularly?

(2.) If this is true, will he state the reason, and also state if an alteration can be made by which all the men may be paid at regular stated intervals?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I am informed that all workmen employed by the Government are paid regularly every fortnight; but I will make further inquiry into the matter. We have no day-workmen at all.

(3.) Duplicating Line between Parramatta and Penrith:—*Mr. Bruncker*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the Commissioner for Railways, accompanied by Inspector Waring, on or about the 29th ultimo, visit and inspect the road laid with the patent hydra-headed rails on the duplicated line between Parramatta and Penrith?

(2.) If so, will he shortly furnish a report from the Commissioner upon the state of the sleepers, rails, and roads?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Commissioner is of opinion that these rails should be taken out of the main line and used for sidings; and he has directed an estimate to be prepared of the cost of doing this, and relaying line with ordinary rails, with a view to submitting the question to the Secretary for Public Works.

(4.) Special Grants to Municipalities:—Mr. Hawken asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Government decided as to what endowment shall be paid to municipalities for the current year; if so, what is that decision?

(2.) Will any additional sum be paid as a consequence of an accepted promise of further endowment for the year 1887?

(3.) Will the Government regard the action of the so-called Municipal Association as authoritative in assuming to themselves the privileges of Aldermen during a late deputation which waited upon him and requested a payment of pound for pound as the endowment for the current year?

Mr. Burns answered,—The amount which the Government intend to contribute by way of endowment has still to be determined. As to the other parts of the question, I cannot give a reply at the present time, and my honorable friend had better postpone the whole of the questions until next Tuesday.

(5.) Decree *re* Stephen v. Erwin:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the decree in the case of Erwin, as pronounced on 11th May, 1887, has been altered or varied after judgment; if so, by whom, when, and by what Rule of Court?

(2.) If so, has he asked for a report from the Judge who adjudicated as to how and when the same was done?

(3.)

(3.) Is the present inquiry before the Master warranted by the decree, as so pronounced on 11th May, 1887?

(4.) Were the Rules of Court complied with when settling the decree in September last by reference to the judgment?

(5.) Did the plaintiff appeal against the above judgment; if so, when?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—The answer given on 14th March last to the Honorable Member, in reply to questions respecting the same case, is applicable to the questions now asked, viz. :—“As this case is still pending before the Court, and these questions affect private interests only, as distinguished from public interests, and as the information, I am informed, can be obtained by the parties concerned, I do not think it would establish a desirable precedent for me to furnish replies to the Honorable Member's question.”

(6.) Railway from Redfern into the City :—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Have any fresh routes for a railway from Redfern into the city been submitted to the Government?

(2.) If so, what are those routes?

(3.) What were the routes previously under consideration?

(4.) In recent Cabinet consultations has the matter of a desirable route into the city been under consideration?

(5.) Was any definite conclusion come to on the matter, or is it still open for consideration, so that a declaration as to the Government policy thereon may be made before this Session closes?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a statement showing the routes that have been submitted for the extension of the railway into the city.

(4 and 5.) The matter of the city extension was under consideration by the Cabinet when dealing with the railway policy.

(7.) Horses purchased by Electric Telegraph Department :—Mr. Day, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to refer the facts given in answer to question No. 11 on Votes and Proceedings of 17th May, 1888, to the Elections and Qualifications Committee for inquiry and report?

(2.) If not, for what reason?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not know how I am to answer this question. I must confess that I do not understand it. Perhaps it could be asked with some explanatory matter; but I am not able to answer it at the present moment.

2. PAPERS :—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Fares and Freights on the Homebush-Waratah Railway.

(2.) Return showing various Schemes proposed for bringing the Railway into the City of Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.

3. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to further amend the Act of 1857 to incorporate The Australian Mutual Provident Society and Amendment Act of 1873.*”

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 agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to further amend the Act of 1857 to incorporate The Australian Mutual Provident Society and Amendment Act of 1873,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th June, 1888.*

4. COMPANIES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. P. Abbott, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act.’*”

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 ‘Companies Act,’*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th June, 1888.*

5. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Neild, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Neild then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to extend to the Law of Divorce.*”

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 extend the Law of Divorce,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th June, 1888.*

6. **BILLS OF SALE ACT AMENDING BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Bills of Sale.*"
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 Bills of Sale,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th June, 1888.
7. **BROKEN HILL AND SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY'S BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the 'Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited)' to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Broken Hill.*"
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 'Broken Hill and Suburban Gas Company (Limited)' to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Broken Hill,*"—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, 13th June, 1888.
8. **CONTRACTORS DEBTS ACT EXTENSION BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Act 42 Victoria No. 22, intituled the 'Contractors Debts Act,' for the purpose of better securing the payment of debts due for material supplied by tradesmen and others.*"
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 extend the provisions of the Act 42 Victoria No. 22, intituled the 'Contractors Debts Act,' for the purpose of better securing the payment of debts due for material supplied by tradesmen and others,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th June, 1888.
9. **JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to extend the remedies of Judgment Creditors.*"
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 extend the remedies of Judgment Creditors,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th June, 1888.
10. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 26th June :—
(1.) Parramatta Municipal Quarries Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(2.) Parramatta Church-street Amended Alignment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
11. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES** :—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Jacob Garrard, Esquire, to act for this day only.
12. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Moore rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of discussing the railway policy of the Government."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Moore moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 14 JUNE, 1888, A.M.

Question put and negatived.

13. CHINESE RESTRICTION AND REGULATION 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 repeal the 'Influx of Chinese Restriction Act of 1881'; to provide for the protection of the Colony from the disturbances and national dangers of Chinese immigration; to provide specially for the Regulation of Chinese at present resident within the Colony; and to indemnify the Government for all acts done by Executive or Ministerial authority in relation to Chinese immigrants, or vessels carrying such immigrants, since the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight,*"—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, 13th June, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CHINESE RESTRICTION AND REGULATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th June, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title. *Omit* "to provide for the protection of the Colony from the disturbances and national dangers of Chinese immigration; to provide specially for the regulation of Chinese at present resident within the Colony" *insert* "and to more effectually regulate and restrict the immigration and introduction of Chinese into New South Wales"
- Page 1, Preamble, lines 1 to 5. *Omit* "to provide for the protection of the Colony of New South Wales from the disturbances and national dangers which may arise from the influx of Chinese under restrictions hitherto existing, and also to provide for the regulation of Chinese resident within the said Colony" *insert* "to more effectually regulate and restrict the immigration and introduction of Chinese into New South Wales"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 1. *Omit* "save as hereinafter provided"
- Page 2, clause 2. *Omit* clause 2, *insert* the following new clause:—
2. "All members of the Executive Government or any member thereof, and all persons duly authorized by the said Executive Government or any member thereof in that behalf who may have committed any illegal act in preventing the landing of Chinese, or otherwise in relation to Chinese immigrants or to vessels carrying such immigrants, since the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, are hereby fully indemnified, and shall in all Courts of Law in New South Wales and elsewhere be held harmless in respect thereof. Provided that nothing in this Act shall be taken to deprive any person or corporation whatsoever of any right or cause of action against the Government of New South Wales which, by reason of any such illegal acts, exists or shall have accrued before the passing of this Act"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 19. *After* "Colony" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "except those who have been naturalized therein shall, on returning, be subject to all the provisions of this Act"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 36. *After* "is" *insert* "by birth"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 37. *Omit* "is" *insert* "was"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 38. *After* "landed" *insert* "or who shall prove to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs or other duly authorized officer that he is the *bonâ fide* holder of a certificate of naturalization in New South Wales, or of an exemption certificate duly granted under the provisions of the 'Influx of Chinese Restriction Act of 1881'"
- Page 3, clause 7, line 4. *Omit* "aforesaid" *insert* "of the Executive Council"
- Page 3, clause 8, line 12. *Omit* "either"
- Page 3, clause 8, line 12. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 3, clause 10, line 19. *After* "Act" *insert* "the Stipendiary or Police Magistrate or"
- Page 3, clause 10, line 20. *After* "upon" *insert* "his or"
- Page 3, clauses 11 and 12. *Omit* clauses 11 and 12.
- Page 3, clause 13, line 37. *Omit* "so arriving as aforesaid" *insert* "who shall arrive in this Colony after the passing of this Act"
- Pages 3 and 4, clauses 16 and 17. *Omit* clauses 16 and 17.
- Page 4, clause 18, line 9. *After* "any" *insert* "Stipendiary or Police Magistrate or"
- Page 4, clause 19, line 42. *Before* "Collector" *insert* "satisfaction of the"
- Page 4, clause 19, line 46. *Omit* "claim" *insert* "right"
- Page 4, clause 19. At end of clause *add* "nor shall anything in this Act apply to any Chinese who shall prove to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs or other duly authorized officer that he is the *bonâ fide* holder of a certificate of naturalization in New South Wales or of an exemption certificate duly granted under the provisions of the 'Influx of Chinese Restriction Act of 1881'"

Members of
Government
indemnified.

Proviso.

Page 5, clause 23, lines 8 and 9. *Omit* "and Regulation"
Page 5, Schedule. *Omit* the Schedule.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

14. PAPER:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 7th June, 1888,—
"Government Printing Office."

Ordered to be printed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 JUNE, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Conditional Purchases made by Mr. and Mrs. Poole and the Misses Parnell:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Was an inquiry held by the Land Board at Gunnedah in the case of Mr. Poole, Mrs. Poole, and Messrs. Parnell and Misses Parnell—sons and daughters of Mrs. Poole—on or about November, 1886; if so, has the Land Board yet sent in their report on these cases; if not, what is the cause of the delay in sending in their report?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Nathan Cohen, of Tamworth, is the cause of the report not being sent in?
- (3.) Is it a fact that Mrs. Poole and family hold selections near Quirindi, some 30 miles from the selections reported on, and that their residence near Quirindi is their home, and the selections near Gunnedah a mere visiting place?
- (4.) Did not Inspectors O'Hara and Bruce report on the selections near Gunnedah, and that one or both of them gave very unfavourable reports and evidence as to residence and improvements on the selections?
- (5.) Is it not a fact that Mrs. Poole has reselected the selection of Miss Parnell without Miss Parnell's conditional purchase being forfeited; if so, what steps will he take to carry out the law in this case?
- (6.) Is it not a fact that at the inquiry into the above conditional purchases evidence was given that in the "humpy," or hut, on one of the Parnell's or Poole's selections, a sheep died in it and was left to rot where it died; if so, would that not plainly show that residence conditions had not been carried out?
- (7.) Is it usual for reports of Land Boards to be kept back for eighteen months, as has been done in above cases?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) Inquiry was held in November, 1886, in the following cases:—J. J. Poole, Arthur Poole, Alfred Poole, Lawrence Parnell, and James Virgo Parnell. The inquiry into Richard Peter Parnell's case will be conducted by the Gunnedah Board at its next sitting. The Board's report, in the case of James Virgo Parnell's selection, recommended forfeiture with regard to the condition as to improvements. On appeal by selector against the Board's decision, the Minister allowed the selection to stand, giving extension of time to complete required amount of improvements. In the other cases the Board recommended that the selections be upheld for the present, and the papers were retained at the Board office for final reports by the Inspector at expiration of the residence term, and, if necessary, further inquiry by the Board.
- (2.) No; there is nothing to show that Nathan Cohen has had anything to do with these cases.
- (3.) Mrs. Poole and family hold selections taken up many years ago near Quirindi; but the evidence of the selectors and their witnesses in the cases now in question goes to prove that their homes are on the selections near Gunnedah; but whether these latter selections are "mere visiting places" will be ascertained at the next inquiry.
- (4.) Inspector O'Hara reported in October, 1884; Inspector Brown on later dates. Both these Inspectors furnished unfavourable reports, and gave evidence against the selectors.
- (5.) On 28th April, 1887, Mrs. Martha Poole selected 540 acres of land in the parish of Brown, county of Pottinger, and her application was confirmed on 22nd February, 1888. On 5th May, 1887, Miss Mary Ann Parnell selected the same land, but her application was disallowed on 8th August, 1887, the land applied for having been allotted to Martha Poole under a prior application.
- (6.) Joseph Clift, a witness in J. J. Poole's case, stated that there was a dead sheep in the zinc hut when I last passed it. The selector in the case stated that sheep were dying in hundreds during the drought, and "one may have crawled to the hut and died." There is no evidence to show that a sheep was left to rot.
- (6.) When an inquiry, held by the Board during the currency of the conditional purchase, results in a recommendation that the selection be upheld for the present, it is usual for the papers to be retained at the Board office for final report at expiration of the residence term, and a further inquiry if deemed necessary. (2.)

- (2.) Trustees of the Association Cricket Ground:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the trustees of the Association Cricket Ground have spent large sums of money in the purchase of wines, spirits, ale, &c., for the use of themselves and friends, and that the money to pay for such wines, &c., has been taken out of the funds obtained for the use of the cricket ground?
 - (2.) What money has been paid for wines, &c., used as above?
 - (3.) Are not *Mr. Justice M. H. Stephen* and *Mr. C. Oliver* trustees of the cricket ground; if so, are either or both of them aware that the cricket funds have been used for the above purpose?
 - (4.) Were not the trustees appointed by the Government; and, if so, have not the Government the right and power to call on and compel the trustees of public parks, cricket grounds, &c., to give an account of the expenditure of all moneys received by them.
 - (5.) Did not the Government have a sum of money voted to make the said cricket ground?
 - (6.) Is not the answer given to *Mr. McElhone's* questions, *re* trustees of cricket ground, on the 15th May, 1888, by *Mr. Garrett*, Secretary for Lands, stating the trustees of the cricket ground are not within the control of the Government, misleading?
 - (7.) How often do the trustees meet per year?
 - (8.) Is it not a fact that neither *Mr. Justice Stephen* nor *Mr. Oliver* and *Mr. P. Sheridan* ever meet to consult on the affairs of the cricket ground, and that *Mr. Phillip Sheridan* has almost absolute and sole control of the affairs, management, receipts and expenditure of the cricket ground trust funds?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—On behalf of my honorable colleague, I beg to state that I will presently lay upon the Table a memorandum in answer to this question.
- (3.) Bridge at Narandera:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that there is no traffic bridge erected over the Murrumbidgee River between Wagga Wagga and Hay, a distance of 180 miles?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the only means of crossing the river at Narandera is by punt, and that the traffic is suspended at various times during the winter months, when the river is in flood?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that 870,000 sheep and a large general traffic crossed the punt at Narandera during the year 1885, and that the traffic since has been on the increase?
 - (4.) Is there not an urgent necessity for a bridge at Narandera?
 - (5.) Will he take into consideration the advisability of making provision on the Supplementary Estimates for the erection of a bridge at Narandera?
- Mr. Sutherland* answered,—
- (1.) No; and no application has been made for one, except at Narandera, where there is a railway bridge.
 - (2.) There is a punt at Narandera, and also a railway bridge. There is no record of the traffic having been suspended of late years from the inability of the punt to work. It is possible to work the punt whenever the approaches are accessible.
 - (3.) No record of stock passing is kept in this office. £270 was received as rent for the year 1885. The punt was handed over to the Municipal Council on the 2nd January, 1886, on condition of the Council taking charge, working it at rates then in force, keeping it in repair, and replacing it when worn out.
 - (4 and 5.) The matter will be taken into consideration, as promised, when the next Estimates are being prepared.
- (4.) Electric Light Apparatus Purchased by Government—Electric Lighting of Macquarie Light-house:—*Mr. Wall* asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) What is the reason that the Order of the House, made on 10th February, 1888, relative to the electric light apparatus purchased by the Government, and the Order of the House, of the same date, in reference to electric lighting of the Macquarie Light-house, have not been complied with?
 - (2.) When will the papers relating to these subjects be laid upon the Table of the House?
- Mr. Roberts* answered,—
- (1.) In consequence of the heavy work of the Department the preparation of these papers has been delayed.
 - (2.) They will probably be laid upon the Table of the House on Tuesday next.
- (5.) Public Works Loan Act of 1884:—*Mr. Dibbs* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The amount of money borrowed under the Act 48 Vic. No. 26?
 - (2.) On what public works, sanctioned by 48 Vic. No. 26, has the money been spent, and how much of it remains unspent?
 - (3.) What balance remains of 48 Vic. No. 26 Loan Bill for future borrowings?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—I did not see the Honorable Member's question until I came to the House this afternoon, and I was not aware that he had given notice of it; but, in consequence of some observations which were made last night, I gave instructions for the preparation of a Return giving the information asked for.
- (6.) Burradoo Platform:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have representations been made as to the accommodation afforded at the Burradoo platform?
 - (2.) Is it intended to lengthen the platform, as requested by the residents?
- Mr. Sutherland* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) It is considered that this matter might stand over for a time.

2. PAPERS :—
 Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return respecting Trustees of Association Cricket Ground.
 (2.) Australasian Statistics relating to Shipping and Imports and Exports during the year 1887 and previous years.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Free Railway Passes.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. THE CHINESE :—Mr. Street presented a Petition from certain Chinese Merchants, resident in Sydney, referring to the provisions of the Treaty of Peking, under which the Chinese are entitled to certain rights; pointing out the hardship and injury to which the Chinese would be liable if provision be not made for the performance of existing engagements with them; and praying the House to take this Petition into favourable consideration.
 At the request of Mr. Street, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
4. WEST MAITLAND CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—Mr. Brunker, 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 12th June, 1888, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
 Question put and passed.
5. OAKLEY PARK COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Hurley, as Chairman, brought up the Second 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 a second time on 1st June, 1888, a.m., together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as further amended and agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Hurley then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 17th July.
 Question put and passed.
6. IMPORT DUTY ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE :—Mr. Ewing presented a Petition from Charles Cameron, as Chairman of the Public Meeting held at Tatham, complaining of the present fiscal policy of the Colony permitting a free import system; stating that the Petitioner and other producers in that District labour under many disadvantages in having to compete in the Sydney market with the sea-borne produce of foreign countries; and praying that the House will favourably consider the Resolutions submitted to it by Mr. Copeland, and oppose any reduction in the butter, bacon, cheese, and timber duties.
 Petition received.
7. BRIDGES ON DUPLICATED LINE BETWEEN PARRAMATTA AND PENRITH (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, estimates, and reports, relative to the bridges on the duplicated line between Parramatta and Penrith (prior to the date of Professor Warren's report), together with copies of Mr. Townsend's plans and sections of these bridges, and the amended plans and sections finally adopted for the construction; also, copies of all correspondence relating to and sections of the additional work recently found necessary to strengthen and support the abutments of these bridges.
 Question put and passed.
8. BRIDGES ON DUPLICATED LINE BETWEEN PARRAMATTA AND PENRITH (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of Professor Warren's report upon the bridges on the duplicated line between Parramatta and Penrith, together with all correspondence between Professor Warren and the Department relative to his report.
 Question put and passed.
9. RAILWAY FROM BOWRAL OR MOSS VALE TO ROBERTSON (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, minutes, reports of officers, or other documents, having reference to the construction of a railway from either Bowral or Moss Vale to Robertson.
 Question put and passed.
10. OUTBREAK OF FEVER AT GLENDUART, MORUYA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lakeman moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and documents relating to the outbreak of typhoid or scarlatina at Glenduart, Moruya, in July, 1883.
 Question put and passed.
11. MUSWELLBROOK-CASSILIS RAILWAY LINE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lakeman, for Mr. Fitzgerald, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all plans, specifications, reports, documents, and other papers connected with the Muswellbrook-Cassilis railway line.
 Question put and passed.
12. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Albert John Gould, Esquire, to act for this day only.

13. **PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Molville,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Woodward,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. W. J. Allen,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. O'Mara.
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Ferguson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Wall,	

Noes, 24.

Sir Henry Parkes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Want,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Ives.
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Seaver,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Merriman,	
Mr. Crouch,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. F. Jago Smith.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Clarke, 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 *Mr. Gould* reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

14. **PAPER:**—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Copies of Papers, "Conference on Chinese Immigration," being telegram from the Secretary of State, telegram from the Conference to the Secretary of State, and Draft Bill agreed upon for uniform legislation by the Australian Parliaments.

Ordered to be printed.

At the request of Sir Henry Parkes, the telegrams were read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

15. **LAND TAX 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 the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 15 JUNE, 1888, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Gould* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19 JUNE, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Lines to Forbes:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state what is the estimated (1) mileage of the proposed railway from Molong to Forbes; (2) the mileage from Sydney to Forbes, *via* Molong and Parkes; (3) the steepest gradient; (4) the height of the starting point above Forbes; (5) the estimated cost per mile; (6) the total cost?

(2.) The like information concerning the proposed lines from Borenore to Forbes, from Coonbing to Forbes, from Woodstock to Forbes, and from Cowra to Forbes?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

- (2.) Asylum for Insane, Parramatta:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether an attendant retiring on a pension from the Asylum for Insane at Parramatta is eligible for employment in the same institution, temporarily or otherwise?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No; a person cannot be in receipt of a pension and salary from Government at the same time. Section 47 of the Civil Service Act, 1884, provides that if a pensioner resume his duties, or any other duties for which he is qualified, his retiring allowance shall be discontinued.

- (3.) Military Forces:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What stabling accommodation is there at Dawes Battery?

(2.) Are the horses of the Major-General Commanding stabled there?

(3.) How many officers connected with the Military Forces were provided with military servants at the public expense during the year 1887?

(4.) What was the estimated cost to the country of each of these servants?

(5.) Will the services of these servants be continued at the public expense?

(6.) Will the Government lay upon the Table a list of any members of the Military Forces to whom railway passes were issued by any member of the General Staff during April, May, and June, 1887, giving dates, names of recipients, and issuers of such passes, together with the places to which such passes were issued?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) None at present, the stables being in a state of disrepair.

(2.) No.

(3.) Twenty-three.

(4.) About £100 per annum.

(5.) Not if the allowance placed on the Estimates is voted.

(6.) I will presently lay upon the Table the list referred to.

- (4.) Teralba Coal-mining Reserve:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Were all the mineral or other selections, being those referred to in Mr. McElhone's question of 7th June, taken up by the Lane family and one Withers on the Teralba coal reserve?

(2.) If not, on what other reserves were they taken up?

(3.) On what date was the Teralba coal reserve first made?

(4.) Is it a fact that Mr. Farnell, at the time of forfeiting Mr. Greville's, or Greville and Garrett's, mineral lease in September, 1878 or 1879, specially reserved the land which was forfeited by them for non-payment of rent?

(5.)

- (5.) Was such mineral lease of Greville, or Garrett and Greville, on the Teralba coal reserve; if not, on what reserve was it situated?
 (6.) Has Mr. Garrett, now Secretary for Lands, yet paid the sum of £550 due as rent by him and Mr. Greville, or Mr. Greville, at the time their mineral lease was forfeited; if not, does the Government intend to compel the payment of such rent?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) (a) M.C.P. 84-2, Newcastle, Mary P. Lane, 604 acres; M.C.P. 84-3, Newcastle, George Lane, 472 acres; M.C.P. 84-4, Newcastle, Henry Lane, 626 acres; M.C.P. 84-5, Newcastle, Mary Lane, 638 acres; M.C.P. 84-6, Newcastle, Mary P. Lane, 249 acres; M.C.P. 84-7, Newcastle, Mary Lane, 203 acres, were taken up on coal-mining reserve No. 60, notified 16th October, 1878. These mineral conditional purchases are also within coal-mining reserve No. 83, notified 5th July, 1880, and within the Minmi population reserve, as per Census of 1881, which was decided by the Supreme Court to have been illegally proclaimed. (b) M.C.P. 82-2a, Newcastle, Mary P. Lane, 640 acres; M.C.P. 82-3a, Newcastle, Mary Lane, 626 acres; M.C.P. 84-10, Newcastle, William Thorne, 126½ acres; M.C.P. 84-12, Maitland, Mary P. Lane, 640 acres, within reserve for coal-mining, No. 83, notified 5th July, 1880, and within the Minmi population reserve, as per Census of 1881. (c) M.C.P. 83-5, Maitland, Henry J. Withers, 640 acres; 320 acres within reserve 83, notified 5th July, 1880, and the remaining 320 acres partly within the Minmi population reserve, as per Census of 1881. (d) M.C.P. 83-3, Maitland, William Thorne, 250 acres; M.C.P. 84-9, Newcastle, Mary Lane, 298 acres, are partly within reserve 83, notified 5th July, 1880. (e) M.C.P. 83-9a, Newcastle, Mary P. Lane, 475 acres, partly within reserve 83, notified 5th July, 1880, and the Minmi population reserve, Census 1881. (f) M.C.P. 84-12, Newcastle, Henry Lane, 437½ acres, partly within the Minmi population reserve, Census of 1881. (g) M.C.P. 83-4, Maitland, Mary Lane, 138½ acres; M.C.P. 84-1, Newcastle, William Thorne, 200 acres; not within any reservation.
 (3.) Reserve No. 60, notified 16th October, 1878, and reserve 83 (which includes reserve 60), notified 5th July, 1880.
 (4.) The papers in reference to this matter are not at present forthcoming, but it is believed that Mr. Farnell directed the reserve to be made in order to prevent the land being conditionally purchased.
 (5.) Yes.
 (6.) No; and he does not purpose doing so. As stated on a previous occasion, in reply to a similar question, the leases were, during Mr. Garrett's absence in England, forfeited for nonpayment of the sum referred to, and therefore he has paid the penalty imposed by law in regard to the matter.

- (5) Mr. Surveyor Lucas:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands—

- (1.) Was a surveyor named Lucas lately dismissed from the Public Service; if so, will he state for what reason?
 (2.) Will he lay all papers, correspondence, minutes, &c., or a copy of them, upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Mr. Surveyor Lucas has not been dismissed from the Public Service. His conduct in regard to certain matters is now under investigation, and, pending a decision being arrived at, it would be improper to publish the papers.

- (6.) Mr. G. S. Ridley:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was a person named Ridley employed some time ago in the Lands Office as a temporary clerk; if so, was his salary £150 per year?
 (2.) Is it a fact that, after this person had been away from the Colony for years, on his return he has been appointed a temporary Crown Lands Agent at a salary of £300 a year and 12s. per day travelling expenses; if so, when?
 (3.) Is it not a fact that there are numbers of clerks in the Lands Office, who have been there for many years, who get smaller salaries, and who are equally as well qualified for the position as Mr. Ridley?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Mr. G. S. Ridley was on the Permanent Staff of this Department in 1883, at a salary of £150 per annum. He had been for some time performing the duties of Emergency Land Agent, with a special allowance for that duty; and would have been appointed a Land Agent but his health failed. He was granted leave of absence on half-pay and subsequently resigned.
 (2.) Mr. Ridley was, on the 12th May, 1887, in a case of urgency, temporarily employed as Emergency Land Agent at a salary of £300 per annum, with 12s. per diem travelling expenses, which is the rate of remuneration, &c., allowed to officers holding similar positions.
 (3.) No; special qualifications, to be acquired only by experience, are necessary. The Emergency Land Agents have also to perform the duties of Clerks of Petty Sessions when required.

- (7.) Defences of the Colony—*Dr. Creed's Speech*:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was Dr. Creed's speech of 17th May in the Legislative Council printed at the Government Printing Office?
 (2.) How many of Dr. Creed's speeches, *re* Defences of the Colony, have been printed at the Government Printing Office?
 (3.) Has Dr. Creed paid for printing the said speeches at the Government Printing Office; and if so, what amount?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Extra copies of the report of Dr. Creed's speech, delivered in the Legislative Council on the 17th May last, were printed at the Government Printing Office.
 (2.) There were also printed, at the same place, extra copies of Dr. Creed's speech on the "Defences of the Colony."
 (3.) The cost of the whole was £2 18s. 6d., which has been paid by Dr. Creed. (8.)

(8.) Mr. John Black's Property, Homebush-Waratah Line :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Fitzgerald, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was any land, the property of Mr. John Black, resumed for railway purposes in connection with the Homebush-Waratah line; if so, what was the date of the resumption, and the area resumed?

(2.) Has any claim for compensation for such land been received by the Government; if so, when?

(3.) Has such claim (if made) been adjusted?

(4.) When will the compensation be paid?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes; 22½ acres. Date of resumption, 25th June, 1883.

(2.) Yes; 29th June, 1887.

(3 and 4.) The matter is now in course of settlement, and it is expected an offer can be made in a few days.

(9.) Re-employment of dismissed Government Employés :—*Mr. Lyne*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that large numbers of persons who were dismissed from the Public Service under the plea of retrenchment have been re-employed?

(2.) Is it a fact that the men so re-employed have had to accept 1s. per day less wages than when they were discharged?

(3.) Will he give instructions to pay the men so re-employed the same rate of wages as they received prior to being discharged?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The services of seventy-five men in all have been re-engaged—not necessarily in the same positions from which their prior service was dispensed with.

(2.) I find that they were re-engaged at the minimum rate of wages given to new hands.

(3.) It has been decided that these men are to be paid at least 7s. a day in the lowest positions; and if they are employed in positions, the minimum wages of which are above 7s., they are to be paid the minimum of the class they are in.

(10.) Audit Branch of Railway Service, Newcastle :—*Mr. Lyne*, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to remove the Audit Branch of the Railway Service from Newcastle to Sydney?

(2.) If so, will he state why the Branch so long established at Newcastle is to be broken up?

(3.) Will he postpone the removal of said Branch until further inquiries are made?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is not intended at present to remove the Audit Branch of the Railway Service at Newcastle to Sydney.

(11.) The Official History of New South Wales :—*Mr. Frank Smith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has Ministerial authority been given for the publication of a work entitled "The Official History of New South Wales," edited by G. B. Barton, the prospectus of which has been issued, signed by Charles Potter, Government Printer?

Mr. Burns answered,—Ministerial authority has been given for the publication of a work entitled "The Official History of New South Wales," under the editorship of Mr. G. B. Barton. The work will be the property of the Government, and Mr. Potter is of opinion that it will defray the expense of its production.

(12.) Supply of Fuel in Schools :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has the Department the power to compel teachers to supply fuel in their schools?

Mr. Inglis answered,—As I have arranged to place £500 on the Additional Estimates for the purpose of providing fuel for schools situated in places where the cold is exceptionally severe, it will not be necessary to call upon teachers or others to supply fuel.

(13.) Road from Tumbulgum to Queensland Border :—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to give instructions, in order that the construction of a road from Tumbulgum to Queensland Border may be proceeded with?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This matter will receive consideration when the Estimates for next year are being dealt with.

2. COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS SALE BILL :—*Mr. Day* presented a Petition from Robert Dawson, of Cooma, the surviving trustee of certain Church of England lands in Cooma, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize and empower Robert Dawson, the surviving trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma, in the Colony of New South Wales, purchased from the Crown for the Church of England, at Cooma aforesaid, to sell the said lands and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.

And Mr. Day having produced the *Government Gazette*, and *The Daily Telegraph*, and *The Cooma Express*, *Monaro and Southern Districts Advertiser*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

3. GOULBURN AND TUENA TRAMWAY BILL :—*Mr. Stevenson*, 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 7th June, 1888, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stevenson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing Subsidies to Recreation Reserves and Public Parks from the year 1880 to 1887 inclusive.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on the 9th May, 1888—"Road through Glenthorne and Purfleet, Manning River."
- (3.) Return respecting Railway Sydney to Forbes, *via* Molong, Borenore to Forbes, Coombing to Forbes, Woodstock to Forbes, and Cowra to Forbes.
- (4.) Return respecting Government Tramways.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Proceedings of Conference on Chinese Question.
- (2.) Return respecting Free Railway Passes issued by the Military Staff Office to Volunteers, &c., during the quarter ended 30th June, 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Applications for position of Assistant Examiner of Accounts in the Treasury.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Report of the University of Sydney for 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table.—

- (1.) Regulations under Imported Stock Act of 1871, and the Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1874.
- (2.) Correspondence, &c., in connection with the case of *Crown v. the Wallsend Coal Company*.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Returns under 103rd section of District Courts Act of 1858.
- (2.) Return showing result of Local Option Vote taken in Metropolitan Suburban Municipalities in February, 1888.
- (3.) Return to Address adopted on the 6th March, 1888—"Case against Mr. T. W. Chambers, Tibooburra."

Ordered to be printed.

5. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 60.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Act of 1857 to incorporate The Australian Mutual Provident Society and Amendment Act of 1873*,"—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, 19th June, 1888.

6. ST. THOMAS CHURCH ENFIELD LANDS SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Frank Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Minister and Churchwardens of St. Thomas' Church, Enfield, to sell certain land in Kent-street, Sydney, devised by the will of Thomas Hyndes, deceased.*"

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 agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Minister and Churchwardens of St. Thomas' Church, Enfield, to sell certain land in Kent-street, Sydney, devised by the will of Thomas Hyndes, deceased*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 19th June, 1888.

7. PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Garrard, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Garrard then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to confer powers upon the 'Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales (Limited)'*"

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 agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer powers upon the 'Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales (Limited)'*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 19th June, 1888.

8. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, to act for this day only.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Slattery rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to bring under notice the conduct of the present Government in remitting, in the month of July, 1887, the sum of £900 out of the sum of £1,000 fine inflicted in June, 1887, on the Captain of the steamer ‘Chelydra,’ for having on board such vessel a greater number of Chinese than in proportion of one Chinese to every 100 tons of the tonnage of the said vessel, namely, ten Chinese, and having landed the said Chinese in the said Colony contrary to the provisions of the ‘Influx of Chinese Restriction Act of 1881.’”

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. Slattery moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

10. **DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL**:—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the recent Despatch from Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of the Divorce Extension Bill, demands the gravest consideration of Parliament and of the country.

(2.) That, in the Session of 1886, a Bill, substantially the same as that to which Her Majesty’s Government declines to advise Assent, was passed by the Legislative Council of this Colony and (as to its second reading) by this House, supported by petitions (among others, from 4,800 citizens of Sydney and its suburbs), and, it is believed, with the approval of a large majority of their fellow Colonists.

(3.) That, in the Session of 1887, the previous measure having lapsed by prorogation of the Parliament, and a General Election having in the interval taken place, the Bill was submitted to the newly elected Assembly, by which it was passed by large majorities, and finally it passed the Legislative Council, notwithstanding strenuous efforts in each House to defeat it.

(4.) That, from the time of its first introduction to Parliament, the measure received from the public press throughout the Colony ample and reiterated discussion; so that not Parliament alone, but the community at large, had full information as to its character, with time and opportunity for its consideration.

(5.) This House protests, therefore, against any assumption or suggestion, by whomsoever made, that the Bill was not the result of deliberate resolve by the community which Parliament represented; and protests against the decision, founded apparently on that assumption, not to advise Her Majesty’s Assent to any like measure, unless passed by a future Parliament. In the opinion of this House, nothing justified such an assumption, if entertained; and, if not entertained or not warranted by the facts, no Government had a right to require, as a condition of approval, the subjecting of this measure to a third ordeal.

(6.) This House protests equally against the doctrine implied, if not expressed, in the Despatch—that a great measure of this character may, constitutionally, and without doing violence to the independent action of each Australian Colony, be suspended, or defeated in its action, because of its being at the time unsupported by some other or others of the group. Such a doctrine, if acted on with respect to the existing Divorce Acts passed in Australia, would have defeated or indefinitely postponed them, even when in unison with the English Statute. Each of these, although alike in general resemblance, originated necessarily in some one Colony. Those which followed, more or less differing in detail, were passed at various intervals. Concerted action was impracticable.

(7.) That this House, recognizing the principle referred to in the Despatch respecting legislative jurisdiction in divorce cases, is of opinion that it was not violated by the Bill; and that the substitution of domicile for actual residence, sought to be imposed as the condition of Assent to the measure, would, in many cases (by reason of the technicality of the term, and of its application), operate simply as a delusion and a snare. By law, the wife’s domicile is that of her husband; and, although the latter may have occupied their matrimonial home in the Colony for several years previous to desertion, his legal domicile may always have been elsewhere. The difficulties which would then arise are not inappropriately illustrated by the case cited in the Despatch.

(8.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor, with the request that he will be good enough to forward them to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Thursday, 28th June.

And it being Seven o’clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 25th April, 1888.

11. **CHINESE RESTRICTION AND REGULATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to one of the amendments made by the Council in this Bill.—that which omitted clause 16. The clause as it left this House provided for the payment, by the Chinese already residing in this Colony, of an annual license fee of ten shillings each. The Bill must, therefore, be considered a revenue producing measure, though not strictly a Money Bill, and in this class of Bills the House of Commons would not allow, the Lords to amend the rate imposed, or the duration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker stated that in his opinion, the Council, in making the amendment to which he had called attention, had gone beyond its province.

Question

Question proposed, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the Chinese Restriction Bill be set aside, and that the Government should at once introduce the Bill that was agreed to at the late Conference."

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE, 1888, A.M.

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

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Slattery* reported that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed to others, including the amendment in the Title, and amended others of the Council's amendments in this Bill.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the report was adopted.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at thirteen minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE, 1868.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Line to Wilcannia:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the distance of the railway and surveyed line from Orange, *via* Nyngan and Cobar, to Wilcannia?

(2.) The same information with regard to the line from Orange to Wilcannia, *via* Molong, Parkes, and Condoblin, and the estimated cost of each respectively?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) 423 miles 30 chains, of which 186 miles 10 chains are constructed. The estimated cost of constructing a railway from Nyngan to Wilcannia, 237½ miles, is £710,750.

(2.) 413 miles 10 chains, of which 24 miles are constructed. Estimated cost of constructing a railway from Molong to Wilcannia, 389 miles, is £1,287,375.

(2.) Railway Line to Wilcannia:—Mr. Ives asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What length of railway would be required to connect Wilcannia, *via* Molong and Parkes, and what is the estimated cost per mile?

(2.) The same particulars, *via* Cudal and Forbes?

(3.) The same particulars, *via* Nyngan and Cobar?

(4.) On what date were tenders received for the construction of the line from Nyngan to Cobar, and what were the respective amounts?

(5.) Would it be necessary now to refer the construction of the line from Nyngan to Cobar to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) 391 miles; estimated cost per mile, £3,736.

(2.) 392½ miles; estimated cost per mile, £3,430.

(3.) 237½ miles; estimated cost per mile, £3,000.

(4.) On 22nd February, 1867, as below:—Carey and Maund, £182,838 10s.; Fishburn & Co., £144,048 1s.; Hardy and Morton, £121,799 8s. 4d.; Angus & Co., £133,747 6s. 8d.; Halliday, Owen, & Co., £150,154 5s. 4d.; Fergus and Blair, £159,457 5s.; Salmoud, Denne, & Co., £153,344 4s. 6d.

(3.) Railway Line to Wilcannia:—Mr. F. Jago Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to his statement that the Government are undecided as regards the alternative lines to Wilcannia, will he state whether both of these lines will be proposed to the Works Committee, and the choice left to them as to which shall be carried out?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As I have several times explained to the House, it would not be practicable, or indeed proper, to refer two lines to the Public Works Committee for them to decide which of the two lines should be adopted.

(4.) Railway Line to Wilcannia:—*Mr. Gornly*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a trial survey line for a railway been made from Cobar to Wilcannia?

(2.) If so, what is the distance between the two places?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) 237½ miles.

(5.)

(5.) Public Works Loan Act of 1884:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The amount of money borrowed under the Act 48 Vic. No. 23?
- (2.) On what public works, sanctioned by 48 Vic. No. 26, has the money been spent, and how much of it remains unspent?
- (3.) What balance remains of 48 Vic. No. 26 Loan Bill for future borrowings?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The amount borrowed, inclusive of the loan of £3,500,000 negotiated in April last, is £9,748,276 5s. 11d.
- (2.) The amount actually expended on Services specifically mentioned in the Act, up to 11th June instant, was £2,363,331 17s. The sum of £2,015,004 11s. 9d. has also been expended on works provided for by the Loan Act, 50 Victoria No. 23. The amount authorized to be raised by the latter Act is £3,115,393, and no loan has as yet been obtained in connection therewith. There is, under the Act 43 Victoria No. 23, an unexpended balance of £1,369,939 17s. 2d., exclusive of the proceeds of the last loan of £3,500,000.
- (3.) £1,640,026 14s. 1d. There is also authority, under the Act 50 Victoria No. 23, for a loan of £3,115,393. I will have a statement prepared, showing the works upon which expenditure has taken place in connection with the first Act.

(6.) Crown Lands Act of 1884:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, having regard to the position of many of the conditional purchasers and conditional leaseholders and their statutory obligations under the Land Act of 1884, in reference to the fencing clauses of that Act, bring in a Bill before the close of the Session, giving the Local Boards power (subject to the approval of the Minister), upon sufficient cause, to be stated in open Court, to dispense with fencing, to allow boundary fences and fences adjacent to roads (with power to grant gates), give and take fences, or ring fences, or fences by agreement, to be sufficient compliance with the Act of 1884?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Although I am quite aware of the great difficulty there is in determining the law in regard to the fencing section of the present Land Act, it is not my intention to bring in a separate measure to deal with the matter during this Session. The Bill already before the House contains provisions dealing with it, and if we cannot pass that Bill I do not see any probability of another measure being dealt with.

(7.) Bridge over the Darling at Wilcannia:—Mr. J. P. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Government yet come to any decision as to including in their Loan Estimates a sum for a bridge over the Darling at Wilcannia?

Mr. Garrett answered,—An amount of £12,000 for this work has been noted for consideration on the Loan Estimates for this year.

(8.) Mr. Cookson, Schoolmaster at Seven Hills:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact Mr. Cookson, schoolmaster at Seven Hills, expelled two of the pupils because they refused to be taught by a pupil of the same class as themselves?
- (2.) Have the said pupils been at school since 26th August, 1887?
- (3.) Has he been asked by the parents of said pupils to take legal proceedings against them for their children not having been at school?
- (4.) Was the teacher of the school duly qualified for the position he held when he expelled the said children?
- (5.) Has Mr. Cookson received a full certificate as second-class teacher after having passed in certain subjects only?
- (6.) Did illness prevent Mr. Cookson from undergoing his examination in June, 1887?
- (7.) Was any censure passed on Mr. Cookson for expelling the said pupils?
- (8.) Has he refused the parents of said pupils a copy of the said censure (if any)?
- (9.) Will he cause legal proceedings to be taken against said pupils for non-attendance at school?
- (10.) Has he refused to investigate certain complaints made by the parents of said pupils against Mr. Cookson, the teacher?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I should like to say a word or two about this matter. I regret that the honorable and learned Member has not had an opportunity of seeing the papers in this petty case, as I am compelled to say that I think he has been made a handle of to qualify a piece of unworthy feeling against a very competent and capable officer. I will answer the questions as far as I can, and will then make some further observations.

- (1.) No; two pupils were merely suspended from attendance pending an investigation.
- (2.) I am not aware, but I will endeavour to find out.
- (3.) I have seen one of the parents in the precincts of the House, and told him what I thought of the case, advising him to take a reasonable course, but declined to take any action unless on a proper written statement.
- (4 and 5.) Mr. Cookson has passed in all subjects for a second-class certificate except model and geometrical drawing.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) No.
- (8.) No censure having been passed on Mr. Cookson, I could not refuse a copy of it to the parents.
- (9.) Pending the receipt of the returns of defaulters for the present quarter, it is not possible to say whether legal proceedings will be instituted. The District Inspector of Schools will be requested to forward such returns speedily.
- (10.) No; the parent was asked to state clearly and fully in writing the charges he wished to prefer. This he has not done.

I should like to state further that I have gone very fully into this case myself, with a very earnest desire to do justice as between the teacher and the parent, and I have found that the teacher is a very highly efficient officer, and that he is popular with everyone in the neighbourhood. I am quite satisfied in my own mind that this is a case of petty acrimonious ill-feeling against the teacher, and the evidence almost makes me consider that there is a lack of proper parental discipline and control at the bottom of the whole matter. If the honorable and learned Member wishes to satisfy himself fully of the case without going further with it, I shall be most happy to show him all the papers, and to go fully into the matter with him, in which case I am quite certain that he will adopt the course which has been adopted by his colleagues, and also, I may say, by Mr. Dibbs, who introduced the gentleman to me, and have nothing more to do with the matter.

- (9.) Sunday Train for Penrith:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received a petition from the residents of Penrith, asking that a Sunday train might be provided; if so, has he arrived at any decision in the matter?

Mr. Garrett answered,—My honorable colleague has received the petition, and has replied to the Member presenting it that he will be unable to comply with the request.

- (10.) Regent-street, Mittagong:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) The date on which the opening of Regent-street, Mittagong, was approved by Department of Lands?
 (2.) What is now causing the delay in opening this street for public use?
 (3.) Will he give instructions to have all obstructions removed and the street opened for traffic forthwith?

Mr. Garrett answered,—In the absence of the papers—now with the Works Department—it is not possible to reply to the Honorable Member's question; but the matter will receive prompt attention.

- (11.) Armidale Centennial Celebration:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Was the sum of £50 granted to the Armidale Centennial Celebration Committee?
 (2.) On whose application was the grant given?
 (3.) Were grants refused to Centennial Celebration Committees in other towns?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes; on condition of a similar amount being locally raised.
 (2.) On the application of the Municipal Council of Armidale, through Mr. Copeland, M.P.
 (3.) Yes, in all but exceptional cases. I may state that upon the representations of the Honorable Member himself a sum of £12 has been granted towards the expenses of the Centennial Sports Committee at Berrima.

- (12.) Electric Telegraph Department:—Mr. Neild asked the Postmaster-General,—Has any decision been arrived at with reference to paying the annual increase for 1888 to persons employed in Electric Telegraph Department.

Mr. Roberts answered,—I am awaiting information from the Telegraph Department as to the precise amount which will be required to pay these increments. The matter will receive consideration so soon as the information is to hand.

2. RAILWAY TO INVERELL:—Mr. Moore presented a Petition from certain residents of Tingha and District, representing that the Petitioners thoroughly endorse the policy of the Government in their railway scheme regarding that district; and praying the House to sanction the route from Guyra to Inverell, in preference to any alternative route.
 Petition received.

3. COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize and empower Robert Dawson, the surviving trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma, in the Colony of New South Wales, purchased from the Crown for the Church of England, at Cooma aforesaid, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
 Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Day having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize and empower Robert Dawson, the surviving Trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma, in the Colony of New South Wales, purchased from the Crown for the Church of England, at Cooma aforesaid, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*"—read a first time.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Proposed Standing Orders postponed until Wednesday, 4th July.

5. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting the evacuation of the French Military Posts in the New Hebrides.
 (2.) Despatch respecting Treaty between the Governments of China and the United States on the subject of Chinese Immigration.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Reports of Messrs. Bishop, Whitton, and Bennett, C.E.'s, on the Prospect Dam.

Ordered to be printed.

6. ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the following Address of Condolence to the Queen be adopted by this House :—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,—

We, the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to approach your Majesty with the renewed expression of our loyal and devoted attachment to your Majesty's Throne and Person, and to convey to you our profound sympathy in the great bereavement which Your Royal House has sustained by the death of the august husband of the good and beloved Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland.

We pray that the All-Wise Ruler of Events may give to Your Majesty all comfort and support in this heavy affliction.

On behalf, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly,

Speaker.

(2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to sign such Address, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, in conjunction with the President of the Legislative Council, on behalf of the Legislative Council, and that the Address be forwarded by telegraph and by post.

Mr. Dibbs having addressed the House in support of the motion,—

Question put and carried unanimously.

7. ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO HER IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE EMPRESS VICTORIA :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the following Address of Condolence to the Empress Victoria of Germany be adopted by this House :—

To Her Imperial Majesty, The Empress Victoria, Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland.

May it please Your Majesty,—

We, the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our deepest sympathy in the heavy burden of affliction and sorrow which you have been called upon by the Almighty to sustain, in the removal from your side of the illustrious ruler of a great people, " whose death is an irreparable loss to the cause of freedom and human progress."

We pray that the Divine blessing may rest upon Your Majesty, and that you may be long spared to exercise those noble qualities of mind and heart which have made your life so conspicuous in the highest stations of human authority.

On behalf, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly,

Speaker.

(2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to sign such Address, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, in conjunction with the President of the Legislative Council, on behalf of the Legislative Council, and that the Address be forwarded by telegraph and by post.

Mr. Dibbs having addressed the House in support of the motion,—

Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words " whose death " is an irreparable loss to the cause of freedom and human progress."

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Garrard moved, " That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Hutcheon,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Rylie,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Frank Smith.

Tellers,

Mr. Garland,
Mr. Burdekin.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Dibbs,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Creer,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Brunker,

Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Street,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Ives,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Burne,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Stokes.

Tellers,

Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Frank Farnell.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Debate continued.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 60.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. McCourt,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Burdckin,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Teoce,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Dalton.
Mr. McMillan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Brunker.
Mr. Ives,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Garland.
Tellers,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Walker.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

8. CHINESE RESTRICTION AND REGULATION BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 13th June, 1888, in reference to the Chinese Restriction and Regulation Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 1,—for reasons consequential upon disagreements to other amendments in the Bill.

Agrees to the amendment which omits clause 2 and inserts a new clause in lieu thereof; but proposes to amend such new clause by omitting therefrom the word "illegal" in lines 3 and 9 respectively,—in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3; but proposes to amend the clause by adding at the end thereof the following proviso:—"Provided that any Chinese holding a certificate of "naturalization or an exemption certificate issued under the 'Influx of Chinese Restriction Act of '1881,' and at present absent from the Colony, shall be permitted to return at any time before "the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, but not afterwards";—because it is expedient, on high grounds of policy, and especially in view of the contemplated legislation in the other Colonies, that all documents of this description should be revoked and cease to operate outside the Colony at an early and definite date, and because the proviso added to the clause allows ample time for any Chinese holding any such document who may now be absent to return to the Colony,—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 5 which inserts the words "by birth"; but

Disagrees to the other amendments in that clause,—for the reasons stated in respect to clause 3.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 7, 8, and 10.

Agrees to the amendments which omit clauses 11 and 12.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 13; but proposes to amend the words proposed to be inserted, by omitting therefrom "who shall arrive in this Colony," and inserting, after the word "after," the words "six months from";—because the rule recognized and agreed upon by both Houses as applying to part of the Chinese is expedient and justifiable in its application after reasonable notice to all Chinese alike,—in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Disagrees to the amendment which omits clause 16;—because, on high constitutional ground, the Legislative Assembly cannot consent to surrender any portion of its undoubted and exclusive powers to impose burdens upon the people; and further, if this unanswerable reason did not exist, because, in the interests of social morality and public health, it is necessary, under the provisions of clause 21, to regulate special Chinese communities, where abnormal forms of vice and conditions revoltingly inimical to health are known to exist, to which the attention of the Government is urgently called, among others, by the Chief Justice of the Colony; and it is pointed out that the system of registration proposed is not nearly so severe as regulations imposed upon large classes of our own countrymen; but proposes to amend the clause by inserting at the commencement thereof the words, "For the purposes of sanitary and police regulation," and by omitting the words "who shall have arrived in the said Colony before the passing of this Act,"—in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Disagrees to the amendment which omits clause 17,—for the same reasons as apply to clause 16.

Agrees

Agrees to the amendment in clause 15.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 19,—for the reasons stated in respect to clause 3.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 23, and the omission of Schedule A,—for reasons consequential upon disagreement to the omission of clauses 16 and 17.

Disagrees to the amendments in the Preamble and Title ;—because it is not expedient, for reasons of public policy, to afford ground for the direct inference in other parts of the world that there exists any regulated system for “the immigration and introduction of Chinese into New South Wales,” and because the words employed in the Preamble and Title more correctly describe the purposes of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th June, 1888.*

9. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Ninian Melville, Esquire, to act for this day only.
10. LAND TAX 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 the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and *Mr. Melville* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 JUNE, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Embankments, Mullet Creek—Hawkesbury Bridge:—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How much over the estimated cost has already been expended in the embankments on the estuaries of Mullet Creek?
- (2.) How much over such estimate is this particular work likely to cost?
- (3.) Is the work yet solidified so as to be safe for the contemplated traffic?
- (4.) Is this work the sole cause of the non-completion of that section of the line?
- (5.) How much has been paid, and how much has to be paid, over the estimated cost for the whole of that section?
- (6.) Has the difficulty as to the crooked caisson at the Hawkesbury Bridge been overcome; if so, how?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) £82,995 16s. 7d.
- (2.) It is impossible to say, but it is not anticipated that this expenditure will be largely increased.
- (3.) No; embankments Nos. 5, 6, 8, and 10 are still settling, but not to a great extent.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) £134,226 17s. 6d. This amount includes the additional lining to tunnel, increase in quantity to Woy Woy, Broadwater, and Mullet Creek embankments, which are formed for a double line.
- (6.) The position of caisson No. 6 is still considered unsatisfactory.

- (2.) Theatres and other Places of Amusement:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Dowel*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some of the metropolitan theatres are in such a dangerous condition that the licenses should not be continued?
- (2.) Is it a fact that concerts and theatrical entertainments take place on Sundays and other days at the Bondi, Coogee, and Manly Aquariums, and that the said places of public amusement or concourse are not licensed?
- (3.) What steps (if any) have the Government taken to carry out the recommendations of the late Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the construction of theatres and other places of amusement or concourse, and the recommendations contained in the reports of the Colonial Architect, Superintendent of Fire Brigades, and Inspector of Theatres, in reference to making better provision for the safety of the public from panic or fire?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It would be impossible to reply to these questions now without doing some injury to the theatrical profession. The whole question is under the consideration of the Government.

- (3.) Noxious Weeds, Richmond River District:—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he any objection to obtain, and lay upon the Table of the House, a report on noxious weeds in Richmond River district?

Mr. Abigail answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for the report, there will be no objection to lay it upon the Table of the House.

- (4.) Formation of Volunteer Force, Lismore:—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he yet in a position to deal definitely with the offer from the inhabitants of Lismore with reference to the formation of a volunteer force?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As I have said on several occasions, the reorganization of the whole military forces has been under consideration for some time, and I trust that it will be completed within a week. The Honorable Member will see therefore that I cannot give a specific answer to his question in the meantime.

(5.)

(5.) Tram from Redfern on arrival of Western Mail-train:—*Mr. Stokes*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that his instructions to the Railway Department to start a tram from Redfern upon the arrival of the Western mail-train, are carried out in such an unwilling and disobedient manner as to render these trams of no service to the public?

(2.) Will he be good enough to cause some of the porters to call out and conduct passengers to this particular tram?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Superintendent of Tramways reports that every facility is given to the public to use this tram, but it is very poorly patronised. Porters will be instructed to inform passengers by the train that a tram is ready to start, and to point to where it is to be found; but I fear that passengers by the mail-trains will not use the trams. The people from the country usually bring baggage with them, and they desire to be taken direct to their destination; hence they engage cabs, and will not travel by the trams.

(6.) Grants for Roads:—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) As the "Mileage Vote" is not available this year for such portions of main Government roads as may be within the limits of country municipalities (the distance having been altered between towns), is it a fact that a number of roads proclaimed as "main roads" have for years been maintained by the Government, although within municipal boundaries?

(2.) Will he take steps to proclaim as main roads such other roads as may fairly be entitled to be so recognized?

(3.) Is Unwin's Bridge, for which £2,000 is voted in the Schedule, within the boundaries of a municipality?

(4.) Are the following roads and streets, for which amounts are specified hereunder in Schedule, within municipal limits, viz.:—Union-street, Adamstown, £600; Road, Wickham, £700; Kingsgrove Road, £1,000; Military Road, £1,000; Spit Road, £1,000; Lane Cove to Pittwater, £500; Approach, Fig-tree Bridge, Lane Cove, £500; Lane Cove Road (metalling), £1,000; Roads, Botany, £1,500; Missenden Road, £500?

(5.) Is it not usual to refuse all similar requests from country municipalities for Government roads, or portions thereof, within their boundaries?

Mr. Burns answered,—The information asked for will be supplied in the shape of a Return.

(7.) North Coast Railway:—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to the railway proposals about to be relegated to the Public Works Committee for consideration, will the North Coast Railway be submitted as a whole, or will the Committee have power to deal with that portion, Grafton to the Tweed, or any section of the same, if, in the opinion of the Committee, the Richmond, Byron Bay, or the Clarence is the natural outlet for the trade?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Committee will, of course, exercise their discretion in such cases.

(8.) Endowment to Country Schools of Art and Mechanics Institutes:—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he favourable to an endowment of £ for £ on *bonâ fide* subscriptions in aid of country Schools of Art and Mechanics Institutes, in cases where new buildings have or may be hereafter erected?

(2.) Does he recognize the fact that these institutions are almost the only means of an educational character within the reach of residents of the country districts?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) I am in favour of Schools of Art being liberally endowed. The amount of the present endowment is, in my opinion, a fair recognition of these institutions by the Government under present circumstances, and would suffice for all reasonable requirements if the residents themselves generously recognized their privileges and their duties in such matters.

(2.) Under proper management, there can be no doubt that these institutions might render very important service in the cause of popular education.

(9.) *Mr. G. F. Wise*, Immigration Agent, and *Mr. F. B. Treatt*, Chief Clerk, Immigration Department:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to the salaries of £550 per year paid to *Mr. G. F. Wise*, as Agent for Immigration, and *Mr. F. B. Treatt*, of £490, as Chief Clerk and Accountant in the Immigration Office, what is the nature of the work these officers have to perform, and how many immigrants came to the Colony during the year 1887 and up to the end of May, 1888?

(2.) Is it a fact that few (if any) immigrants have come to the Colony during the present year; if so, is it a fact that the offices held by Messrs. *G. F. Wise* and *F. B. Treatt* have been mere sinecures for some time past?

(3.) What is the age of *Mr. G. F. Wise*—is he over 60 years of age; and, if so, is there any special reason why he should not retire on his pension?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to keep Messrs. *G. F. Wise* and *F. B. Treatt* on in their present offices at the high salaries they receive when there is little or no work for them to perform, or likely to be any work to perform, owing to the stoppage of immigration?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Before reading the written answers to these questions, I desire to say a few words. The Government consider it their duty in certain cases to bring the families of men who are already in the Colony to the husband and father. There are a number of instances where men, more especially amongst miners, who have arrived here and who have a wife and sometimes two or three children in England; in all these cases the Government up to this time have thought it was in the interests of the public to bring the wife and children to the husband and father. I feel quite sure that the House would unanimously approve of this course; they could not wish families to be sundered in this manner. The Government have in every case taken pains to ascertain that the person applying for the introduction of his family is in a position to maintain them, and in no case is his application entertained unless he has a certificate from his clergyman

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or from a magistrate as to his character. The Government being assured that he is in a position to maintain his wife and children, and that he is a person of industrial and reputable character, we have introduced his wife and children at the ordinary rates. Now, with regard to the questions as asked,—

(1 and 2.) The number of immigrants who arrived in 1887 was 1,362; in 1888, 258 arrived; the necessary work in connection with the nomination by husbands for their wives and children; the receiving of the wives and children on their arrival, and despatching them to their various destinations; arranging for all expenditure in connection with same; also, the refunding of deposits made on account of nominees not arrived; (there are at present on the books 456 nominees—that it must be remembered includes wives and children, in some cases five or six, I think—yet to arrive); also dealing with a large number of arrivals from Great Britain and the Australian Colonies; applying for railway passes to proceed to various country districts; and, after due inquiry has been made, granting or refusing passes to such applicants.

(3.) Mr. Wise is above 60 years of age.

I may add to these answers that I am of opinion that Mr. Wise's services ought to be dispensed with at a very early date.

(10.) Railway Extension from Molong to Wilcannia, *via* Parkes:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In carrying out the proposed railway extension from Molong to Wilcannia, *via* Parkes, will he see that steps are taken to have a survey made from a point on the proposed line near Parkes, so that the proposed extension may include both townships, *viz.*, Parkes and Forbes?

Mr. Burns answered,—A railway trial survey has been made between Parkes and Forbes, being part of the trial survey from near Young to Dubbo.

(11.) Timber Reserves:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Can a person holding a mineral license enter or go on to a timber reserve?

Mr. Garrett answered,—This would depend on the circumstances of the case. For example, a timber reserve under conditional lease, under section 52 of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884," would not be available.

(12.) Railways—Orange to Molong, Bathurst to Bourke, and the Mudgee Line:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the railway returns on the Western line, moved for by Dr. Ross on 8th February, 1888, be laid upon the Table of this House?

(2.) Will he see that they are prepared and laid upon the Table with the least possible delay?

Mr. Burns answered,—This Return will be at once put in hand. Its preparation was postponed as previously explained, so as not to delay the compilation of the Annual Returns.

(13.) Rebate from Wharfage Rates on Public Wharfs:—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the management of the Circular Quay is allowing a rebate of 25 per cent. from the wharfage rates upon the cargoes of vessels discharging at certain public wharfs?

(2.) Has he given his sanction to a system of rebates in competition with the owners of private wharf property?

(3.) Is not the giving of rebates a violation of the law?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1 and 2.) In answer to the Honorable Member's questions Nos. 1 and 2, I have obtained from Captain Jackson, Manager of Public Wharfs, the following report upon the practice of allowing rebate from the wharfage rates payable by ships discharging at public wharfs:—

"In compliance with your instructions, I have the honour to report, for the Colonial Treasurer's information, the manner in which the business of the public wharfs has been conducted.

"During the four (4) years that the public wharfs have been under my charge, I have endeavoured, as far as in my power, to carry on the business on commercial principles (without which wharf business cannot be carried out to advantage),—with what result is well known to yourself. During the first two (2) years, I found no difficulty to contend with, as nearly all the principal wharf-owners had formed themselves into an association, and no rebate of any kind was allowed, in consequence of which the public wharfs received a fair share of the shipping business of the port, the revenue of the Quay having increased during the two (2) years from £12,000 to over £18,000 per annum.

"During the latter part of 1886, it was found necessary to re-establish the rebate system (which had in fact been in use for twenty (20) years previous), in order to protect the revenue from the wharfs under my charge. I accordingly asked and obtained permission from the then Colonial Treasurer (Sir P. Jennings) to allow rebate of 10 per cent. on the net inward wharfages and 5 per cent. on the tonnage dues. This rebate was only given to the agents of one vessel, as I soon found that it was not sufficient inducement, as private wharf-owners at this time allowed from 30 to 45 per cent. This large rebate was the cause of every berth at both the Circular Quay and Cowper Wharf being vacant for over one month of the present year, and compelled me again, in the interest of the wharfs, to ask permission to increase the rebate already granted by the former Colonial Treasurer to 25 per cent., the minute of Mr. Burns approval expressly stating that the authority was to be exercised with great care. This has only been allowed to four (4) vessels, three (3) at the Circular Quay and one (1) at Cowper Wharf.

"I beg to point out that the rebate allowed by the Government in no way competes with the private interest of wharf-owners, as in all cases the amounts given by them exceed what is allowed by the public wharfs by 10 to 20 per cent.

"So long as private wharf-owners continue to allow rebates, it is absolutely necessary that the business of the public wharfs be carried on under a similar arrangement, as otherwise vessels (except for loading) will go where rebate is given, and the public wharfs will be empty."

(3.) I am not aware that the giving of rebates is a violation of the law. I consider it to be perfectly legal.

(14.) Street between Johnston Estate and Railway Station, Petersham:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will a street be opened to afford direct communication with the Johnston Estate, Annandale, and the railway station, Petersham?

Mr. Burns answered,—My honorable colleague is not aware. It is not a matter which the Government can control in any way, and it must be left to private interests to determine.

(15.) Site for Village, Parish of Heyden, County of Wellesley:—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he any objection to state whether a site for a village on stock reserve 310, parish of Heyden, county of Wellesley, has been refused; if so on what grounds?

(2.) Will he state the name of the District Surveyor who furnished the report (if any report has been furnished) to the Department of Lands?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) The establishment of a village at the site referred to was refused because there is apparently no necessity for it. The aspect and resources of the surrounding country support this conclusion. The site desired—locally known as China Town—is within 6 miles of the villages of Delegate and Wellesley. At the former there is little settlement, at the latter none at all.

(2.) Mr. District-Surveyor Betts.

(16.) Railway Line to Wilcannia:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The distance from Orange to near Forbes, upon the Orange and Wilcannia line, approved of by the House on the 14th December, 1881?

(2.) The distance from the nearest point on the above line to the town of Forbes?

(3.) The same from Sydney to Forbes?

(4.) The steepest gradients?

(5.) The estimated cost per mile?

(6.) The total cost?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) To Manildra Creek, 227 miles from Sydney and 36 miles from Orange.

(2.) 5½ miles from Forbes.

(3.) 271 miles.

(4.) 1 in 40.

(5.) £8,500 per mile.

(6.) £705,500 total cost from junction of Great Western Railway, *via* Molong, about midway between Forbes and Parkes.

(17.) Mr. C. Colls, Railway Department:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. C. Colls, a clerk in the Audit Branch of the Railway Department, at Redfern, has been recently promoted to a position in the office of the Commissioner for Railways?

(2.) Are there any other officers in the Audit Department who, by qualification and length of service, are eligible for promotion and have been overlooked by the appointment of Mr. Colls?

(3.) If so, is this appointment in conformity with the Civil Service Act of 1884?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) There were one or two officers in addition to Mr. Colls eligible for the promotion; but it was considered that Mr. Colls' qualifications rendered him the most suitable officer to promote to the vacant position.

(3.) Yes, in all its essentials; but clause VII of the Civil Service Act exempts the ordinary clerical staff of the Railway Department from the operation of that Act.

(18.) Board of Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners been appointed; and, if so, what is his name, and what position did he previously hold?

(2.) What promises have been made as regards salary?

(3.) Have either, or both, of the other positions on the Board been filled; if not, have names been submitted or considered?

(4.) Has the present Commissioner been offered any position on the Board; and, if so, has he accepted or refused it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Chairman of Railway Commissioners has been appointed. His name is Mr. Eddy. I am not quite sure of the initials. No promise has been made to Mr. Eddy outside the agreement; but the agreement is that Mr. Eddy is to receive £3,000 per annum. I may as well state at this point that I was well aware when the Railway Bill was passed that we probably could not obtain the man we wanted for £2,500 a year; but I knew that if we placed a higher sum in the Act we should have to pay it. There was the chance of obtaining a gentleman as Chief Commissioner at a smaller salary. It is the intention of the Government now to introduce a short Bill, for two objects: to fix the salary of the Chief Commissioner at £3,000 per annum, and to prolong the time when the Act is to come into operation; because, under the provisions of the Act, it must come into operation within 120 days of receiving the Royal Assent, and Mr. Eddy could not arrive in time. I do not think it would be expedient, or in the interests of the country, to appoint the Board and to bring the Act into operation until after he has arrived.

(3.) I may state that there are applications for the other Commissionerships from America, New Zealand, from all the other Australasian Colonies, and I think from other places, numbering between 20 and 30—I believe about 25. My practice in filling an office of this kind is never to read applications, but to put them aside until a day when they can all be considered. I have asked for these applications for the first time this morning with the view of going through them. I hope Honorable Members will see the healthiness of the rule which I have laid down in order to prevent the possibility of my having any bias in favour of any applicant. I may state here what I intended to have stated when dealing with the

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first question, although it is somewhat out of order. The telegram introducing Mr. Eddy to the Government in the first instance, mentioned the name of Mr. Speight, and I wrote confidentially to Mr. Speight as to whether he knew anything of Mr. Eddy. Mr. Speight, in the concluding part of his letter, says:—"I have heard him spoken favourably of in his London and North-Western position, and the fact of his transfer to the Caledonian Railway is evidence to the same effect." I ought to have said that Mr. Eddy has been twenty years on that great railway, the L. and N.-W., and that the Chairman of that railway, Sir Richard Moon, and the Manager, Mr. Findlay, assured the Agent-General that Mr. Eddy is the very best man that could be selected in Great Britain. I have myself the strongest hope that we have obtained the services of a man of great railway experience, of high character, and in the prime of life, he being 45 years of age.

(4.) I considered it my duty to place one of the appointments under offer to Mr. Goodchap, and on the 8th June I wrote the following letter to that officer:—

My dear Sir,

June 8, 1888.

The time is approaching when the Commissioners under the "Government Railways Act" must be appointed. For reasons which appear to the Government sufficient, the office of Chief Commissioner will be filled by the appointment of a gentleman from the railway service of the United Kingdom; but I desire it to be understood that this selection does not in any sense imply a want of appreciation of your ability, or of the value of your services in the office you at present hold.

It may be that in the exercise of your discretion you may elect to retire under the provisions of the 107th section of the Act; but if, on the other hand, you are disposed to give the country, under the new system of management, the benefit of your experience and abilities, I shall have pleasure in recommending your appointment to the second Commissionership.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY PARKES.

Chas. A. Goodchap, Esq.

Mr. Goodchap asked time to consider the offer made to him, and I informed him that there was no hurry, and that he could take any time he chose. On the 15th of the month I received from Mr. Goodchap the following letter:—

15 June, 1888.

Dear Sir Henry,

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, in which you offer to me the appointment of second Commissionership upon the Railway Board, I beg to say that, although prepared to some extent for the announcement made in your letter that the Government had decided to fill the office of Chief Commissioner by the selection of a gentleman from the railway service of the United Kingdom, I cannot but express disappointment that such a decision should have been arrived at, in view of my long and faithful services in connection with the railways of this Colony, the experience which I have thereby gained, and the value which you are good enough to say the Government place upon my services in the office I at present hold.

Under these circumstances, and after having given the matter due consideration, I feel myself unable to accept the offer made to me of an office inferior to that of the Chief Commissioner.

I therefore elect, upon the abolition of my office as Commissioner for Railways, to take advantage of the provisions of the 107th section of the Government Railways Act.

I trust I need not say that until the abolition of my office takes place, I shall continue to give my services to the Government with the same amount of willingness that I have always shown, and if in any way the Government can utilize my experience in assisting the Board to initiate its arrangements I shall be too glad to meet their wishes.

I have, &c.,

CHAS. A. GOODCHAP.

The Hon. Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G.

I may say, without any desire to recall one word of the language I have used at different times as to the present Commissioner's ability and experience, I still think that in the interests of this country the course taken by the Government is the wisest, the best, and the one most commanding the confidence of the country. I do not think of filling the other two appointments for some little time, inasmuch as the Board cannot come into operation until towards the end of October, at the very earliest. I may perhaps be permitted to say that, as at present advised, I shall seek to fill one of the offices of Commissioner from the Public Service—getting the best man that I can. I shall consider it my duty, if I can, to get a purely business man of high character and capacity to take the other office, as it appears to me to be essential to the working of this new Board that we should have a man thoroughly acquainted with business as business, and thoroughly acquainted with accounts. If I can be so fortunate as to get a man of that stamp, and of high character, I should be disposed, without pledging myself, to give one of the appointments to a man like that.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the Appointment of Mr. E. M. G. Eddy as Chairman of Railway Board.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 22nd February, 1888—"Road from Tulcumba to Gunnedah."

Ordered to be printed.

3. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. Fletcher, for Mr. Brunner, 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 4th April, 1888. Ordered to be printed.

4. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes 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 in a Bill for prohibiting the sale of diseased animals and amending the law relating to the sale of diseased meat. Question put and passed.

5. COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Cooma Church of England Lands Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Colls, Mr. Garrard, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

6. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Jacob Garrard, Esquire, to act for this day only.
7. **PAPERS**:—
 Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Minute of Executive Council, Letters, &c., respecting "Influx of Chinese Restriction Act," and remission of a portion of the fine imposed upon the Master of the ship "Chelydra," and refund to the Agents of the Poll-tax on ten Chinese,—and moved, That the document be printed.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
- Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return showing the Amounts due by Consolidated Revenue Fund to the Loan Funds and Trust Funds Accounts on 30th April, 1888.
 Ordered to be printed.
8. **CHURCH OF ENGLAND PROPERTY BILL**:—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from Captain Francis Robert Lewis Rossi, of Rossville, Goulburn, representing that Petitioner is an opponent of the Church of England Property Bill; and praying, for the reasons set forth in his Petition, that the House will cause inquiry to be made in the premises, with a view to the rejection or amendment of the said Bill, and that he may be heard in opposition to the Bill, either before the Bar of the House or its Select Committee.
 Petition received.
9. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL**:—Mr. Cortis presented a Petition from George Smith, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the city of Bathurst, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill.
 Petition received.
10. **LAND TAX 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 the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 22 JUNE, 1888, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported the Bill with amendments.
 Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

11. **PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer powers upon the 'Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited).'*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 21st June, 1888.

JOHN HAY
 President.

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

Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
 Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 JUNE, 1888.

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

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 61.

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 in certain respects the "Government Railways Act of 1888."

*Government House,
Sydney, 26th June, 1888.*

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

2. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 62.

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 for prohibiting the sale of diseased animals, and amending the law relating to the sale of diseased meat.

*Government House,
Sydney, 26th June, 1888.*

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

3. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) St. Thomas Church Enfield Lands Sale Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 63.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Minister and Churchwardens of St. Thomas' Church, Enfield, to sell certain land in Kent-street, Sydney, devised by the will of Thomas Hyndes, deceased,*"—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, 26th June, 1888.*

- (2.) Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 64.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer powers upon the 'Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales (Limited),'*"—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.

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Sydney, 26th June, 1888.*

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(3.) Vine Diseases Act Amendment Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 65.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enlarge the powers conferred by, and amend, the 'Vine Diseases Act, 1886,'*"—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, 22nd June, 1888.

4. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Mineral Lands held by Mr. Garrett, now Minister for Lands:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How many acres of coal, or other mineral lands, does Mr. Garrett, now Minister for Lands, hold under the 28th section of the Mining Act, or any other section of the Mining Act?
- (2.) What portion of the said lands are on reserves, and where are such reserves situated?
- (3.) What is the yearly rental (if any) payable on such mineral lands leased by Mr. Garrett?
- (4.) Is it a fact that Mr. Garrett holds about 46,000 acres of such lands, for which he pays no rental whatever?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The information asked for cannot be supplied in a satisfactory form as an answer to a question; but it will be supplied without delay in the form of a Return.

(2.) Railway Line to Wilcannia :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Stokes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The distance between Orange and Wilcannia, *viâ* Nyngan and Cobar?
- (2.) The same, *viâ* Orange, Molong, Parkes, and Condobolin?
- (3.) The same, *viâ* Orange, Borenore, Cudal, Eugowra, Forbes, and Condobolin?
- (4.) The estimated population within 5 miles of the surveyed line of railway between Molong and Wilcannia, *viâ* Parkes and Condobolin?
- (5.) The same between Borenore and Wilcannia, *viâ* Cudal, Eugowra, Forbes, and Condobolin?
- (6.) The same between Nyngan and Wilcannia, *viâ* Cobar?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) 423 miles 30 chains.
- (2.) 393 miles 70 chains by direct route from Parkes to Condobolin; but if line be taken near Forbes, the distance would be 413 miles 10 chains.
- (3.) 392½ miles.
- (4, 5, and 6.) I am not at present in a position to furnish this information.

(3.) Railway and Tramway Employés :—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the engine-drivers, firemen, and guards or conductors on the railways received their increases of pay since 1st January, 1888; if so, how many such payments have been made?
- (2.) Are the engine-drivers, firemen, and conductors on the tramways entitled to the same privilege of increases in their pay as those on the railways; if so, have they received any of these payments?
- (3.) Are the tramway engine-drivers, firemen, and conductors entitled to the same privileges as those on the railways; if not, what is the cause of their being disqualified or debarred from these privileges?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) All who are entitled to their increases have been paid for the year 1888 as they became due under the classification.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes.

(4.) Electric Telegraph Department :—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) How many of the telephonic and telegraphic wires, respectively in the frieze cable were continuously connected between the 1st and the 9th of May?
- (2.) Is it a fact that these wires, said to have been disconnected for repairs on 9th May, remained unconnected until after 15th May?
- (3.) Is it a fact that less than twenty-five wires were connected between the 1st and the 9th of May, and that, on the latter date, the lines had to be removed because the wires in the cable would not work?
- (4.) How many days did it take to put the 4 miles of gutta-percha wire in the tunnels used to replace the cable in the street crossings?
- (5.) How many days were Thomas Fish and Andrew Nicol employed upon this work?
- (6.) Was the expenditure of £60 for the purchase of this 4 miles of gutta-percha wire authorized by the Postmaster-General, or did Mr. Cracknell obtain it by six £10 orders given to a firm in Sydney?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) No record has been kept to enable the Superintendent of Telegraphs to reply fully to this question. It was stated, in answer to Question 15 on 29th May, that all the wires were removed on the 9th May as a temporary measure; but it is not possible to say now how many of such wires were continuously at work between the 1st and the 9th May.
- (2.) No; they were, for the most part, replaced on the 10th May, as stated in reply to Question 15, 29th May.
- (3.) It is probably correct to say that less than twenty-five wires were at work between the 1st and 9th May. The lines were temporarily removed, because it was found that the portion of cable which passed through underground pipes required to have a higher insulation resistance than that portion which ran along the frieze-work. The temporary removal of these wires enabled this requirement to be carried out.

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- (4.) It occupied three hours to put the gutta-percha wire in the pipes under the streets, but seven men were employed for some days preparing the wire.
- (5.) None, in laying the wires in the pipes; but they formed part of the gang of seven referred to in the previous question.
- (6.) Only 2 miles of gutta-percha wire were purchased. 1,200 yards were bought on the 20th April, 1,200 yards on the 27th April, and 1,200 yards on the 2nd May, at a total cost of £28 12s. 6d.
- (5.) Marine Board:—Mr. Garrard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it true that a master mariner, whose certificate had been suspended for six months by a Court of Inquiry in New Zealand, was allowed by the Marine Board of New South Wales, within two months of such suspension, to leave Sydney for Melbourne in charge of a vessel named the “Undine”?
- Mr. Burns answered,—I have caused inquiry to be made whether a master mariner, whose certificate is stated to have been suspended for six months in New Zealand, was allowed by the Marine Board, within two months of such suspension, to leave Sydney for Melbourne in charge of a vessel named the “Undine”; and I am informed by the Marine Board that no such irregularity has occurred—in fact that they know nothing whatever about any such case.
- (6.) Volunteer Artillery:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Neild, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it intended to disband the batteries of the partially paid Volunteer Artillery at Boga and Bulli?
 - (2.) Is it intended to add two batteries to the Headquarters Corps of partially paid Volunteer Artillery in substitution thereof?
 - (3.) The names of the Senior Lieutenants who have passed the qualifying examination, under the Volunteer Act, who are entitled to succeed to the command as Captains of these Batteries?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
- (1 and 2.) No decision has yet been arrived at.
 - (3.) I am informed by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces that the batteries in question have already officers commanding them holding the rank of Captain.
- (7.) Trustees of Association Cricket Ground:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amount of money has been spent by the trustees of the Association cricket ground in purchasing wines, spirits, ale, and other refreshments, from the time of their appointment up to the end of May, 1888?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This question having been referred to the trustees of the Association cricket ground, the following reply has been received:—“As soon as the information has been extracted from the books it will be supplied.” I may add that we have no means of compiling this information from the trustees.
- (8.) Telegraph Line from Bourke to Wanaaring:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) What was the cost of constructing the telegraph line from Bourke to Wanaaring?
 - (2.) How many telegraph stations are there on the line?
 - (3.) What are the names of the places at which they are situated?
 - (4.) What has been the cost each month at each station since the line was opened?
 - (5.) What has been the revenue each month at each station since the opening of the line?
- Mr. Roberts answered,—
- (1.) Cost of construction—Louth to Wanaaring, £3,457 15s. 11d.
 - (2.) One.
 - (3.) Wanaaring.
 - (4.) 11th July, 1887, to 30th June, 1888, £172 13s. 5d.
 - (5.) 11th July, 1887, to 31st May, 1888, £208 8s. 5d. 1887—July, £13 3s. 11d.; August, £16 3s. 7d.; September, £16 12s. 4d.; October, £17 2s. 2d.; November, £17 2s. 6d.; December, £19 8s. 11d. 1888—January, £13 19s. 7d.; February, £19 5s. 10d.; March, £23 15s. 4d.; April, £21 6s. 8d.; May, £25 7s. 7d. Total, £208 8s. 5d.
- (9.) Illawarra Railway:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the Illawarra railway be opened for through traffic?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that there is a deal of work yet to be done on No. 2 section?
 - (3.) When did Messrs. Rowe & Smith’s contract time expire?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that a further extension of six months has recently been granted to Messrs. Rowe and Smith?
 - (5.) Has there been any delay in carrying out this work?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) About the end of September, provided no more slips take place in either cuttings or embankments.
 - (2.) There is not a great amount of work to be done; but it is chiefly work that takes time, and where large numbers of men cannot be employed.
 - (3.) The contract time expired on 31st December, 1887.
 - (4.) No.
 - (5.) Yes.
- (10.) Mr. William Thomas, J.P., of Forbes:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How long has Mr. William Thomas, of Forbes, been a Justice of the Peace?
 - (2.) For how long has he discharged the duties of that office in the town of Forbes?
 - (3.) Is it not a fact that for nearly sixteen years Mr. Thomas has been one of the most active of magistrates in the town of Forbes in the discharge of his duties?

- (4.) Is Mr. Thomas a storekeeper in the town of Forbes ?
- (5.) When did the Minister of Public Instruction visit Forbes ?
- (6.) Is it a fact that Mr. Thomas was, subsequently to the visit of Mr. Inglis to Forbes, gazetted as a Justice of the Peace ?
- (7.) On what date was Mr. Thomas first gazetted as a magistrate ?
- (8.) On what date was he again gazetted as a magistrate ?
- (9.) Did Mr. Inglis, the Minister of Public Instruction, recommend him for appointment upon the second occasion ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Fifteen years.
- (2.) Since February, 1873.
- (3.) The Police Magistrate, Forbes, reports that since 1881 Mr. Thomas has not attended often as a magistrate; but, in common with the rest of the Bench there, he has always attended when requested to do so. Before 1881 he attended more frequently.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Early in September, 1887.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) 3rd January, 1873.
- (8.) 9th September, 1887.
- (9.) Yes, and also by Mr. Roberts.

There appears to have been some absurd mistake in this matter.

(11.) Sale of Butterine:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there is at present a butterine factory at work in the Colony, making butterine from tallow, which is being sold as butter ?
- (2.) Is there any law in the Colony to prevent and punish persons selling this stuff as butter ?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that there is such a law in England under which persons can be punished for selling butterine as butter, and that persons selling butterine are compelled to label and sell it as butterine ?
- (4.) If the law at present is defective, will he, early next Session, bring in a Bill similar to the law of England, to protect the public and compel persons selling all adulterated articles to mark them as such ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Medical Adviser to the Government:—

- (1.) I am not aware.
- (2.) Yes; the 5th section of 42 Vic. No. 14.
- (3.) Yes; I believe such a law is in force in England.
- (4.) The law does not appear to be defective. Any person selling butterine as butter is liable to a fine of £20, in accordance with the Act 42 Vic. No. 14.

(12.) Crown Lands Act:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that all Crown tenants who appealed against the rents they were called upon to pay under the Land Act of 1884 were compelled, upon lodging their appeals, to pay all back rents said to be due by them under the said Act, together with the yearly rent usually paid in advance ?
- (2.) What sum of money under this head—*i.e.*, overpaid rents—now remains in the Treasury ?
- (3.) Is the Government aware that most Crown tenants borrowed this money to deposit it, and are paying heavy interest for it ?
- (4.) Is it the intention of the Government, where the rents fixed by the Land Act of 1884 have been reduced upon appeal, to refund the money overpaid; and, if so, when ?
- (5.) If an Act of Parliament is required to empower the Government to make these refunds, will a Bill be brought down this Session ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) It cannot be stated. The amount depends entirely upon how the reports of the Local Boards in the appeals are dealt with by the Ministers.
- (3.) As a matter of fact, the Government are unaware.
- (4.) The cases will all shortly be finally dealt with, and adjustments of rent made in accordance with law as speedily thereafter as possible.
- (5.) The law provides for a refund being made on the current years' rent, and to make that refund no legislation is required.

(13.) Crown Lands Act:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What does he propose to do with respect to the conditional leases held under the 52nd clause of the Land Act of 1884, which, under the operation of that law, revert from the selector to the squatter on the 1st day of January, 1889 ?
- (2.) Is he aware that the holders of such leases are living in such a state of uncertainty that they cannot make good use of their lands ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) This question is provided for in the Land Bill now before Parliament, and it is not likely that it will be proposed to be dealt with in any other way this Session.
- (2.) I am not aware.

(14.) Crown Lands Act:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Wilson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When will the rents, as fixed on rehearing after appeal on pastoral holdings, be gazetted ?
- (2.) Will the Lands Department arrange with the Treasury as to refunds where the reductions are of a considerable amount ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Within a few days.
- (2.) The necessary authority for all refunds due under the law will be issued as speedily as possible thereafter.

(15.) Tramway from Darling-street Wharf, Balmain, to Leichhardt Tram-terminus:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have any objection to treat the residents of Balmain in the same manner as he and his predecessors have treated the residents of North Shore and other suburbs by constructing at once a line of tramway for them, starting from the Darling-street Wharf, thence along the Darling and Balmain Roads to the Leichhardt tram-terminus, in Norton-street?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This is a matter the consideration of which must be postponed for the present.

5. WHARF ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN SYDNEY AND BALMAIN:—Mr. Frank Smith presented a Petition from certain Residents and others travelling to and fro between the Western Suburbs, *via* Balmain and Sydney, representing that the only wharfage accommodation available for the ferry steamers carrying passengers has, owing to the rapid growth of the traffic, become quite inadequate to the requirements, and no wharfage whatever at present exists for the use of vehicular traffic; and praying the House to take into consideration the urgent needs of the public in this respect.

At the request of Mr. Smith, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.

6. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Tumut, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Bathurst.

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

(4.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of St. Peters.

(5.) Report of Board of Health on Typhoid Fever in Sydney and Suburbs from 1876 to 1888.

(6.) Return to an Order made on the 12th June, 1888—"Estate of the late Captain John Foster Cochran."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 10th February, 1888—"Electric Lighting of Macquarie Lighthouse."

Ordered to be printed.

7. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Thompson presented a Petition from J. Gillies, as Mayor of the Borough of West Maitland, representing that the Borough of St. Leonards has considerable frontage to the waters of Port Jackson and Middle Harbour, and that certain clauses of the Crown Lands Bill regulate the sale, disposition, and management of Crown Lands, and continue the power of rescinding reservations of water frontages, and permit the reclamation of land lying below high-water mark; and praying that clauses 84 to 87 in the said Bill may be eliminated, or amended in the manner indicated in the Petition.

Petition received.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 10th July:—

(1.) Parramatta Municipal Quarries Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(2.) Parramatta Church-street Amended Alignment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(3.) Cemeteries Bill; second reading.

9. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Jacob Garrard, Esquire, to act for this day only.

10. BULLY COLLIERY DISASTER FUND BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 25th April, 1888.

11. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Deputy Chairman appointed for this day only, Mr. Speaker nominated Ninian Melville, Esquire, to act for the remainder of the present sitting.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Neild rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to refer to certain matters connected with the Adelaide Jubilee International Exhibition."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. Neild moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

13. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT 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 for prohibiting the sale of diseased animals and amending the law relating to the sale of diseased meat.

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

Ordered,

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

Mr. Melville then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for prohibiting the sale of diseased animals and amending the law relating to the sale of diseased meat.

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 for prohibiting the sale of Diseased Animals and amending the law relating to the sale of Diseased Meat*,"—which was read a first time.

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

14. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Melville* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

15. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

16. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND SALE AND DEDICATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns 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. 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 *Mr. Melville* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

17. LAND TAX 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. Burns moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE, 1888, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m.
This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 108.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE, 1888.

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

AMENDED ESTIMATES FOR DEPARTMENTS UNDER CONTROL OF COLONIAL SECRETARY:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 66.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions of the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying amended Estimates for the Departments and Services under the control of the Colonial Secretary for the year 1888.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th June, 1888.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cloak-room, Sydney Railway Station:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Secretary for Public Works,— Will he state the amount of revenue for the year 1887 derived from the cloak-room, Sydney railway station?

Mr. Burns answered,—£1,024 14s. 10d.

(2.) Trial Surveys between Parkes and Condobolin:—Mr. McCourt, for Mr. Stokes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a trial survey at any time been made between the towns of Parkes and Condobolin, other than the one between Parkes and Forbes, *via* Flagstone Creek?

(2.) If so, by what surveyor?

(3.) When, and what distance?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Messrs. Hotson, Fitzgerald, Watson, and Townsend were employed on this work.

(3.) In 1876-7. The distance from Orange, *via* Parkes, to Condobolin is 123 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The plans, &c., were burnt in the Garden Palace fire.

(3.) Tram Guards:—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the tram-guards are receiving two suits of clothes and an overcoat per year?

(2.) If so, will he grant the same concession to the flagmen?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The uniform is supplied annually, but the overcoats are supposed to last three years.

(2.) The conditions are not identical. The matter was considered by a previous Minister for Works, and it was decided uniform could not be supplied to flagmen. It may be pointed out that uniform is supplied to conductors so that the public may distinguish them.

(4.) Forfeited Conditional Purchases, Coonabarabran:—Mr. Day, for Mr. Barbour, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Were the following selections gazetted forfeited on the 14th May last:—Coonabarabran—Conditional purchase 76-41, J. M. Allison, 640 acres; conditional purchase 76-54, Richard Jacobs, 484 acres; conditional purchase 79-48, J. M. Allison, 153 acres 2 roods?

(2.) Has the forfeiture been reversed; if so, for what reason?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) To enable the Department to more effectively and advantageously deal with the land than by ordinary conditional purchase, and also in consequence of a trial line of railway passing through one of the portions. There is no intention of upholding the conditional purchases.

(5.)

- (5.) Federal Review of Troops, Melbourne:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Colonial Secretary give this House an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the desirability or otherwise of sending any of our troops to the proposed federal review in Melbourne during Exhibition time before finally deciding upon sending the troops?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Some little time ago the Government of Victoria invited this Colony to send a contingent of our military forces to join with the forces of Victoria in a grand parade, and, at a subsequent date, in an encampment during the proceedings connected with the Exhibition. This Government was desirous, if they could see their way, of complying with this request, for the sake of promoting good feeling between the two Colonies, and also it was thought that it would tend to promote discipline in the forces; but, on obtaining the fullest information, and finding that we could not send less than 1,000 men to fairly represent the Colony, and also learning that the absence of these men would in a material manner disturb their industrial relations with their employers, and so on, we have at length, though somewhat unwillingly, decided not to send the men.

- (6.) Drainage, &c., Western Suburbs:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the plans promised in Mr. Stayton's report, showing the levels, &c., of the drainage and sewerage of the western suburbs, be furnished?

Mr. Burns answered,—In the expectation of receiving favourable replies to his minute of the 31st January last respecting the scheme proposed for the drainage of the western suburbs, my honorable colleague hastened on the preparation of the preliminary plans and sections, so as to be in a position to prepare working plans for tendering, if approved, as quickly as possible; and he finds that the lithographs of such plans will be ready in the course of about ten days. He is glad to be able to say that he has now received several communications from Councils approving of the scheme submitted to them, and trusts he shall shortly be favoured with the views of all the Councils concerned. He is exceedingly anxious to have the important matters involved settled without delay.

- (7.) Cartage of Wool, Produce, &c., from Darling Harbour:—Mr. Walker, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What course is intended to be taken with reference to the tenders called for cartage of wool, produce, &c., from Darling Harbour?

(2.) Is it a fact that tenders were at first called and intimation given that a certain tender was accepted; and is it also a fact that fresh tenders were since invited, which have been furnished and not yet dealt with?

(3.) Is it a fact that by-laws and rates have been framed which allow the Railway Department to charge demurrage and storage on all goods not removed by the consignees within a certain time, and that these rules are not carried out, thereby causing loss of revenue?

(4.) In view of the present Commissioner retiring from office, does he intend to enter into a three years contract, of such importance, without the concurrence of the new Commissioner?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1 and 2.) Tenders were originally called for this service, and opened on the 27th March last; but, owing to the lowest tenderer disputing the rate at which he apparently tendered, fresh tenders were invited and opened on the 16th ultimo. A tender has been accepted, and the contract is now in force.

(3.) Yes; demurrage and storage charges are authorized to be made, and they are enforced, except in cases where the circumstances under which they have accrued warrant a departure from the rule.

(4.) A contract for three years has been entered into, and my honorable colleague is satisfied that under any administration such contract will be to the advantage of the Department.

3. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT 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 in certain respects the Government Railways Act of 1888.
Question put and passed.
4. NOXIOUS WEEDS IN THE DISTRICT OF RICHMOND RIVER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the report and papers in connection with noxious weeds in the district of Richmond River.
Question put and passed.
5. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY MARY MALONEY AT BURROWA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Vaughn, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) All papers and documents relating to the conditional purchase of 300 acres of land made by Mary Maloney at Burrowa, on the 31st day of October, 1872, and any additional conditional purchase made in virtue of the same.
(2.) Also, all correspondence and documents relating to an application made by her in January, 1887, to amend her applications.
Question put and passed.
6. SELECTION MADE BY GEORGE FOSTER AT COROWA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, minutes, and other documents in reference to a selection taken up by George Foster on the 4th August, 1887, of 183½ acres, at Corowa, parish of Lowes, county of Hume; and copies of all papers, deeds, and other documents having reference to the sale of the same land as an improvement purchase.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The following Order of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 10th July:—
(1.) Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Gould, "That this Bill be now read a second time." 8.

8. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Ninian McIlville, Esquire, to act for this day only.

9. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statistical Register for 1887, Part II—"Crime and Civil Justice."
- (2.) Statistical Register for 1887, Part VI—"Production."
- (3.) Statistical Register for 1887, Part VII—"Education, Religion, and Charities."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the respective merits of the Kenny Hill and Potts' Hill Reservoir Schemes.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

10. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

11. COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS SALE BILL:—Mr. Day, 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 21st June, 1888, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Day then moved, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Question put and passed.

12. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Kiama Tramway Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Kiama Tramway Act of 1883,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 27th June, 1888.

JOHN HAY,

President.

(2.) Contractors Debts Act Amending Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Act 42 Victoria No. 22, intituled the 'Contractors Debts Act,' for the purpose of better securing the payment of debts due for material supplied by tradesmen and others,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 27th June, 1888.

JOHN HAY,

President.

13. PAPERS:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 7th June, 1888—"Teralba Coal-mining Reserve."

(2.) Plan of Reserves Nos. 83 and 60, of the parish of Teralba, county of Northumberland, showing the Mineral Conditional Purchases and Mineral Leases held thereon.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the subject.

14. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION 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.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Burns 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 the cases of Mary Lane and William Thorne, mentioned in page 10 of the Bill."

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

Mr. H. H. Brown moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding thereto the words, "and the case of George Power, mentioned in page 6 of the Bill."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Debate continued.

Mr. Brown's amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question,—

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

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of the cases of Mary Lane and William Thorne, mentioned in page 10 of the Bill,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Melville reported the Bill 2° with a further amendment.

On motion of Mr. Burns (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

15. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Melville reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

16. PRIVILEGE (*Seat of Joseph Mitchell, Esquire*):—Mr. Copeland moved, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire into and report to this House whether Joseph Mitchell, Esquire, one of the Members for Newtown, was, through his agent, George Hudson Sparkes, guilty of corrupt practices at the last Election of a Member to serve in the Assembly for the Electorate of Newtown. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 28 JUNE, 1888, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Bowes.

Tellers,

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Melville.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Penzer,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Sutherland,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Bull,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Stevenson.

Tellers,

Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Garland.

And so it passed in the negative.

17. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Lync,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Vaughn,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Garvan,
Tellers,
Mr. Penzer,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Gould,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. See,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. McCourt.

Tellers,

Mr. Davis,
Mr. Lec.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Garrett passed.

Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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 payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

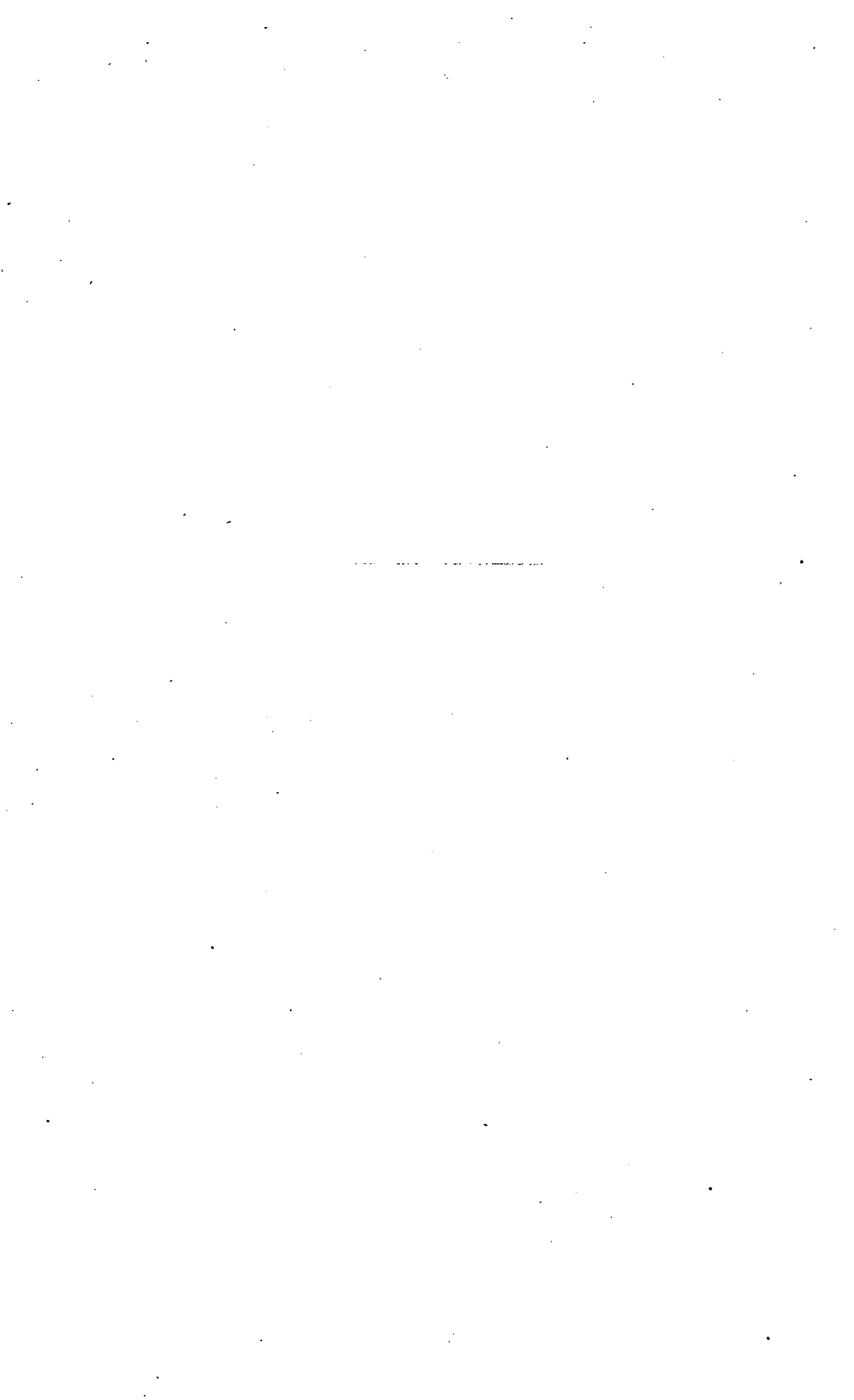
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th June, 1888, a.m.*

18. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND SALE AND DEDICATION 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 the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, That the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

19. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-seven minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 JUNE, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) William Stafford, ex-Sergeant of Police:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many years did ex-Sergeant W. Stafford, No. 588, who was dismissed from the police force, serve in the mounted police force?
 - (2.) During Stafford's service how many *bonâ fide* charges—that is to say, how many charges was he really called upon to defend or show cause?
 - (3.) Were they proved against him before any police officer, or before any Bench of Magistrates?
 - (4.) Upon what charge was he dismissed?
 - (5.) Was he tried before any Bench of Magistrates unconnected with the force?
 - (6.) After he was dismissed, is it true that he requested an immediate investigation before any officer (other than Sub-Inspector Medley), or before any Bench of Magistrates, at which he elected to be present?
 - (7.) Is it not the proper course to submit criminal charges preferred against members of the police force to the local Bench of Magistrates to hear and determine?
 - (8.) Is it a fact that members of the police force, charged with simple drunkenness and misdemeanours, have been cited before Benches of Magistrates?
 - (9.) What was the cost of printing the papers in Stafford's case in 1878?
 - (10.) When Stafford sued the Inspector-General of Police, did the Government defend this action; and, if so, how much did counsel's fees and all other costs come to?
 - (11.) When Stafford sued the Government how much did counsel's fees and all other costs come to?
 - (12.) Did the Government pay Stafford's counsel?
 - (13.) Is it a fact that all those expenses would be avoided if the Inspector of Police had (as Stafford asked) submitted his charge of fraud to the local Bench of Magistrates to hear and determine, in accordance with criminal law procedure?
 - (14.) How much money did Stafford obtain from the Government under the alleged false pretences.
 - (15.) Has the Minister read the papers, affidavits, and petition, recently laid upon the Table of this House; if so, does he consider that those papers prove that Stafford was wrongfully dismissed, and that the 36s. for which he was dismissed are still due to him?
 - (16.) Is he of opinion that those papers demand a searching investigation?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter has already been determined by the Supreme Court, and I do not see what good can result from re-opening the case. If the Honorable Member, however, wishes to press the matter, I will furnish the desired information next week.

- (2.) Transit Commissioners:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in the Transit Commissioners' Act the Mayor of Sydney has a right to a seat as a Transit Commissioner, and that the Municipalities elect one, and that the Inspector-General of Police is also a Transit Commissioner in virtue of his office?
 - (2.) Is it also a fact that neither in the Amended Transit Commissioners' Act, where the proprietors of licensed vehicles elect a Transit Commissioner, nor in the Principal Act, is provision made for any person to take the place of the Inspector-General of Police when he is absent from the Colony?
 - (3.)

(3.) If so, is it a fact that Mr. Read, the Acting Inspector-General of Police, has no legal right to act as a Transit Commissioner during the absence from the Colony of Mr. Fosbery, Inspector-General of Police?

(4.) Will he issue instructions to prevent Mr. Read acting as a Transit Commissioner if he is not legally qualified to do so?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Metropolitan Transit Commissioners:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The words in the Principal Act appointing the Inspector-General of Police as a Transit Commissioner, are—"The Inspector-General of Police for the time being."

(3 and 4.) It appears by the 4th section of the "Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873," that the Inspector-General of Police for the time being is one of the Board under the Act. Mr. Read, having been appointed Inspector-General during Mr. Fosbery's absence, is, therefore, the Inspector-General for the time being, and qualified to act as a Transit Commissioner.

(3.) Skating Rinks:—*Mr. Lakeman*, for Mr. Dowel, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that a large number of places of public concourse and amusement, known as skating rinks, have been recently established in the city of Sydney and suburbs?

(2.) Is it a fact that many of them are badly constructed, and have not proper means of egress in case of panic or fire?

(3.) Is it a fact that last week serious accidents occurred at one of the rinks in consequence of overcrowding and faulty construction?

(4.) Are any of the said skating rinks licensed under statutory control?

(5.) Will the Government take steps to cause the proprietors to make proper provision for the public convenience and safety?

Sir Henry Parkes answered:—The following answers have been furnished by the Acting Inspector-General of Police,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Some of them are susceptible of improvement as regards the means of exit.

(3.) Through some seating giving way when people were standing on it, one lady is reported to have had her ankle broken, and two others received slight bruises, on the 21st instant, at the Crystal Palace skating rink, York-street.

(4.) No.

(5.) It appears to me incumbent upon the Government to bring these places under regulation.

(4.) Technical Education:—*Mr. Frank Smith* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Having reference to the Report of the Minister for Public Instruction, recently laid upon the Table of this House, and referring more particularly to pages 24 and 25,—

(1.) Did the Board of Technical Education, over four years ago, recommend the appointment of an itinerant lecturer on science subjects for Public Schools?

(2.) Did the Department refuse to carry out such suggestions?

(3.) Has it come to his knowledge that a number of leading educationalists, giving evidence recently before the Royal Commission on elementary education in England and Wales, stated that such itinerant teaching has been very successful in the principal towns?

(4.) In the following passage,—“The technical education in the Training Colleges for teachers includes lectures and teachings such as would qualify future masters and mistresses for that part of their primary school work,”—does he intend that future teachers are to be proficient in these subjects, in addition to the fifteen subjects to which their curriculum “is now swollen,” as mentioned on page 13 of the same report?

(5.) Is the present proposal to have the technical education of the Colony conducted under educational experts selected from the paid officers of his Department, consistent with page 23 of his last Report (1886), where he stated that “it is not possible for Public Schools to fit farmers, mechanics, or artizans for their special work?”

(6.) Does he intend to instruct the paid officers of the Public School Department to “arrange for the establishment of model farms in suitable agricultural districts,” and also “workshops for manual training?”

(7.) Has the “Chief Organizer” of the technical education of the future referred to been selected yet?

(8.) Did the Board of Technical Education recommend in 1883 that drawing from the round or from casts should be adopted in all Government Schools, and offer to furnish casts, &c.

(9.) Has the offer been accepted, or is drawing from the flat or from copies still practised in any of the Public Schools?

(10.) Has a Royal British Commission on Education subsequently made recommendations agreeing with those previously made here by the Board of Technical Education with respect to such instruction in the art subjects?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Yes; but such recommendation was simply unnecessary, inasmuch as the course of study already in use provided for science subjects being taught in the schools under the Department by the regular teachers.

(2.) Answered by reply to Question No. 1.

(3.) I am aware such statements have been made; but in the primary schools of England and Wales science subjects are not taught as a necessary part of the school course—hence, such schools may possibly have derived some advantage from itinerant lectures.

(4.) There is no intention of adding subjects either to the teachers' or pupils' course in connection with technical instruction.

(5.) Yes, perfectly consistent, inasmuch as the educational experts under the proposed reorganization would act only as an organizing and advisory Board for technical education, and not as actual teachers of technical subjects.

(6.)

(6.) The staff of officers referred to would be charged, under the Department, with all arrangements deemed necessary for carrying out technical and industrial education.

(7.) No.

(8.) No; an offer to furnish casts was, however, made in November, 1884. Drawing from the round had, for a considerable time previously, been a recognized method of instruction in our schools for all but the junior classes.

(9.) The Board's offer to supply casts was accepted.

(10.) The British Royal Commission, the Department under my control, and the Board of Technical Education, all alike agree that drawing from the round is a right method of instruction.

(5.) Occupation of Reserve at Bondi by Aquarium Company:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What is the frontage of the reserve at Bondi to the ocean?

(2.) What depth is it from the ocean beach?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Bondi Aquarium Company has got this reserve fenced in, and that the company prevent the public from having free access to it?

(4.) Is it a fact that the company have got their engine and machinery erected on the reserve?

(5.) Will he give immediate instructions for the company to remove the fencing, machinery, &c., off the reserve, or order his officers to do so?

(6.) Are there any trustees to the above reserve; if not, will he at once appoint trustees for it?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a copy of the correspondence and plans in this case, from which it will be seen that though the reserve was fenced in at either end fronting their property by the proprietors of the Aquarium without permission, that the fences were allowed to remain only on sufferance, and will be removed at any time when it might be found to inconvenience or interfere with the public in its right to use the reservation. The Municipal Council of Waverley have protested against the use by the Aquarium Company of that part of the reserve occupied by them, and I have given directions for an inquiry and report to be made on the complaint of the Council. If it is shown that the occupation or use of the reserve by the company in any way really interferes with the rights of the public, that occupation or use will be terminated.

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of 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 1888, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Question put and passed.

3. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 67.

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 June or following month of the year 1888, together with provision for other Services of the year 1888 of an urgent nature, and also for services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

Government House,

Sydney, 26th June, 1888.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the occupation, by the Bondi Royal Aquarium Company, of the 100-foot Reservation at Dixon's Bay.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption of Land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes at Mortdale, Murrumbidgee, and Cumbalum.

Ordered to be printed.

5. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Jacob Garrard, Esquire, to act for this day only.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Garrard* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

Mr. Garrard also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Garrard*, that the report be now received.

Mr. Garrard then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(7.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £603,000, being £493,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of June or following month of the year 1888, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1887, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1888; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway employes, and for Railway Services generally, during the month of July, 1888; and £10,000 to meet wages to become due to employes in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, and for other Services of an urgent nature during the month of July, 1888.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

7. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Garrard* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

Mr. Garrard also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Garrard*, that the report be now received.

Mr. Garrard then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(S.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1888, the sum of £603,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

8. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6)**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 8), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1888.

(2.) Mr. Burns 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 1888*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time

(3.) 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 *Mr. Garrard* reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

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

Mr. Burns 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 1888*."

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 1888*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 28th June, 1888.

9. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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, 29 JUNE, 1888, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Garrard* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

10. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6)**:—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 1888*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 28th June, 1888.

JOHN HAY,

President.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 110.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 JULY, 1888.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 6):—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 68.

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 1888*,"—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, 29th June, 1888.

- (2.) Contractors Debts Act Extension Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 69.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Act 42 Victoria No. 22, intituled the 'Contractors Debts Act,' for the purpose of better securing the payment of debts due for material supplied by tradesmen and others*,"—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,

- (3.) Kiama Tramway Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 70.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Kiama Tramway Act of 1883'*,"—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,

- (4.) Perpetual Trustee Company Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 71.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer powers upon the 'Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited)'*,"—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, 29th June, 1888.

2. ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN :—Mr. Speaker reported that, upon the adoption by the House of the Address of Condolence to Her Majesty the Queen, he had, in conjunction with the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council, requested His Excellency the Governor to telegraph the Address, and that the following letter had been received to-day from His Excellency's Private Secretary in reference thereto :—

Sir,
I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward to you a copy of the following telegram which has been received from the Secretary of State this day :—

"Your Lordship's telegram of 22nd June, conveying Message of Condolence on death of German Emperor, has been communicated to Her Majesty the Queen, who wishes that an expression of her grateful appreciation of the loyal sympathy prompting Message may be conveyed to the Legislative Council and Assembly."

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,
E. W. WALLINGTON,
Private Secretary.

The Honorable the Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.

3. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) General Post Office :—Mr. Schey asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Will he furnish a list of the names of those officers in the Mail Branch of his Department who have received holidays in lieu of the Easter holidays?
- (2.) Does he profess his inability to make some arrangement by which the officers of the Mail Branch can have equal privileges with their fellow officers in the other branches in the matter of holidays?
- (3.) Does he think it fair and just that the officers of the Mail Branch should be called upon to work on every holiday, without having some special allowance made them?
- (4.) Could not arrangements be made to allow the officers of the Mail Branch an extra week's leave per annum in lieu of the time they are compelled to work on holidays?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) A Return can be prepared, if desired.
- (2.) It is entirely a question of expense. Extra hands would have to be employed in the Mail Branch, involving an extra expenditure of about £1,200 a year; and, if granted to the Sydney staff, the officials employed in the suburbs and country will, of course, expect the boon, to grant which would still further increase the expense.
- (3.) This has always been the practice in the Mail Branch, but the officials do not work the whole day on holidays, as many as can be spared being relieved at 9 o'clock.
- (4.) Extra staff would be needed to make even this concession, but I will consider whether it is expedient to do so.

- (2.) Crown Lands Act :—Mr. Toohey, for Mr. Dowel, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has he, in accordance with section 78, sub-section 4, of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, given notice to the pastoral lessees in the Eastern Division that, at the expiration of their original leases, no extension will be given?
- (2.) If such notices have not been given to the pastoral lessees, will he do so within the time provided by law, and duly cause the same to be notified in the *Government Gazette*?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The notice was given in a Supplement to yesterday's *Government Gazette*, and the parties are being informed to-day.

- (3.) Railway from Muswellbrook to Cassilis :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are the plans and sections of the railway from Muswellbrook to Cassilis ready?
- (2.) Did the late Government have the money voted for the above railway; if so, is it the intention of the Government to call for tenders?
- (3.) If so, when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The surveys have been finished, and the plans and sections are nearly ready.
- (2 and 3.) The necessary amount of money has been voted, but tenders cannot be called until plans and sections, &c., have been approved by both Houses of Parliament.

- (4.) Mr. Giles, Police Magistrate, Bombala :—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Was Mr. Giles, who is now Police Magistrate at Bombala, at any time a Police Magistrate or Clerk of Petty Sessions at Deniliquin, or any other place besides Bombala?
- (2.) If so, will he state the circumstances under which he ceased to occupy that position?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint him a Stipendiary Magistrate in place of Mr. Marsh, lately resigned?
- (4.) How long is it since he last performed his duties at Bombala, and for what period was he acting for Mr. T. K. Abbott during Mr. Abbott's illness?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes; Mr. Giles, who is now Police Magistrate at Bombala, and also Mining Warden of the Southern and Tumut and Adelong Mining Districts, held the appointment of Police Magistrate at Deniliquin from 1863 to 1870, and previously occupied the position of Police Magistrate for the Nerrigundah Gold-fields from 1862 to the date of his appointment to Deniliquin.
- (2.) I have been unable to find any papers in this case which give sufficiently definite information. I do not, however, consider that it is in the public interest to revive matters of this kind, which were finally dealt with as far back as 1870, respecting a Government official who has shown himself since that time worthy of the high public positions he has held.
- (3.) Mr. Marsh has not resigned his appointment as Stipendiary Magistrate, and therefore the question of a successor has not been brought under the consideration of the Government.
- (4.) I am informed that Mr. Giles has not performed duties as Police Magistrate at Bombala since the beginning of this year, and he acted as Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate during Mr. T. K. Abbott's absence on sick leave, from the 11th April to the 8th June last.

(5.) The New Hebrides :—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was an offer made by the Victorian Government to the Government of this Colony to equally participate in a monthly mail service between Melbourne and the New Hebrides, the steamers to call at the port of Sydney on the inward and outward voyages?
- (2.) Was the cost to this Colony under the proposed arrangement to be £600 per annum?
- (3.) Was any arrangement entered into with the Government of Victoria, or was the matter considered and decided upon, and the Premier of Victoria duly advised; if so, on what date?
- (4.) Has the Government entered into any arrangements by which it is bound to submit to Parliament a scheme for a service between this Colony and the New Hebrides, at a cost of £1,200 per annum?
- (5.) If so, with what company has the arrangement been made?
- (6.) Is the service entered into by Victoria still running?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) This Government was invited to join with the Government of Victoria in accepting an offer for such a service as described.
- (2.) The subsidy proposed was £1,200 per year; but it is not quite clear what was the exact proportion this Colony was expected to pay.
- (3.) The offer of Victoria was declined on 23rd June.
- (4.) This Government has decided to place the sum of £1,200 on the Additional Estimates for such a service.
- (5.) The Australasian United Steam Navigation Company is the company by whom the offer is made.
- (6.) I understand so.

(6.) Rabbit Act—Messrs. De Saily & Co. :—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What sum is due under the Rabbit Act to Messrs. A. De Saily & Co., of Outer Netallic?
- (2.) When were the vouchers sent to the Treasury authorizing the payment of the amount so due?
- (3.) Why has not the money been paid to Messrs. De Saily & Co., in accordance with the vouchers?
- (4.) When will the same be paid?
- (5.) What is the total amount of vouchers at the present time lying unpaid at the Treasury upon all accounts?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The amounts stated by the Department of Lands to be due to Messrs. De Saily & Co. are (1) £787 11s. 1d., which is approved for payment when funds are available, and (2) £183 14s. 1d., which is not yet checked.
- (2 and 3.) These vouchers have not been sent on to the Treasury, as there is no present provision for their payment.
- (4.) They will be paid when provision is made for the purpose.
- (5.) I am informed that the total claims examined and waiting examination in the Rabbit Branch of the Lands Department amount approximately to £191,351.

(7.) Railway Lines to Inverell :—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Dowel, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the estimated distance and cost of construction of the proposed railway lines from Kentucky to Inverell, Guyra to Inverell, and Glen Innes to Inverell respectively?
- (2.) Is it a fact that nearly all the land required for the purpose of constructing the railway from Glen Innes to Inverell would be given by the owners of the land free of cost?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that, by Act of Parliament, 48 Vic. No. 26, authorizing the raising of a loan for the Public Service, that the sum of £578,000 was provided for the purpose of constructing a railway from Inverell to Glen Innes?
- (4.) Has the Act referred to, or any portion of it, been repealed?
- (5.) Will the Government cause the Inverell-Glen Innes route to be referred to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Distance from Kentucky to Inverell, about 86 miles; assumed cost of construction as a light line, £516,000, or at the rate of £6,000 per mile. The survey from Guyra to Inverell has not yet been commenced, therefore, information as to the probable cost cannot be given; the distance is about 50½ miles. Distance from Glen Innes to Inverell 44½ miles; estimated cost of construction for permanent survey, £534,636, or £12,014 per mile.
- (2.) I can find no record of such a promise.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) The proposal of the present Government is to take the line from Kentucky or Guyra to Inverell.

(8.) Church and School Lands :—*Mr. Thompson*, for Mr. Garland, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Does he intend to allow the Session to close without attempting to pass the Church and School Lands Dedication Bill, as promised by him?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Public Instruction, has been extremely anxious to introduce this Bill. A few days ago the matter was considered in the Cabinet, and the decision arrived at, however much we may regret it, is that we should scarcely be justified, in view of the present state of public business, in introducing another Bill.

(9.) Railway Commissioners :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many Members of the present Assembly have applied for the position of Railway Commissioner, and their names?
- (2.) What is the total number of applications received?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No Member of the Legislative Assembly has applied for this position in the Public Service; and, so far as I am aware, no Member of the Legislative Assembly has made the slightest intimation to any Minister on the subject. The number of applicants for the two offices to be filled is at the present time 27.

- (10.) Sewerage of the Western Suburbs:—*Mr. Hutchison*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the lithographic copies of the plans and sections of the western suburbs sewerage scheme, as referred to in Mr. Stayton's report, been completed; and, if so, will he lay copies thereof upon the Table of this House, and forward others to the municipalities interested?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I have to refer the Honorable Member to the answer I gave in reply to a similar question asked by the Honorable Member for Canterbury, Mr. Henson, on the 27th ultimo.

- (11.) Acting Secretary to the Attorney-General:—*Mr. McElhone*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has Mr. James Lang Campbell been appointed Acting Secretary to the Attorney-General during the absence of Mr. W. W. Stephen?

(2.) Was Mr. Campbell previously employed in the Civil Service of the Colony?

(3.) Is it a fact that there were several eligible gentlemen in the Civil Service able and willing to fill the position?

(4.) Is it a fact that Mr. Campbell is only a new arrival in the Colony, and a barrister of only two years' standing?

(5.) Is Mr. Campbell receiving a higher salary than Mr. Stephen received?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—The Honorable the Attorney-General has furnished me with the following replies to these questions, viz. :—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) It is not a fact, so far as I am aware, that there were several eligible gentlemen in the Civil Service able and willing to fill the position. Special qualifications are required. I may add that in my opinion, and, I believe, in the opinion, as expressed to me, of gentlemen who have been Attorneys-General, it is almost absolutely necessary, in the public interests, that the office should be held by a barrister, and by one possessing a considerable amount of legal knowledge; and Mr. Campbell does possess such knowledge.

(4.) Mr. Campbell has been twelve years in this Colony, and was eight years in Queensland. He is a barrister of about two years standing. He was called on the 17th August, 1886.

(5.) No.

- (12.) Federal Review of Troops, Melbourne:—*Mr. Stokes*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that 500 volunteers have already expressed their willingness to go to Melbourne free of expense beyond a free pass to and from Albury?

(2.) If so, will the Government take steps to allow them to go?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I believe it is the case that some 500 volunteers have offered to go to Melbourne, but not under such conditions as would fairly represent this Colony; nor would such a number be a fair representation of our military strength. I may add that I deeply regret to learn that the Victorian Government, in view of our not co-operating, will not hold the encampment.

- (13.) Bowral Railway Station:—*Mr. Stokes*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to letter of 26th June, stating that the question of improving approaches to Bowral station should be postponed pending the question of erection of new station—when will the Department arrive at a decision in this matter?

(2.) Is it a fact that the station buildings are in a bad state of repair, small, and entirely unsuitable for the requirements of this important station?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I understand that the present accommodation answers immediate requirements; and, as I desire to postpone any work that is not absolutely necessary, in view of the advent of the new Railway administration, I have directed that this matter must stand over for the present.

- (14.) Schools near Railway Lines to Condobolin:—*Mr. Stokes* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the number of Public and Denominational Schools situated within 3 miles of the surveyed railway line between Molong and Condobolin, *via* Bumbury and Parkes, and the number of children attending each school?

(2.) The same between Borenore and Condobolin, *via* Cudal, Eugowra, and Forbes, respectively?

Mr. Inglis answered,—The information given by the local Inspector is as follows, though the figures, so far as they relate to Denominational Schools, are not verified by the Department:—

(1.) Twelve Public Schools, attended by 600 children, and one Denominational School with eighty pupils.

(2.) Seventeen Public Schools, attended by 962 children, and five Denominational Schools with 362 pupils.

- (15.) Lands alienated in the Forbes Land District:—*Mr. Stokes* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The total area of Crown lands alienated in the Forbes Land District, as at present constituted, between the years 1866 and 1888, including auction and improvement purchases, respectively?

(2.) The total receipts for same?

(3.) The estimated area of unalienated land in the same district?

Mr.

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) 151,822 acres 3 roods 6 perches have been conditionally purchased, and 209,887 acres 2 roods 6 perches sold at auction within the period named, and 81,616 acres 3 roods 3 perches conditionally leased under sections 48 and 54 with right of purchase. In addition, 70,110 acres have been conditionally leased under section 52. The area of land purchased in virtue of improvements cannot be ascertained at such short notice.

(2.) It is impossible to give this information at once, and even if it be ordered in the shape of a Parliamentary Return, the expense of obtaining the particulars from the Treasury books would be enormous.

(3.) 526,093 acres, exclusively of land held by way of conditional lease under sections 48, 52, and 54.

(16.) Post and Telegraph Offices between Molong and Condobolin:—Mr. Stokes asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) What is the number of post and telegraph offices between Molong and Condobolin, *viâ* Bumbury and Parkes?

(2.) The number of letters and newspapers received at each office for the year 1887?

(3.) The total receipts for telegrams for same period?

(4.) The same information between Borenore and Condobolin, *viâ* Cudal, Eugowra, and Forbes, respectively?

(5.) The number of mails received and despatched daily from the Forbes and Parkes post offices respectively?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Four post offices, *viâ*, Bumbury, Garra, Meranburn, and Parkes, and one telegraph office, *viâ*, Parkes.

(2.) No record is kept of the correspondence received, but the estimated number of letters and newspapers posted at each office for the year 1887 was as follows:—Bumbury, 3,105 letters, 54 newspapers; Garra, 1,761 letters, 57 newspapers; Meranburn, 5,376 letters, 2,706 newspapers; Parkes, 64,128 letters, 12,123 newspapers.

(3.) £242 5s. 10d.

(4.) Seven post-offices, *viâ*.—Cheese-man's Creek, Cudal, Eugowra, Forbes, Murga, Toogong, and Waroo; and three telegraph offices, *viâ*.—Cudal, Eugowra, and Forbes. Estimated number of letters and newspapers posted:—Cheese-man's Creek, 1,845 letters, 48 newspapers; Cudal, 25,131 letters, 1,680 newspapers; Eugowra, 14,043 letters, 1,116 newspapers; Forbes, 138,831 letters, 50,754 newspapers; Murga, 5,244 letters, 345 newspapers; Toogong, 4,275 letters, 183 newspapers; Waroo, 3,243 letters, 93 newspapers. Total receipts for telegrams, £1,078 6s. 9d.

(5.) The average number of mails received and despatched daily at Forbes is twenty, and at Parkes seventeen.

(17.) Goods Traffic, Molong, Borenore, and Cowra Railway Stations:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The tonnage of goods leaving the Molong, Borenore, and Cowra railway stations westwards respectively, for the year 1887?

(2.) Also the return goods traffic to same stations going eastward?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I assume the Honorable Member wishes to obtain the amount of the inland traffic to and from the stations named. It is difficult to separate the returns, and I have therefore obtained the total traffic in and out of the stations referred to, which is as follows:—Cowra, tonnage inwards, 4,175; tonnage outwards, 3,488. Borenore, tonnage inwards, 2,302; tonnage outwards, 5,987. Molong, tonnage inwards, 2,948; tonnage outwards, 6,336.

(18.) Municipal Revenue, &c., Towns of Forbes and Parkes:—Mr. Stokes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the municipal revenue and the value of ratable property of the towns of Forbes and Parkes respectively, as shown from the last returns?

(2.) The respective dates of incorporation and number of ratepayers upon the Municipal Roll?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will, this afternoon, lay upon the Table a paper giving the required information.

(19.) Railway Line from Muswellbrook to Cassilis:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. Fitzgerald, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the total cost of the trial and final surveys of the proposed railway line from Muswellbrook to Cassilis?

(2.) How many surveyors were employed in carrying out these surveys from first to last?

(3.) What was the total cost of lock-spitting and trial holes on the proposed line?

(4.) When was the final contract for lock-spitting, &c., completed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Trial surveys, £1,090 16s. 5d; permanent surveys, £3,778 13s. 7d; total, £4,869 10s.

(2.) Four.

(3.) £185 4s. 11d.

(4.) 2nd April, 1888.

(20.) Bridge over the Hunter River at Aberdeen:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. Fitzgerald, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any sum been included in the Loan Estimates for the erection of a bridge over the Hunter River at Aberdeen?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This matter will receive consideration when the Loan Estimates are being dealt with.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 18th March, 1887—"Quit Rents."

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 1st March, 1888—"Duplication of Railway Line, Goulburn to the Cooma Line Junction."

Ordered to be printed.

Sir

- Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Revenue derived from Municipalities of Forbes and Parkes.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 3rd May, 1888—"Forest Vale School."
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Plan and Tracings in connection with Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the respective merits of the Kenny Hill and Potts' Hill Reservoir Schemes. (*To be appended to the Report.*)
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Annual Return to an Order made on the 15th February, 1884—"Spirits, Wines, and Beer—Convictions under the Licensing Act."
Ordered to be printed.
5. CHURCH OF ENGLAND PROPERTY BILL:—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from Daniel P. M. Hulbert, Master of Arts, Student of Laws, and Member of the Senate of Cambridge University, in opposition to the Church of England Property Bill.
Petition received.
6. LIQUOR TRAFFIC (LOCAL VETO) BILL:—Mr. William Clarke presented the following Petitions, representing that enormous evils everywhere result from the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and praying the House to pass, with as little delay as possible, the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill:—
- (1.) From H. Richardson, Chairman of the "Ark of Safety" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Orange.
 - (2.) From J. D. Baker, Chairman of the "Star of Peace" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Spring Terrace.
- Petitions received.
7. ASSAULT WITH INTENT ON ANNE MAXWELL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan 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 depositions and all other papers, petitions, &c., connected with the case Hennessy and another man, found guilty at the last Lismore Quarter Sessions of assault with intent to commit a rape on a woman named Anne Maxwell, and sentenced to thirteen years imprisonment and two floggings.
Question put and passed.
8. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION 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 legalize certain Conditional and other Purchases of Crown Land.*"
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 legalize certain Conditional and other Purchases of Crown Land,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd July, 1888.
9. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Ninian Melville, Esquire, to act for this day only.
10. CONSERVATION OF WATER IN LAKE CUDGELICO AND THE LOWER LACHLAN RIVER:—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to proceed with the construction of works for the purpose of conserving water in Lake Cudgelico and the Lower Lachlan River.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.
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| Ayes, 27. | | Noes, 10. |
| Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Want,
Mr. H. H. Brown, | Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Waddell,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Dibbs.

<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Walker. | Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Hawken.

<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Garland. |
- And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
11. CLAIMS OF CAPTAIN ROSSI:—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That the report of the Select Committee on the Claims of Captain Rossi, brought up on the 9th February, 1888, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 25th April, 1888.

12. PAPER:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Abstracts of Revenue, Receipts, and Expenditure, for the Quarter and Year ended 30th June, 1888; and made a statement in reference thereto.
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to consider the statement just made by the Treasurer in connection with the “state of the Public Accounts.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
14. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND SALE AND DEDICATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—on motion of Mr. Inglis, the report was adopted,
Ordered, That the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
15. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Land Tax Bill postponed until Thursday next.
16. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT 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 amend in certain respects the “Government Railways Act of 1888.”
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Melville* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Melville* (with the concurrence of the House), that the report be now received.
Mr. Melville then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend in certain respects the “Government Railways Act of 1888.”
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 amend in certain respects the ‘Government Railways Act of 1888,’*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
17. ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT 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 *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
18. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Melville* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
Mr. Melville also reported that the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Melville* (with the concurrence of the House), that the report be now received.
Mr. Melville then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(No. 9.) *Resolved*,—That, towards raising the supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be an annual tax assessed, levied, and paid on and in respect of the value of certain classes of personal property, including paid-up capital, reserves, deposits, and other assets and sources of profit held or possessed by Companies (with such exceptions and exemptions as may be prescribed), when such amount or value shall exceed five hundred pounds, the sum of one half-penny in the pound, from and after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
19. PROPERTY TAX BILL:—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 9), for imposing a Tax on Certain Forms of Personal Property.
(2.) Mr. Burns then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for imposing a Tax on Certain Forms of Personal Property,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
20. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 111.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 JULY, 1888.

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

CENTENNIAL INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, MELBOURNE:—Mr. Speaker read to the House a Telegram he had received from the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, stating that that House had passed a Resolution most cordially inviting the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales to be present at the opening of the Centennial International Exhibition, Melbourne, on the 1st August, 1888, and requesting Mr. Speaker to communicate the invitation to the House.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue, and other Moneys, for the year 1887, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Water Rates:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to paragraph in *Sydney Morning Herald*, of Tuesday, 26th June, in reference to water rates proposed to be charged by the Water and Sewerage Board of 10s. each on houses of £15 yearly value, and on every house over £15 yearly value of 8d. per £, such charges being considerably over 100 per cent. more than the City Corporation charged, and other rates equally excessive on all sorts of houses, and also on vacant lands which were never charged for by the City Corporation,—before allowing these rates to be charged, will he take every precaution to see if such rates are necessary?

(2.) Why are rates, from 100 to 150 per cent. more than was ever charged by the City Corporation, necessary?

(3.) What rate in the £ is necessary to pay interest on money borrowed for waterworks?

(4.) What would the water rates which the Water and Sewerage Board propose to charge bring in as a yearly revenue?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I think the best way will be to postpone this question. In the meantime, I can state that nothing has been actually decided; but I will get fuller particulars if the question is postponed until Tuesday.

(2.) Joadja Reserve:—Mr. Neild, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has a permit been granted to Messrs. Markby & Collins to mine under a reserve of 9,000 acres at Joadja?

(2.) How much will these people have to pay annually to the Department for the right, and from what date will such payments commence?

(3.) Is it a fact that the making of this reserve was first brought under the notice of the Department by a Member of Parliament on 11th November, 1887, the reserve gazetted on 12th November, 1887, and the applications to mine under received at 12 o'clock on 12th November, 1887?

(4.) If the 9,000 acres had been taken up as mineral leases, how much annual rent would have to be paid?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Mr. Markby has applied for a permit for 4,000 acres, and Mr. Collins for a permit for 5,000 acres, but the permits have not been issued. Applications for such areas are not entertained when it is shown that a large expenditure of capital is required for the construction of a railway or other expensive works.

(2.) Rent at 2s. per acre, with royalty at the rate of 6d. per ton for large coal and 3d. per ton for small coal, exceeds rent. Rent is payable from the date when Minister signs authorities.

(3.) Some men working under mineral licenses represented to the Minister that unless the reserve was made the land would be taken up under conditional purchases. Upon these representations the

the Minister directed that the reserve be made. The Lands Department was asked on the 7th November to make the reserve, and it appears to have been made on the 11th November, 1887, and the applications were received at 10.5 a.m. on the 12th November, 1887.

- (4.) The rent would have been less under mineral lease. The royalty would have been the same.
- (3.) Crown Lands Act:—*Mr. Neild*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What does the Government propose to do, in cases which have already been decided, with the money now in the Treasury—apart from current year's rents—which was paid in to enable Crown tenants to appeal? *Mr. Garrett* answered,—The amounts referred to are, in the opinion of the legal adviser of the Government, such as should be credited to revenue, and they will be so credited.
- (4.) Crown Lands Act:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Mines Department refuses to grant applications by holders of selections for permits, under section 7 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, to mine for silver and other minerals on their purchases?
 - (2.) If so, how many applications have been refused?
- Mr. Roberts* answered,—
- (1.) Applications for permits, in terms of section 7, to remove gold or minerals from alienated land which at the date of alienation was within a gold-field are refused, as such land is subject to right to search for gold under permits in terms of section 45, and to resumption upon payable gold being found.
 - (2.) Sixteen.
- (5.) Railways—Orange to Molong, Bathurst to Bourke, and the Mudgee Line:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he see that the Railway Returns moved for by *Dr. Ross* on 8th February last, *re* Western line, are laid upon the Table of this House before Parliament is prorogued?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—The Returns will be laid upon the Table before the prorogation.
- (6.) Jetty at Watson's Bay:—*Mr. Neild* asked The Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has the public jetty at Watson's Bay been leased?
 - (2.) If so, to whom?
 - (3.) What is the annual rental?
 - (4.) For what term has the lease been granted?
 - (5.) Does the lease authorize the making of heavy charges against the owners of private launches, &c., using such jetty?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1, 2, and 3.) The Government jetty at Watson's Bay was gazetted as a public wharf on 5th May last, and, after failure to obtain tenders by public competition, was subsequently leased to the Watson's Bay and North Shore Ferry Company (Limited), at an annual rental of £50, for the term of five years.
 - (5.) The lease does not authorize the imposition of any charges beyond those provided for in the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 44 Victoria No. 8.
- (7.) Accident to, and Loss of the "Alhambra":—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to a telegram recently published in the morning papers to the effect that the steamer "Alhambra" had a portion of her side knocked in after once bumping against the derelict vessel anchored off Newcastle?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that there are a number of other old and worn-out steamers plying as colliers?
 - (3.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the condition of these steamers, in order to prevent catastrophes like that which happened to the "Alhambra"?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) I have noticed the telegram, recently published in the morning papers, to the effect that the steamer "Alhambra" had sunk, after collision with the derelict vessel now off Newcastle.
 - (2.) I am not aware that there are a number of old and worn-out steamers plying as colliers.
 - (3.) I have referred this matter for the consideration of the Marine Board.
- (8.) Workmen at Prospect Dam:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it true that the workmen at the Prospect Dam are kept out of their wages for long periods after they have been earned?
 - (2.) Will he see that the men are paid regularly?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—The Officer-in-charge of the Harbours and Rivers Department has supplied me with the following answer to these questions, which I will read:—"Inquiries have been made in this matter, as promised in answer to a similar question of the Honorable Member of the 13th ultimo, and I find that the men employed by the Government are paid regularly every fortnight, and the contractor states he pays his men at regular intervals of a fortnight also." If the Honorable Member will kindly favour me with any information he may have on the subject, I promise to have a further investigation made; but, as at present advised, the men are regularly paid.
- (9.) Charges for Demurrage and Storage:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for *Mr. Hassall*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Will he define the circumstances which may be considered to warrant a departure from the rule of charging demurrage and storage?
 - (2.) Would the contractor's inability or neglect to remove wool or other produce warrant a departure from the rule in question?
 - (3.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing the amount charged to, and paid by, the contractor during the last three years for demurrage and storage, such Return to be compiled by officials outside the Darling Harbour station?
 - (4.) Is any charge made to contractor for use of tarpaulins for covering wool, &c., until removed; and has contractor any authority to charge sub-contractors for use of such tarpaulins, same being the property of the Railway Department?
- Mr.*

South

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The weather and delays of traffic in transit are the principal reasons for remitting demurrage and storage.

(2 and 3.) The contractor is not liable for demurrage or storage in the case of wool or other produce; but the Department reserves the right, should he fail to remove such traffic to their satisfaction, to employ other carters to do the work at his risk and expense—consequently no demurrage or storage has been charged, nor has it been found at any time necessary to exercise the powers reserved by the Department.

(4.) The wool remains at Darling Harbour at the risk of the Department until it is removed by the contractor. After removal by the contractor's teams, a charge of 6d. per tarpaulin per day is made for every tarpaulin lent to him. The Department knows nothing of sub-contractors.

(10.) Public Works Act:—*Mr. Martin*, for *Mr. Thompson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Why have not the names of the persons forming the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works been gazetted, in accordance with the provisions of the Act?

(2.) When will names of the persons so appointed be gazetted?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is no objection to these appointments being gazetted, and they will probably appear in the next *Gazette*.

4. THE MISSES SAVAGE:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* presented a Petition from *Mary Charlotte Savage*, representing that she and her sisters, *Ellen Savage*, and *Alicia Jane Savage*, are daughters of the late *Arthur Savage*, Surgeon, Royal Navy; and that Petitioner believes that she and her sisters have a claim for good service rendered to the Colony by their late father, for which no gratuity or pension has ever been received; and praying the House to take the circumstances detailed in the Petition into careful and favourable consideration.

At the request of *Mr. Taylor* the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*, and received.

5. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the President of the New South Wales Commission on the Adelaide Jubilee International Exhibition, 1887.

(2.) Report on the State Children's Relief Department for year ended 5th April, 1888.

(3.) Return of Live Stock in the Australasian Colonies, 1871, 1881, 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on the 17th November, 1887—"Water Conservation Commission."

Ordered to be printed.

[6. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, *Mr. Speaker* nominated *Albert John Gould*, Esquire, to act for this day only.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Stokes* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to call attention to the necessity of immediate legislation in the interest of conditional purchasers and conditional leaseholders, who are compelled to erect useless fencing under the existing law."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. Stokes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having ruled that the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland, *Mr. Buchanan*, was discussing the merits of the Crown Lands Bill (No. 2),—

Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House dissents from the Speaker's ruling to the effect that *Mr. Buchanan* could not speak as to the merits of the Land Bill, although the Government had consented to abandon every clause of it but the fencing clauses.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. W. J. Allen.

Tellers,

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 38.

<i>Mr. Garvan</i> ,	<i>Mr. Gordon</i> ,
<i>Mr. Burns</i> ,	<i>Mr. Martin</i> ,
<i>Mr. Roberts</i> ,	<i>Mr. Stevenson</i> ,
<i>Mr. Garrett</i> ,	<i>Mr. McFarlane</i> ,
<i>Mr. William Clarke</i> ,	<i>Mr. Kelly</i> ,
<i>Mr. Gould</i> ,	<i>Mr. McCourt</i> ,
<i>Sir Henry Parkes</i> ,	<i>Mr. F. Jago Smith</i> ,
<i>Mr. Hugh Taylor</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hawken</i> ,
<i>Mr. Carruthers</i> ,	<i>Mr. Waddell</i> ,
<i>Mr. Merriman</i> ,	<i>Mr. Stokes</i> ,
<i>Mr. Wilson</i> ,	<i>Mr. Teece</i> ,
<i>Mr. Burdekin</i> ,	<i>Mr. Lees</i> ,
<i>Mr. Sydney Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Chapman</i> ,
<i>Mr. Garland</i> ,	<i>Mr. Rytic</i> ,
<i>Mr. Mitchell</i> ,	<i>Mr. Woodward</i> ,
<i>Mr. McMillan</i> ,	<i>Mr. Holborow</i> .
<i>Mr. Joseph Abbott</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Day</i> ,	<i>Mr. Thompson</i> ,
<i>Mr. Coils</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hassall</i> .
<i>Mr. Street</i> ,	

And so it passed in the negative.
Original Question again proposed.
Debate continued.
Original Question put and negatived.

8. CHINESE RESTRICTION AND REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 20th June, 1888, in reference to the Chinese Restriction and Regulation Bill:—

Insists upon its amendment in clause 1,—because the omission of the words is consequential on other amendments.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, and disagrees to the Assembly's proposed amendment,—because, to impair the value of a certificate of naturalization or exemption, is a breach of national faith; and, further—because, as regards the outstanding certificates of exemption, they will all (with the exception of three granted to children born in the Colony) expire within a period one month longer than that named in the Legislative Assembly's amendment.

Insists upon its last amendment in clause 5, disagreed to by the Assembly,—because, if the Council's amendment is omitted, there will be an infringement on the rights created by the certificates, inasmuch as, under the new tonnage restrictions, the absentees holding certificates of exemption could not all possibly return in time, and those holding certificates of naturalization would find their rights of travel greatly curtailed.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 13, and disagrees to the Assembly's proposed amendment therein,—because one of the avowed objects of the Bill being to protect Australian labour from the competition of Chinese labour, the effect of driving the Chinese off the mining-fields would be to force into other pursuits those who, as at present engaged, do not appreciably come into competition with Australian labour, and would probably concentrate them in towns; and, further—because many Chinese miners have, under the sanction of the law, invested considerable sums in mining claims and plant, and to dispossess them would operate as a confiscation; and, further—because the Assembly's amendment introduces a new policy not contained in the original Bill, the gravity of which is such that it should not be dealt with at a single sitting, but should pass through all the stages proper to a Bill.

Insists upon its amendments which omit clauses 16 and 17,—because the Council cannot admit that by omitting these clauses it had infringed any undoubted and exclusive powers of the Legislative Assembly, inasmuch as the clauses are not of the nature of a Bill of taxation or supply, but no more than a proposed regulation for alleged police and sanitary purposes; and because the right of the Council wholly to reject a taxation or supply Bill is not only indubitable under the Constitution Act of the Colony, but customary according to the practice of Parliament; because the provisions, in their exclusive application to the Chinese inhabitants of the Colony, appear to the Council to be unnecessary for the general purposes of the Bill, and not called for by any special police or sanitary or other ground; because, in the absence of any new or special grounds for which the Chinese are responsible, it appears to the Council inconsistent with justice that an annual poll-tax and police surveillance should be imposed on Chinamen who have come to the country and have paid their admission fee under the express authority of existing law, and are living as peaceful inhabitants of the Colony; and, further—because, as the Chinese authorities have especially objected to invidious legislation against their countrymen resident here, the clauses are likely to hinder the negotiation of a friendly treaty.

Insists upon its amendment at the end of clause 19, disagreed to by the Assembly,—because the words inserted by the Council are necessary to maintain in full force the legal rights of those Chinese who are in possession of naturalization and exemption certificates.

Insists upon its amendment omitting Schedule A,—because it is consequential on the omission of clauses 16 and 17.

Does not insist upon its other amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's other amendment upon the Council's amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th July, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Ordered, that this Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the day postponed:—

(1.) Proposed Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Standing Orders proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 29th May, 1888;—*until Thursday, 12th July.*

(2.) Diseased Animals and Meat Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until to-morrow.*

10. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT 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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Teccc,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Burns.
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Ryrie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Hutchison.
Mr. Waddell,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Slattery.

Tellers,

Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes (after Debate), 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 *Mr. Gould* reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the report was adopted.

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

11. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND SALE AND DEDICATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the formation of a street in lieu of Queen-street, in the city of Sydney, to declare Queen-street vested in the Commissioner for Railways, and to provide for the sale and dedication of certain lands resumed for tramway 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 formation of a street in lieu of Queen-street, in the city of Sydney, to declare Queen-street vested in the Commissioner for Railways, and to provide for the sale and dedication of certain lands resumed for tramway purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th July, 1888.*

12. ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to declare valid an amended alignment of Essex-street, in the city of Sydney.*"

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 declare valid an amended alignment of Essex-street, in the city of Sydney,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th July, 1888.*

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at six minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 112.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 JULY, 1888.

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

PORTRAIT OF THE LATE WILLIAM CHARLES WENTWORTH:—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a letter from the Executive Commissioner for New South Wales at the Centennial International Exhibition, Melbourne, requesting him to lend, for the purpose of their being placed in the New South Wales Court, the portrait of the late William Charles Wentworth, Esq., and some other pictures in the Parliamentary Buildings; and that he, Mr. Speaker, proposed to grant the loan of these pictures, unless the House expressed an opinion that that should not be done.

Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, That the pictures belonging to Parliament be not sent to the Melbourne Exhibition.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Trustees of Association Cricket Ground:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. P. Sheridan, the managing trustee of the Association cricket ground, has his own cart or carts, with his name on, employed at the cricket ground; if so, what amount has been paid for the use of Mr. Sheridan's horses, and for the carts with his name on, since he was appointed a trustee?

(2.) When were the accounts of the trustees of the Association cricket ground last audited?

(3.) Have they been properly audited every year since Mr. Sheridan was appointed a trustee; if so, what are the names of the persons who audited them?

(4.) Are the auditors duly qualified accountants; if not, will he cause duly qualified accountants to audit the accounts, in view of the enormous sums of money received by the trustees from the public?

(5.) What is the total sum of money borrowed by the trustees since they were first appointed, and what are the names of the parties who lent money to the trustees of the cricket ground?

(6.) What is the rate of interest paid per cent. in each year since the trustees were first appointed; and is it a fact that the trustees have paid a higher rate of interest on the money they borrowed than banks or other public companies have charged on first class security?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Department of Lands:—

(1.) No.

(2.) For the year ending 31st August, 1887.

(3.) Yes,—up to 1883, by auditors elected by the New South Wales Cricket Association; since then, by Messrs. Davenport, Miles, & Co., and Messrs. Johnson & Addy, duly qualified accountants.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) The trustees have borrowed £12,000. This sum was raised by the issue of debentures, tenders for which were invited by public advertisement through the firms of Messrs. T. J. Thompson & Co. and Messrs. Soutar & Hoarc. The trustees decline to state the names of the gentlemen who hold the debentures.

(6.) The rate of interest payable is 8 per cent. The banks decline to lend the trustees money on the security offered.

(2.) Norfolk Island:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In what relation does New South Wales now stand to Norfolk Island?

(2.) Have the British Government offered to hand over Norfolk Island to New South Wales?

(3.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to accept such offer, and to allow the residents of Norfolk Island to be represented in the Parliament of New South Wales?

(4.)

- (4.) Is it not a fact that a considerable trade now exists between Norfolk Island and Auckland which might be transferred to Sydney if the island was annexed by this Colony?
- (5.) Have the services of the Visiting Magistrate to Norfolk Island (Mr. Wilkinson) been dispensed with?
- (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a successor to Mr. Wilkinson?
- (7.) If so, will they take into account the claims of Captain Armstrong, R.N., who was recently removed from a magisterial position at Lord Howe Island?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) A separate Colony or settlement, under the control of the Governor of New South Wales.
- (2.) Yes. The British Government has offered to hand over Norfolk Island to New South Wales; but, in the view of the present advisers of the Crown, we should hardly know what to do with Norfolk Island, and we have not decided to accept the offer, as it would appear to be something like a white elephant.
- (3.) This is answered by the answer to No. 2.
- (4.) I am not aware.
- (5.) The services of the Visiting Magistrate were lent to the Imperial Government to do certain work on the island, which work has been accomplished.
- (6.) The matter of appointing some other Visitor is now under consideration.
- (7.) The claims of Captain Armstrong have not been considered.
- (3.) Molong Railway :—Mr. F. Jago Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the total cost of the Molong railway?
- (2.) What were the gross earnings during 1887?
- (3.) How much was taken at (a) Orange station, (b) Borenore station, (c) Molong station, during 1887?
- (4.) What were the working expenses during 1887?
- (5.) What percentage of profit did this line pay during 1887 over and above working expenses?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Total expenditure on line open to 31st December, 1887, £268,666.
- (2.) The earnings are not kept separately. They are included in the section Western line and branches.
- (3.) Orange, £32,335 9s. 6d.; Borenore, £8,764 10s. 2d.; Molong, £10,700 6s. 2d.; but only a small portion of these amounts would be properly due to the Molong branch.
- (4.) £7,475.
- (5.) See reply to No. 2.

- (4.) Endowment to Municipalities :—Mr. Hawken asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government decided as to what endowment shall be paid to municipalities for the current year; if so, what is that decision?
- (2.) Will any additional sum be paid as a consequence of an asserted promise of further endowment for the year 1887?
- (3.) Will the Government regard the action of the so-called Municipal Association as authoritative in assuming to themselves the privileges of Aldermen during a late deputation which waited upon him and requested a payment of pound for pound as the endowment for the current year?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It will be impossible to determine this question until we finally decide on other branches of expenditure for the remainder of the year. That will be decided in due time, and we shall announce the result to Parliament.

- (5.) Engaged Compartments in Railway Carriages :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that on Sunday evening, 1st July, two compartments were marked "engaged" at Mullet Creek on Northern line, and that one of them contained three ladies and a gentleman?
- (2.) Who was it engaged by, and were the full number of tickets (namely, six) taken, to entitle the parties to occupy the compartment?
- (3.) Is it also a fact that a second compartment was marked "engaged," which compartment had no passengers in it?
- (4.) Was the door locked, and, on Mr. McElhone asking a porter to open it to let people in (who, through the carriages being over-crowded, were left out in the rain), was he informed that the station-master, Mr. Cameron, had marked it "engaged"?
- (5.) Is it a fact that, on the station-master coming from the steamer, and Mr. McElhone asking him who the compartment was engaged for, he replied it was engaged; and, on Mr. McElhone letting him know who he was and insisting on knowing who had engaged it, that he spoke to a porter, and then told Mr. McElhone it was a mistake, as only one compartment was engaged, on which the passengers were admitted into it?
- (6.) For whom was the compartment which was marked engaged, who engaged it or who authorized the Station-master Cameron to mark it up "engaged"?
- (7.) Is it a fact that on Sunday, the 17th June, the train from Sydney to the north was greatly overcrowded; that a number of passengers could not obtain seats, amongst whom were several of Mr. McElhone's family; and that the door of a compartment which was empty was locked, and passengers were refused admittance to it; and that the passengers were only admitted after a disturbance was created?
- (8.) In view of the number of cases where the public are put to great inconvenience, on account of the number of compartments in railway carriages which are marked "engaged" where they are not engaged, or, if engaged, are not paid for, will he issue peremptory instructions that where any railway official or other person illegally, engages, or marks a carriage "engaged" which is not engaged properly—by paying for said compartments—in all such cases, officials or other persons will have to pay for the full number of tickets?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 to 6.) I find that on the 1st July the Traffic Manager at Newcastle instructed the station-master at Mullet Creek to reserve a compartment for Dr. Wilkinson, M.P., and party. Six tickets were taken. Owing to a mistake on the part of a porter, two compartments were reserved. It appears the station-master directed the porter to put on two boards—that is, one on each side of the compartment—indicating it was reserved. The porter, however, misunderstood the instructions, and put boards on two separate compartments. As soon as the matter was brought under the notice of the station-master by the Honorable Member the error was rectified.

(7.) Nothing can be traced of a compartment being reserved at Mullet Creek on the 17th June. The officers report that no compartment was reserved, and that the seating accommodation on the train was far in excess of the requirements—that there was 1st class seating accommodation for eighty-four passengers while not more than fifty travelled.

(8.) The directions given—and, as far as is known, acted upon—are, that compartments are not to be reserved unless six seats are taken, and then only when there is room in the train for other passengers. Departure from this practice can be made at the discretion of the Traffic Managers, in cases where the convenience of the Department will be met by directing the use of compartments for sleeping accommodation in cases where the sleeping-car is already full. There may be exceptional instances in which, in the case of distinguished visitors, &c., compartments may be reserved without any payment; but the general rule is, that compartments are not to be reserved except on payment of six fares, and when a departure from this rule is established the officer at fault will be held answerable for the payment of the fares. I have directed further inquiry into the case specially referred to.

(6.) Railway Line to Wilcannia:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a tender for about £1,500 per mile been received for the construction of a railway from Nyngan to Cobar?

(2.) If so, on what grounds did the Secretary for Lands (who replied for the Secretary for Public Works) state in the House, on Wednesday, the 20th ultimo, that the estimated cost of a railway from Nyngan to Wilcannia, *via* Cobar, was £3,000 per mile?

(3.) Has it been reported by the proper officer that the country between Cobar and Wilcannia is more difficult to construct railways upon than the country between Nyngan and Cobar?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) The tender referred to was for the formation works only, and did not include the cost of permanent-way materials, signals, points, crossings, water supply works, turntables, station buildings, &c. The Engineer-in-Chief's estimate amounted to £3,000 per mile for the whole of the work.

(3.) No.

(7.) Water Supply to Newcastle—Claim of Messrs. J. and A. Brown:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In what year did the Government resume land belonging to Jas. and Alex. Brown, near East Maitland, for water supply to Newcastle, &c.; and what is the reason of the long delay in paying amount of claim?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The land was resumed on the 21st March, 1884. It appears the papers were subsequently lost in the Valuer's office; but copies have been obtained, and the Crown Solicitor is now awaiting the receipt of documents which he has applied for from the claimants.

(8.) Railway Employés:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does he intend to carry out the promise made to the House, that he would cause the pay to fettlers' wives for minding railway gates to be restored?

(2.) If so, when will the payments recommence?

(3.) If the payments are now being made, why is it that fettlers' wives on the Bungendore-Michelago extension have been overlooked?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes; it has already been decided that no gatekeeper is to be without remuneration of some kind, either in free residence, or pay in lieu thereof, the amount of which depends upon the character of the traffic. I am not aware that any have been overlooked; and, as regards the gatekeepers on the Bungendore-Michelago extension, the remuneration due to date will be paid next Thursday.

(9.) Public Revenue and Expenditure:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Treasurer state the exact amount of revenue received during the last six months, and also the exact amount expended during the same period?

Mr. Burns answered,—I will state the actual receipts and the actual payments made during the period for which the Honorable Member has asked for them; but I imagine that for the purposes for which he has put the question, the answers will be misleading. The amount received on account of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony during the first six months of the year was £4,204,775 18s. 4d. The payments actually made during the same period, on account of services for 1888, amounted to £3,641,015 1s. 11d. From these answers it would appear as if the revenue had exceeded the expenditure by about £560,000; but the payments made are only the actual charges presented for payment, and will not represent the actual payments for the year, which is, I presume, what the Honorable Member wants to know. For the purposes of the Honorable Member, I am sure that this information is incomplete, and he will not obtain complete information until we come to the close of the year, when all the charges on the revenue for the year are made or taken into account.

(10.) Parramatta Post Office:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that at the present time there are eight men working in a room 21 by 11 feet at the Parramatta post office, in which room they have to receive, sort, and dispatch 101 mails per day?

(2.) If so, will he cause inquiry to be made, and remedy it?

Mr.

Mr. Roberts answered,—An examination of the plans of the Parramatta building shows the size of the post and telegraph office to be 35 feet 3 inches by 21 feet 6 inches, exclusive of a telegraph lobby, private office for the postmaster, and living accommodation. The space should be sufficient, but I will instruct an inspector to visit the office shortly and report.

(11.) Removal of Time-keepers, Locomotive Department:—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Dibbs*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the time-keepers in the Locomotive Department have been removed from Junee and other places to Sydney?
- (2.) If so, by whom is the time taken at the places where the time-keepers have been so removed?
- (3.) How long will it take the persons so appointed to take the time each day?
- (4.) Is the removal of timekeepers to Sydney contrary to the statements made in this House and in various parts of the country by himself when speaking upon decentralization.

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes; one clerk from Bathurst and Junee respectively, as an experiment only.
- (2, 3, and 4.) The whole question is receiving consideration. No departure from the general system at present in force has been decided upon; indeed the matter has been brought under my attention in an unofficial way only, and nothing definite will be done till the question has had full inquiry by the Commissioner.

(12.) Park at Arncliffe:—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has any portion of the land agreed to be purchased for a park at Arncliffe been let by the Government to Chinamen for garden purposes?
- (2.) If so, what Minister leased said land; and, if not done by a Minister, by what officer?
- (3.) What term of lease has been granted, and at what rental?
- (4.) How much rent has been received up to date?
- (5.) Is it the intension of the Government to complete the purchase, and hand over the park to trustees for the people?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No; it was represented that the Chinese held the land under the late owner on a tenure that six months' notice to leave should be given. The Minister gave them the required notice, to date from 1st instant, at the old rental of £10 per month, to be paid in advance.
- (2 and 3.) The answers to these questions are embodied in No. 1.
- (4.) £10 for July was paid on 2nd instant.
- (5.) The purchase has been completed. The disposal of the land will be considered at the termination of the leases alluded to.

(13.) Public Instruction Act—Cleaning Schools:—*Mr. Frank Smith* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Does the Public Instruction Act give the Department power to charge the parents of the school children for the cleaning of the schools?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the attempt to obtain the money from the parents has failed, and that the teachers are saddled with nearly the whole of the expense?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the cost of cleaning the five Balmain Public Schools involves a tax of £250 a year on the teachers employed in those schools?
- (4.) Do the clerks in the Public Instruction Department pay the cost of cleaning their offices?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the teachers consider the heavy tax on them for the cleaning of the schools to be most unfair, and that it is the cause of grave dissatisfaction amongst them?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) No; any contributions made towards the expense of cleaning are voluntary.
- (2.) The Department has made no such attempt.
- (3.) The Department has no information on this matter, as teachers make their own arrangements.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) Representations against the withdrawal of aid have been made by some teachers; but as the salaries of teachers were fixed at the present liberal rates in order to meet expenditure of this kind, I have been unable to consider their representations favourably.

(14.) Shoalhaven River:—*Mr. Martin* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the entrance to the Shoalhaven River is fast shoaling, thereby interfering with the steam traffic, and seriously inconveniencing the inhabitants and travelling public?
- (2.) Has anything been done in regard to the report of *Sir John Coode* on the Crookhaven Heads and channel?
- (3.) If not, will he take some speedy action in the matter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) A telegram to this effect appeared lately in one of the papers, and I have accordingly asked for a report on the subject.
- (2 and 3.) No. The data required to enable *Sir John Coode* to report has not yet been sent to him, as other equally urgent surveys have almost absorbed the funds that were available for harbour and river surveys; but as soon as further funds are provided this matter shall not be overlooked.

3. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, PARISH OF METZ:—*Mr. Levien*, 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 20th December, 1887, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

4. MUNICIPAL LOANS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) *Mr. Day* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable municipal corporations to borrow money by way of mortgage on land purchased for the erection of town halls or municipal chambers, and also to give, as security for any such loan, the buildings already erected or hereafter to be erected upon such sites.
Question put and passed. (2.)

(2.) Mr. Day then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable municipal corporations to borrow money, by way of mortgage, on land purchased for the erection of town halls or municipal chambers, and also to give, as security for any such loan, the buildings already erected or hereafter to be erected upon such sites,*"—which was read a first time.

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

5. QUARANTINE STATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. See, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence which has passed between the Board of Health and the Government, having reference to the proposed removal of the Quarantine Station from its present situation.
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neild, in reference to the Divorce Extension Bill, postponed until Thursday next.
7. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING BILL:—Mr. Inglis presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for mining on Church and School Lands,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AND LEASES FENCING BILL:—Mr. Garrett (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in respect to the fencing of conditional purchases and conditional leases.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Speaker nominated Jacob Garrard, Esquire, to act for this day only.
10. CHINESE RESTRICTION AND REGULATION 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 Legislative Council's Message of 4th July, relative to the amendments made in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported that the Committee does not insist upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments, nor upon the Assembly's amendments to which the Council has disagreed.
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the report be now adopted.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Tecco,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Jeannerot,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Dalton.
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Woodward,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. F. Jago Smith.
Mr. W. J. Allen,	

Noes 6.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Walker.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Melville.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 4th July, 1888, in reference to the Chinese Restriction and Regulation Bill,—does not insist upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments, nor upon the Assembly's amendments to which the Council has disagreed.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th July, 1888.*

Question put and passed.

11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Land Tax Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
12. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Burns, *passed*.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend in certain respects the 'Government Railways Act of 1888.'*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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 in certain respects the 'Government Railways Act of 1888,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 5th July, 1888.

13. PROPERTY TAX BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 6 JULY, 1888, A.M.

Point of Order :—Mr. Melville pointed out that the provisions of this Bill were outside the Order of Leave, and not covered by the Governor's Message.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was properly before the House.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 3.
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Mitchell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Teece,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. McElhone.
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Ives,	
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Merriman.	
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Withers.	
Mr. Garrard,		
Mr. Stevenson,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Burns then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 5.
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Haynes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Teece,	Mr. McElhone.
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Ives,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Dangar.	
Mr. Davis,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Riley.	
Mr. Withers,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Garrard* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock,

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 113.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 JULY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Dredge for the Tweed River:—*Mr. Wall*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the dredge for service on the Tweed River be completed?

Mr. Burns answered,—A contract has been let for the machinery for the dredge, which expires in April next. The dredge should be completed and ready for work in a month from that date.

- (2.) Mining Act—*Mr. Garrett*, Secretary for Lands:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What are the names of reserves for which *Mr. Garrett*, Secretary for Lands, has permission to mine under the 28th section, or any other section, of the Mining Act.

(2.) If the reserves are not named, under how many has he acquired the right to mine, and the area which he has the right to mine under each?

(3.) The total area which he has the right to mine for coal, under reserves as above?

(4.) What is the rent he pays per acre, or is it a fact that he does not pay any rent for mining under such reserves?

(5.) Is it a fact that he has the right to charge persons for grazing stock on these reserves, or for cutting timber, or any other purpose; if so, what rents does he receive for such purposes?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) The reserves under which *Mr. Garrett* has a right to mine are the Pacific Ocean and water reserve No. 30, parish of Blackheath, county of Cook.

(2.) Under two reserves, namely—4,073 acres 1 rood 24 perches, under the Pacific Ocean, and 2,480 acres under reserve No. 30.

(3.) 6,553 acres 1 rood 24 perches.

(4.) For 880 acres under the Pacific Ocean he pays no rent; for the remaining 3,193 acres 1 rood 24 perches under the Pacific Ocean he pays 1s. per acre per annum; for the lease under reserve No. 30 he pays 2s. per acre per annum. He has to pay a royalty of 6d. per ton on coal, raised therefrom.

(5.) He has no right to charge persons for grazing stock on the reserves in question, nor for cutting timber thereon. He has no right to the surface of any of the reserves referred to, except so much as is required for a tramway, say 48 acres of reserve No. 30.

- (3.) Case tried before Police Magistrate, Lismore:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a case of obtaining money by false pretences tried before the Police Magistrate at Lismore, where the Police Magistrate dismissed the case without hearing the principal evidence, and particularly refusing to hear the evidence of the Police Sergeant stationed at Lismore, whose name was used by the prisoner to enable him to perpetrate the offence?

(2.) Has he resolved upon any action in regard to this case, and with regard to the Police Magistrate?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This case is now receiving my consideration.

- (4.) Water Rates:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to paragraph in *Sydney Morning Herald*, of Tuesday, 26th June, in reference to water rates proposed to be charged by the Water and Sewerage Board of 10s. each on houses of £15 yearly value, and on every house over £15 yearly value of 8d. per £, such charges being considerably over 100 per cent. more than the City Corporation charged, and other rates equally excessive on all sorts of houses, and also on vacant lands which were never charged for by the City Corporation,—before allowing these rates to be charged, will he take every precaution to see if such rates are necessary?

(2.)

- (2.) Why are rates, from 100 to 150 per cent. more than was ever charged by the City Corporation, necessary ?
 (3.) What rate in the £ is necessary to pay interest on money borrowed for waterworks ?
 (4.) What would the water rates which the Water and Sewerage Board propose to charge bring in as a yearly revenue ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Board of Water Supply and Sewerage have met with some difficulty in collecting the information necessary for them to be in a position to strike an equitable rate. This information has been collated, and the Board meet this afternoon to decide what rate should be struck to insure a revenue of 4 per cent. on the capital expended on the waterworks, and also a sufficient sum to cover the working expenses of the Department. The Board have every reason to hope that a maximum charge of 6d. in the £ on the assessed annual rental up to £300, 5d. from £300 to £700, 4d. from £700 to £1,000, 3d. from £1,000 to £4,000, and 2d. over £4,000, will meet all requirements. The maximum charge in Melbourne is 8d., and in Adelaide 1s., and in Parramatta 1s. None of these towns have such a debt on their waterworks as has been incurred on the Sydney water scheme. The total outlay up to the present time on the Sydney waterworks is about £2,110,000. This sum will continue to increase until the Nepean water scheme is finished—say another £400,000. A sum of £150,000 has been placed on the Loan Estimates for pipes, engines, labour, &c.; and about £30,000 will be required to defray the working expenses of the Department, including maintenance, &c. The probable revenue derivable on the above scale will be about £130,000. There is also a sum of £85,000 for debentures taken over from the City Corporation by the Government.

- (5.) Military—Brigade Office Accounts, &c. :—Mr. Wall asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What bonus (if any) was granted by the Government to the Audit Inspectors who examined the Brigade Office accounts ?
 (2.) Was any special commendation or censure bestowed by the late Colonial Secretary upon either of them ?
 (3.) If so, what was the nature of such, and for what cause ?
 (4.) Do any or all of the members of the General Staff receive allowances for cost of travelling from Dawes' Battery to their places of residence; if so, what are the allowances ?
 (5.) If so, what was the total amount paid to or on behalf of the members of the General Staff for cab and carriage hire during 1887 ?
 (6.) Are any of the officers of the General Staff, or have they been, provided with annual railway season tickets at the public expense ?
 (7.) If so, how many, and what is the cost of each such ticket ?
 (8.) Will he state what number of railway passes or orders were issued by members of the General Staff during the months of February, March, April, June, and October, 1887 ?
 (9.) Will he give the dates when and the persons to whom any passes were issued, and also the stations to which such passes or orders were made available ?
 (10.) Will he state what amounts have been paid to members of the General Staff and Paymaster's Staff as travelling or personal allowances during April, 1887, giving names of the persons to whom payment was made, and dates of service ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay upon the Table, in the course of this afternoon, a Return giving the information required by the Honorable Member.

- (6.) Railway Tunnel at Redfern :—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What was the cost of widening the railway tunnel at Redfern, including the amount paid for compensation for land taken ?
 (2.) When was the work commenced, and when finished ?
 (3.) Who was the engineer who designed, and who was the engineer under whose supervision the work was performed ?
 (4.) Was the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways consulted in respect of the said work; and, if so, what was his report upon the same ?
 (5.) Why is it that the Redfern tunnel has been so long used only for a double line, and will he inform the House what he proposes to do in respect of the same ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) £23,938 13s. 4d., construction; land, and compensation for disturbance, £36,208—a large portion of which will be recouped by re-sale of land not required.
 (2.) Commenced 23rd January, 1885, completed 19th June, 1887.
 (3.) The bridge was designed and its erection supervised by the Engineer for Existing Lines.
 (4.) He was not consulted. The original tunnel was not designed by the Engineer-in-Chief.
 (5.) The lines in the tunnel will be quadrupled when the general scheme of rearrangement of the Redfern yard siding, &c., is approved of. The work has been postponed from time to time while the extension of the railway further into the city was under consideration.

- (7.) Railway Line to Condobolin :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) In order to set at rest any misapprehension that may exist in the public mind in regard to distance and cost per mile of construction, will he state the distance from the Molong railway terminus to Condobolin, *via* Parkes, and the estimated cost per mile in the construction of this line as proposed by the Government ?
 (2.) The same information with regard to the distance between Borenore to Condobolin, *via* Cudal and Forbes, and the estimated cost per mile required in the construction of a railway by this route ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Molong terminus to Condobolin, *via* Parkes—distance, 100 miles; estimated cost per mile, £5,684 14s. 6d.
 (2.) (a) Borenore to Condobolin, *via* Cudal, Toogong, and Forbes—distance, 121 miles; estimated cost per mile, £4,418 7s. 6d. (b) Borenore to Condobolin, *via* Cudal and Toogong, passing Forbes at a distance of 1½ miles—length, 119 miles; estimated cost per mile, £4,400.

(8.)

- (8.) Technical Education:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Moore*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he call upon the Board of Technical Education for an expression of its views with reference to the proposed new arrangements for carrying on its work, and lay the same upon the Table of the House?
Mr. Inglis answered,—The whole question of carrying on the work of technical education to the best advantage is still under the consideration of the Cabinet. At present, therefore, it is not deemed expedient to ask the Board of Technical Education for an expression of its views with reference thereto.
- (9.) Court-house at Wilcannia:—*Mr. Fitzgerald*, for *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Who was the contractor who made the twelve forms for the Court-house at Wilcannia, supplied by the Colonial Architect on the requisition of the Sheriff of 30th April, 1886?
 (2.) Where were these forms made?
 (3.) What was the cost of them?
 (4.) How were they sent to Wilcannia?
 (5.) What was the cost of sending them there?
 (6.) What were the rail charges?
 (7.) What the carriage by land?
Mr. Burns answered,—
 (1.) Hudson Brothers (Limited)—annual contractors for furniture.
 (2.) Redfern.
 (3.) £14 15s., at contract rates, being 2s. 9d. per foot for cedar forms, varnished as usually supplied to Court-houses.
 (4.) By rail and Wright, Heaton, & Co.
 (5.) £11 5s.
 (6.) £3.
 (7.) £8 5s.
- (10.) Court-house at Wilcannia:—*Mr. Fitzgerald*, for *Mr. J. P. Abbott*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to pay the claim of *Mr. C. C. Wagenknecht*, of Wilcannia, of £8 14s. for forms supplied to the Court-house by him in April, 1886; if so, when?
 (2.) In paying the account, will interest be allowed for the length of time the money has been unpaid?
Mr. Burns answered,—
 (1.) I am informed that the amount was paid by the Treasury to-day to the bank, to be placed to the credit of *Mr. Wagenknecht*.
 (2.) I cannot promise that this will be done, as it is not usual to pay interest on accounts.
- (11.) Conditional Purchases, &c., taken up in the Districts of Parkes and Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) The total area of land and number of selections or conditional purchases taken up in the district of Parkes during the last three years respectively?
 (2.) Number of acres sold annually by auction?
 (3.) Number of acres conditionally leased under sections 48, 54, and 52, of Crown Lands Act?
 (4.) The total annual land revenue or receipts during the last five years?
 (5.) The estimated area of unalienated land?
 (6.) The same information with regard to the district of Forbes?
 (7.) The same information with regard to Molong district, comprising counties of Ashburnham, Gordon, and Wellington?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay upon the Table, this afternoon, a Return giving the required information.
- (12.) Public Buildings in Towns of Forbes and Parkes:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Will he state (approximately) the amount of public money that has been expended in the erection of the new post and telegraph office, the gaol, and other public buildings, in the town of Forbes, during the last five or ten years?
 (2.) The same information with regard to the expenditure of public money for public buildings in the town of Parkes?
Mr. Burns answered,—I will lay upon the Table of the House a Return giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member.
- (13.) Railway from Orange to Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that on the railway from Orange to Molong, a distance of 22 miles, the engine, engineer, fireman, and guard, have to remain idle from the time the train arrives daily at Molong, at 7:30 a.m., until 6 o'clock p.m., a period of 10½ hours?
 (2.) Would the same rolling stock, engine, engineer, fireman, and guard, be sufficient also to work the extension of the line to Parkes, a distance of 50 miles, and what would be the consequent gain to the Department?
 (3.) Would the extension of the line from a point south on the Molong line (13 miles from Molong) at Borenore to Forbes, *via* Cudal, incur the necessity of running an additional train, *viz.*, one train daily from Borenore to Forbes, *via* Cudal, and one to Molong as at present?
 (4.) What would be the annual loss to the railway revenue to keep up these two sets of lines and trains, engine, engineer, fireman, and guard?
Mr. Burns answered,—
 (1.) No; these men run an extra train from Molong to Orange and back and also any special trains required for live stock. The driver pumps all the water required for the engine at Molong, and the fireman cleans the engine while standing there.
 (2.) No; the same engine-driver and fireman could not work the extension to Parkes.
 (3.) Yes.
 (4.) With almost immaterial exception, the same number of men would be required in either case.

- (14.) Mr. Giles, Police Magistrate, Bombala :—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has the Police Magistrate of Bombala been absent from his district in Sydney; if so, how long?
 - (2.) Has that gentleman been acting as a Police Magistrate for any other Stipendiary Magistrate in Sydney; if so, for how long a period has he so acted?
 - (3.) Has the Police Magistrate been frequently absent from his district (Bombala), and for what length of time has he been absent on each occasion?
 - (4.) Does he consider it is necessary to have a Police Magistrate at Bombala?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes; since the early part of January last.
 - (2.) Yes; Mr. Giles has been acting as Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate during the absence through illness of Mr. T. K. Abbott, S.M., from the 11th April to 8th June, 1888.
 - (3.) I am not aware that Mr. Giles has been frequently absent from his district as Police Magistrate, though his duties as Mining Warden necessitate his occasional absence from head-quarters.
 - (4.) Yes; but the office of Police Magistrate at Bombala is now held in conjunction with that of Mining Warden, and salary is provided in respect of the latter office only.
- (15.) Mr. Park, Chief Commissioner of Land Court, Hay :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all charges and complaints made by conditional purchasers and other persons against Mr. Park, Chief Commissioner of the Hay Land Court, and cause the said papers to be printed, for the information of Members of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is no objection whatever to laying these papers upon the Table

- (16.) Railway, Hornsby to North Shore :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many accidents of a serious character have occurred during the construction of the Hornsby to North Shore railway?
 - (2.) Have the contractors paid the hospital authorities for the maintenance of any wounded persons sent to them for treatment; or were such persons received into the hospitals under authority of a Colonial Secretary's order?

Mr. Burns answered,—There is no information in the possession of the Department of Works with reference to the number of accidents which have occurred on the North Shore railway, nor of the amounts paid by the contractors to the hospital authorities for maintenance of injured persons.

- (17.) Island at Entrance of Gores Bay :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that an island several acres in extent, at the entrance to Gores Bay, in Sydney Harbour, has been connected by a sea-wall with the mainland, and the same alienated from the Crown?
 - (2.) Who are the present owners of this island, and by what title do they hold it?
 - (3.) Will he cause inquiry to be made into this matter, with the view to taking steps to have any rights the public may have with regard to this valuable property protected?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Department for Lands :—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) David Berry; and the title is a grant to E. Woolstonecraft, of 524 acres, dated 30th June, 1825.
- (3.) The public have no rights in regard of this property.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Brigade Office Accounts, &c.
 - (2.) By-law of the Borough of Cudgegong.
 - (3.) Additional Regulations of the Tamworth Fire Brigades Board, under Fire Brigades Act 1884.
 - (4.) Annual Returns under the Real Property Act for 1887.
 - (5.) Return to an Order made on the 14th June, 1888—"Outbreak of Fever at Glenduart, Moruya."
 - (6.) Return to an Order made on the 24th April, 1888—"Deaths under Chloroform."
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Letter from Mr. F. B. Gipps, C.E., dated 5th July, 1888, as an Appendix to Return respecting Kenny Hill and Potts' Hill Reservoir Schemes.
 - (2.) Return showing Expenditure on Public Buildings in towns of Forbes and Parkes.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on the 12th June, 1888—"Bowral Railway Station."

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on the 27th June, 1888—"Noxious Weeds in the District of Richmond River."
 - (2.) Return respecting Mineral Lands held by Mr. Garrett, now Minister for Lands.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. CHARGES AGAINST SURVEYOR LUCAS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. McElhone, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, correspondence, papers, &c., in reference to charges against Surveyor Lucas of misappropriation of public or other money, which led to his being suspended or dismissed from the Public Service. Question put and passed.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Sir Henry Parkes*, for Mr. Garrett, moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884, in respect to the fencing of conditional purchases and conditional leases," through all its stages in one day. Question put and passed.

- *5. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next :—
- (1.) Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (2.) Totalizator Legalizing Bill ; second reading.
 - (3.) Legal Practitioners Bill ; second reading.
 - (4.) Farramatta Municipal Quarries Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
 - (5.) Parramatta Church-street Amended Alignment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
 - (6.) Sydney Hydraulic Power Company's Bill, to be further considered in Committee.
6. **LAND TAX BILL** :—Mr. Alfred Allen presented a Petition from Jno. C. Neild, Mayor, for and on behalf of the Borough Council of Woollahra, representing that the provisions of the Land Tax Bill are manifestly inequitable, as under them lands held in fee simple, on which are erected Town Halls and Municipal Council Chambers, are exempt, while no such exemption is made in respect of lands where the Council's ownership is a leasehold one, and that small leaseholds are taxed, while comparatively large freeholds are exempt from taxation ; and praying the House to take the representations into favourable consideration, and grant such relief as to the House may seem fit. At the request of Mr. Allen, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
7. **THE SPEAKER** :—Mr. Speaker stated that during the discussion of the motion standing first on the Business Paper, which was couched in language personal to himself; he proposed, with the concurrence of the House, to leave the Chair, and allow it to be taken by the Chairman of Committees, as Deputy-Speaker.
And no objection being taken,—
Mr. Speaker retired, and the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
The Deputy-Speaker called upon the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland, Mr. Buchanan, to move the Motion standing in his name,—
Whereupon Mr. Buchanan submitted, as a Point of Order, that Mr. Speaker had unlawfully and unconstitutionally left the Chair, in defiance of the Standing Order No. 2.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker entered the House, and took the Chair.
Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the assertion and vindication of the most valued rights of this Assembly, he deems it his imperative duty to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is essentially necessary for the preservation of those rights, and in the interests of good order and the proper conduct of the business of this Assembly, that our Chairman or Speaker should thoroughly understand the nature and character of the office he holds, and the duties that attach to it.
 - (2.) That the present occupant of the office of Speaker of this Assembly fails to give satisfaction to its Members, and is deficient in that clear and precise knowledge of Parliamentary law and practice which is an essential requisite in any gentleman holding the high office alluded to.
 - (3.) That the frequent, frivolous, irritating, uncalled for, as well as unasked and wrongful interference by the Speaker with Honorable Members in the course of debate, is in itself disorder, and has been the direct cause of much disorder of late, while greatly impeding the business of this honorable House.
- Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 5.
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Dawson.
Tellers.
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Walker.

Noes, 55.
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. See,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Riley,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Street,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Withers,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Ives,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Penzer,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. W. J. Allen,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Cameron.
Tellers,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Alfred Allen.

And so it passed in the negative.

* The Resolutions for the postponement of these Orders of the Day were rescinded. [See Votes and Proceedings, No. 114, entry 5.]

And

And it being after Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence under Sessional Order adopted on 25th April, 1888.

8. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Land Business in the Districts of Parkes, Forbes, and Molong, during the years 1885, 1886, and 1887 respectively.

(2.) Return (*in completion*) to an Order made on the 7th June, 1888—"Teralba Coal-mining Reserve."

Ordered to be printed.

9. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Inglis 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. Inglis, 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. Inglis (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

10. CROWN LANDS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT 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 the Crown Lands Act of 1884, in respect to the fencing of conditional purchases and conditional leases.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 Crown Lands Act of 1884, in respect to the fencing of conditional purchases and conditional leases.

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

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY, 1888, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 114.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Silver Ore carried by Railway:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What quantity of silver ore has been carried by rail during each month, for the year ending 30th June, from the Queensland border and the several intermediate stations respectively, to Newcastle, Morpeth, and Sydney respectively?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

- (2.) Paris Exhibition:—*Mr. Stokes*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any application been made to the Government to incur the expense of the Colony being represented at the forthcoming Paris Exhibition?

(2.) If so, will the Government give Parliament an opportunity to express an opinion on the subject before committing the Colony to the expense?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As yet the Government have not had under consideration the question of the intended Exhibition at Paris, and I am not in a position to make any statement in respect to it.

- (3.) Prospect Water Supply Works—Messrs. Mills & Shand:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have the contractors for the water supply at Prospect—Mills & Shand—any right to charge people residing there 2s., and in some cases 3s., per week for erecting houses, where they are all camped on a Government reserve?

(2.) If not, will he inquire into the matter, and see that justice is done?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The contractors have furnished the following explanation in reference to this matter, but my honorable colleague, the Minister for Works, informs me that he will have the case further inquired into. Messrs. Mills & Shand have no personal interest in the land. Some time back the Health Board advised that a better site should be obtained as a camp ground. The only one complying with the conditions required had to be rented, and is held under lease to a Board appointed by the Government, and to cover the charge incurred a rental of from 1s. to 3s. per week was charged—the lower price to workmen, the higher to storekeepers, who occupy the township lots laid out by the Government. This money is used solely to pay rent and keeping camp clean.

- (4.) Customs Duties:—Mr. See asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the separate items and amounts of Customs collection for each article, aggregated in the lines of so called specific duties, as follows:—(1) For the year ending 30th June, 1887, £377,716 6s. 6d; (2) for the year ending 30th June, 1888, £377,256 16s. 9d.?

(2.) Will he cause the future Comparative Statements of Revenue to include the separate items and receipts for each article now included under the head of Specific Duties.

Mr. Burns answered,—I shall be glad to furnish the information asked for by the Honorable Member in the course of next week.

(5.) Imports and Exports between South Australia and New South Wales :—Mr. See asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount of Customs Revenue received on imports from South Australia for the years ending June, 1886, June, 1887, June, 1888, respectively ?

(2.) The total value of goods imported from South Australia by way of Cockburn for the periods above-named ?

(3.) The total value of all exports from New South Wales to South Australia by way of Cockburn for the like periods ?

Mr. Burns answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be laid upon the Table as a Return during next week.

(6.) Strathfield Railway Station :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make a subway under the four lines of rails at the Strathfield Railway Station ?

(2.) Is it a fact that there have already been two men killed there during the past few months; and where three trains from different quarters are often seen to come in together, is not the danger in crossing very great ?

(3.) If it is the intention of the Government to construct this subway, will the work be commenced at once ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The necessity for a subway at Strathfield has already been recognized. I visited the place on the 18th ultimo to inquire into the matter, and then directed that this work should be carried out as early as possible. The necessary plans will be ready in about a week's time, and no delay will be allowed to take place in proceeding with the work.

(7.) Phylloxera in the County of Cumberland :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to adopt any measures to arrest the rapid spread of the phylloxera pest in the county of Cumberland ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A Bill was passed into law a short time back amending the Act regulating this subject, and I have no doubt whatever but that it has been carried out. There is a Board appointed under the Principal Act who, I assume, are carrying out the Act as amended; but I will make special inquiry during the next day or two.

(8.) Publicans' Licenses, Districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—The number of publicans' licenses granted in the districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Molong during the year 1887, and the amount of revenue received from each respectively ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The number of publicans' licenses issued in the year 1887, and the revenue derived therefrom in the Licensing Districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Molong, were as follows :—Forbes: Number of licenses, 27; revenue, £780. Parkes: Number of licenses, 13; revenue, £360. Molong: Number of licenses, 33; revenue, £960.

(9.) Deposits, &c., in Savings Banks at Forbes, Parkes, and Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster General,—The number, amount of deposits, and balance at credit of depositors in the Savings Banks at Forbes, Parkes, and Molong respectively, on 31st December, 1886-7.

Mr. Roberts answered,—

Savings Bank Deposits.

Office.	1886.			1887.		
	No.	Amount.	Credit Balance, 31st December.	No.	Amount.	Credit Balance, 31st December.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Forbes	270	1,631 12 6	2,601 11 6	326	1,449 4 2	2,868 5 5
Parkes	153	1,216 1 3	2,564 16 10	205	1,093 11 0	2,841 11 8
Molong... ..	215	1,014 9 7	888 5 7	204	1,058 14 0	1,285 15 11

(10.) Public Money spent in Forbes and Parkes :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount of public money that has been paid to the Municipalities of Forbes and Parkes respectively since May, 1883, including endowments and special grants of every description ?

(2.) How much public money has been paid to Government officers annually in Forbes and Parkes respectively since January, 1884 ?

Mr. Burns answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be laid upon the Table as a Return. I hope to lay it upon the Table on Tuesday.

(11.) Number of Horses, Cattle, &c., Electoral Districts of Forbes and Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The number of horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs in the Electoral District of Forbes for the years ending 31st December, 1886-7 ?

(2.) The same information with regard to the Electoral District of Molong ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The Returns published by the Government Statist, are as follows :—Forbes, 4,374 horses, 13,989 cattle, 1,694,018 sheep, 2,546 pigs Molong, 6,747 horses, 11,605 cattle, 363,250 sheep, 5,155 pigs.

- (12.) Number of Miners' Rights and Business Licenses, Districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Molong :—
Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines.—The number of miners' rights and business licenses taken out in the districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Molong respectively during the year 1887?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Forbes, 243 miners' rights, and 15 business licenses; Parkes, 378 miners' rights, and 13 business licenses; Molong, 52 miners' rights, business licenses, nil.

- (13.) Railway Line, Molong to Parkes :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that on the line from Molong to Parkes, at Bumberry, an abundant supply of first-class hardwood timber, fit for railway sleepers and the erection of all necessary bridges, can be obtained adjoining the line, and sufficient to construct the line all the way to Wilcannia?

(2.) In the letting of a contract for the extension from Molong to Parkes, would the facility of obtaining an abundant supply of sleepers and necessary timber for the erection of culverts not enable a contractor to undertake such work at a considerably cheaper rate per mile than if the sleepers and timber were obtained from a distance?

(3.) Would the same cheapness and facilities for obtaining a supply of suitable sleepers and timber necessary for the erection of bridges, &c., occur on the Borenore-Forbes line?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) It is believed that good timber is procurable on both routes. It is not probable that timber would be taken from near Parkes to Wilcannia, a distance of over 300 miles, either for bridges or sleepers.

(2 and 3.) The advantages with respect to timber are understood to be about equal.

- (14.) Training Institutions for Teachers :—Mr. Walker, for Mr. Fitzgerald, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Does the circular issued by the Department of Public Instruction on the 11th June, 1888, in reference to "Training Institutions for Teachers," apply to the pupil-teachers who had partly completed their four years term of service prior to that date?

(2.) If so, does he intend to repudiate the original contract or agreement, implied or expressed, under which these pupil-teachers were to be received into the Training Schools, and are they to be paid at the rate of £6 per month during the period of training?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No contract or agreement as that indicated ever existed: only those pupil-teachers were admitted to the Training Schools who would be likely to profit most by a course of training, and for whose services the Department had need. The same course will be followed in future. Only those students of the Fort-street Training School who gain admission on full scholarships will be paid £6 a month.

- (15.) Government Printing Office :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Superintendent of the Government Printing Office has been on several occasions reported to the Government Printer by various employes of that Department?

(2.) If so, what have been the nature of the complaints, and has anything been done to remove the grounds for dissatisfaction?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Government Printer that one formal complaint only has been received by him; and that a few verbal complaints have also been made to him by some of the employes of alleged objectionable treatment.

(2.) The formal complaint was made by the Readers, and had relation to alleged improper remarks of the Superintendent respecting the work performed by the Reading Branch, in which case the action of the Superintendent was upheld by the Government Printer.

- (16.) Electric Telegraph Department :—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Superintendent of Telegraphs has recently recommended that upwards of 200 tons of galvanized iron telegraph wire should be purchased in England for use by the Telegraph Department of this Colony; if so, what is the exact quantity recommended to be purchased?

(2.) Is it a fact that he has suggested that £20 per ton will be a reasonable price to pay for this wire in England?

(3.) Have instructions been forwarded to the Agent-General to purchase galvanized iron telegraph wire, in accordance with such recommendations; if so, on what date, and what is the amount of money (if any) remitted to him to pay for this wire?

(4.) Is it his intention to give opportunity to persons in the Colony to supply the wire required by the Telegraph Department?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The Superintendent of Telegraphs recommended the purchase by tender in England, through the Agent-General, of 160 tons of galvanized iron telegraph wire.

(2.) No; the estimated cost of the iron wire—including freight, &c., landed in Sydney—was £15 per ton.

(3.) Instructions have been forwarded to the Agent-General to call for tenders for the supply of this wire in accordance with these recommendations. The letter covering the despatch for the Agent-General was sent to the Colonial Secretary's Department on 25th May last. No amount has yet been remitted to the Agent-General, but it is proposed to forward a letter of credit for £3,100.

(4.) No; because I am informed that it is not manufactured in the Colony.

- (17.) Cable Communication with Europe :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the present very serious interruption of the cable communication with Europe, the great loss such entails on commercial enterprise, and the serious dangers that might arise to these Colonies by their dependence on one line of communication—which has been several times interrupted—

interrupted—proceeding across many foreign countries that might prove hostile in time of war, will the Government take into their consideration the proposal made by the Canadian Pacific Cable Company to the Postal Conference in January last, for a direct line of communication from Great Britain to Australia, across the Atlantic to Halifax (Dominion of Canada), to Vancouver (British Territory); thence across the Pacific to Australia, *via* Honolulu, Fiji, and the Australian Colonies?

(2.) The Imperial Government having commenced the survey of the route between New Zealand and Vancouver for this purpose—which, if unassisted, will take a considerable time—will the Government of this Colony take steps, in conjunction with the Governments of the other Colonies, to further and expedite the survey by the employment of additional surveying ships?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government have not had under consideration the expediency of taking up the construction of this submarine cable, nor will they take any step of the kind without first consulting Parliament.

(18.) Electric Light Apparatus purchased by the Government:—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—What is the reason that his promise, made in this House on the 14th June, that the Return relative to "Electric Light Apparatus purchased by the Government should be laid upon the Table on Tuesday next," has not yet been fulfilled?

Mr. Roberts answered,—It was hoped that the Return referred to would have been completed by the Tuesday following the 14th June, but it was found impossible to finish the work by that time. The Return is still incomplete, because it has not been possible, unless current work was laid aside, to prepare the copies required. I have, however, directed that every possible haste shall be exercised in the completion of this Return.

(19.) Polytechnic College:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the gravest apprehensions are entertained by members of the Sydney University as to the outcome of the scheme detailed by him in the last Annual Report of his Department for the establishment of a Polytechnic College; and has he officially and definitely obtained an opinion on the project from the Senate of the Sydney University?

(2.) If not, will he do so, and place such opinion upon the Table of this House in time for it to be considered by Members before the recess?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) As already stated by me to the House yesterday, the whole question of carrying on the work of Technical Education to the best advantage is still under the consideration of the Cabinet. In view of this fact, it is not deemed expedient, at present, to obtain the opinion of the Senate of the University on the subject.

(20.) The Official History of New South Wales:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total estimated cost of printing and binding the "Official History of New South Wales," edited by G. B. Barton, Ministerial authority for which (being executed at the Government Printing Office) has been given?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have given directions for the preparation of an estimate showing the cost of editing, printing, and binding this work, and also an estimate of the probable results of the sale of the work when it is ready for issue.

(21.) Water Supply to Railway Station, Albury:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the first cost of the pipes and machinery for the water supply to the railway station, Albury?

(2.) What was the cost of laying the pipes and the cost of the erection of the machinery?

(3.) What is the annual cost of the said water supply to the railway station, Albury?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) First cost, £365, exclusive of pipes, these having been taken from other stations where they were no longer required.

(2.) £205.

(3.) About £150 per annum, or with interest on capital added, 7d. a thousand gallons.

(22.) Express Goods Train:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has another breakdown occurred with the express goods train at or near Gunning?

(2.) How many breakdowns have occurred to this train since it has been running?

(3.) What has been the total loss to the Department of these breakdowns, including claims for goods destroyed and damaged, breakages, and labour employed in the wreckage?

(4.) Has this train been run at a loss or profit; and what is the amount of such loss or profit?

(5.) Do the newspapers carried by this train pay freight; and, if so, how much does such freight amount to per day?

(6.) Is it to the benefit of the railways to run goods trains at the speed this train is run at?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes; the axle of a "C" van broke at Gunning, on Friday, the 8th instant.

(2.) Two; and both from the same cause.

(3.) It is not possible to give this information at present, as the claims are not yet all settled; some are disputed.

(4.) The train has been run at a considerable profit. It is invariably fully loaded, and is, indeed, a good revenue-earning train; but it would be a work of great magnitude to ascertain what the exact profit amounts to.

(5.) Yes; the amount varies according to the weight of parcels carried, and last year the total railway earnings for newspaper parcels generally was £1,569.

(6.) It is more expensive to run trains at high speed than at slow speed; but, notwithstanding this, it is sometimes beneficial to run trains at high speed.

2. CHINESE RESTRICTION AND REGULATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 72.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the 'Influx of Chinese Restriction Act of 1881'; to provide for the protection of the Colony from the disturbances and national dangers of Chinese immigration; to provide specially for the regulation of Chinese at present resident within the Colony; and to indemnify the Government for all acts done by Executive or Ministerial authority in relation to Chinese immigrants, or vessels carrying such immigrants, since the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight,*"—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, 11th July, 1888.

3. TERALBA COAL-MINING RESERVE:—Mr. J. P. Abbott (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Abbott be discharged from the Committee on the Teralba Reserve, and that the name of Sir Henry Parkes be substituted.
Question put and passed.
4. ELECTORATES OF THE GWYDIR AND INVERELL BOUNDARIES AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Moore presented a Petition from certain Residents of Little Plain, near Inverell, stating that the Petitioners have, by reason of the inclusion of their names on the Electoral Roll of the Electoral District of Inverell, been in the habit of voting as electors for that District; that they desire to be included within the boundaries of the said District; and praying the House to pass the Electorates of the Gwydir and Inverell Boundaries Amendment Bill.
Petition received.
5. POSTPONEMENTS RESCINDED:—Mr. J. P. Abbott (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Resolutions of the House fixing Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for Friday next be rescinded.
Question put and passed.
6. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAYS (*Formal Motions*):—
- (1.) Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Friday be a sitting day of this House, that the House meet at three o'clock p.m., and that General Business take precedence of Government Business on that day.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) 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, that the House meet at three o'clock p.m., and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.
Question put and passed.
7. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Inglis, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Inglis then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to make better provision for Mining on Church and School Lands.*"
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 make better provision for Mining on Church and School Lands,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th July, 1888.
8. PUBLIC WHARF AT WATSON'S BAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all papers relating to the leasing of the public wharf at Watson's Bay.
Question put and passed.
9. PATENTS LAW AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Patents Law Amendment Act."
Question put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—
- (1.) Parramatta Municipal Quarries Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
- (2.) Parramatta Church-street Amended Alignment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
11. CEMETERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. J. P. Abbott.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—
- (1.) Municipal Loans Bill; second reading.
- (2.) Cooma Church of England Lands Sale Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
- (3.) Goulburn and Tuena Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

13. STATE HOUSE—HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, discharged.
14. COUNSEL'S FEES TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, discharged.
15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Waddell rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "in order to draw attention to the action of the Government with reference to the "refund of abatements in rents in cases where Crown lessees have appealed and the rent has been "reduced."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Waddell moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
16. BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
(1.) Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Bankruptcy Act, 1887."
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Clarke then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Bankruptcy Act, 1887,'*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
17. PROPERTY TAX BILL:—Mr. McMillan presented a Petition from the Managers of the various Banking Companies transacting business in New South Wales, in opposition to the passing of this Bill, on the ground that it contains several clauses which the Petitioners think will press unjustly upon the said Banks; and that the Bill as drawn is oppressive, unequal, and would be most disastrous to the country if passed into law; and praying that the House will cause such amendments to be made therein as will give the relief sought by the Petitioners.
At the request of Mr. McMillan, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
18. CROWN LANDS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' in respect of fencing Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leases,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the day.
19. LAND TAX BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Abigail moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Neild 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 'clauses 1, 2, and 15.'"
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 negatived.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted.
Mr. Burns moved, That the proposed amendment be amended, by the omission of the words, "clauses 1, 2, and 15," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "clause 59."
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Fletcher,	
Mr. McElhone,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. W. J. Allen,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Mcville,	
Mr. Sec.	

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Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Woodward,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Henson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Street	Mr. Bruncker.
Mr. Wise,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 59,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Burns, 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° with a further amendment.

Mr. Burns moved (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now adopted.

Point of Order:—Mr. Neild submitted that the amendment which inserted the word "Government" before "Railways" in clause 2, sub-section III, made by a Member other than a Minister, and without the direct or indirect sanction of the Crown, increased the burdens of the people, and was therefore out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment referred to, in his opinion, made the meaning of the clause clear, and had not the effect attributed to it.

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

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

20. CROWN LANDS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT 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 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,—

THURSDAY, 12 JULY, 1888, A.M.

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

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the report was adopted.

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

21. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
22. TERALBA COAL-MINING RESERVE—Mr. McElhone (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return (*in completion*) to an Order—"Teralba Coal-mining Reserve"—laid upon the Table on the 10th July, 1888, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
Question put and passed.
23. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 115.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 JULY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Electric Telegraph Department:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Are both the cables at present suspended on the telephonic frieze in George-street of the same kind, or is one a portion of that supplied by Callender's Company and the other a part of that obtained from the India-rubber and Gutta-percha Telegraph Company?

(2.) Has either cable so failed to be equal to its work as to have necessitated its being replaced at the street crossings by 4 miles of insulated gutta-percha wire?

(3.) How many crossings are there in the course of the frieze-work, and at how many of them did the cable require to be replaced by the insulated wire?

(4.) Has he asked for an explanation of the cause of the imperfect insulation of one of these cables which has necessitated its being replaced at the street crossings?

(5.) If not, will he do so, and will he, on its receipt, lay it upon the Table for the information of the House?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) One cable is a portion of that supplied by the Callender Company, the other is a part of the India-rubber Company's cable.

(2.) It was found that the gutta-percha covered wire, which has a larger section of dielectric, maintained a higher insulation resistance than the cables; and being on that account more suitable for the underground pipes, where there is always a great deal of moisture, it was used to replace the cable at the street crossings.

(3.) There are eight crossings in the course of the frieze-work, and at all of them the cable has been replaced by insulated wire.

(4.) The insulation of the cables is perfect, except as regards the damp underground pipes. This is probably due to the dielectric of the cable being somewhat too thin to keep out moisture that is constantly present.

(5.) Answered by previous question.

- (2.) Trustees of Association Cricket Ground:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the trustees of the Association Cricket Ground gave the members of Shaw and Shrewsbury's English cricket team, when they were here, a picnic down the harbour, providing steam-launch, the best of wines, cigars, &c., and fishing boats for netting purposes, &c., and that the trustees of the cricket ground have charged the whole of the expenses of the same to the trust funds obtained from the use of the cricket ground?

(2.) What was the total cost of the said picnic, including hire of steamer, boats, wines, &c.?

(3.) Is it usual for the trustees of public or semi-public places to use the trust funds for the above purposes?

(4.) What is the total cost of all picnics, wines, spirits, and all other refreshments, paid for by the trustees of the above cricket ground out of the trust funds since they were appointed?

(5.) What amount of money was voted on the Estimates for the cricket ground?

(6.) What amount of money did the various cricket clubs pay to the trustees towards making the cricket ground?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Department for Lands:—

(1.) Yes; the whole of the expense having been defrayed by the trustees and the Ground Committee, no portion being charged to the trust funds.

(2.) The trustees decline to state. I ought to explain that they simply decline to state anything about their own expenditure out of their own fund.

(3.) The trustees are unaware.

(4.)

(4.) Any expenditure in entertaining has been such as is inseparable from the management of an institution of the kind under the control of the trustees, and will be shown by a statement in course of preparation, which in due time will be published for general information.

(5.) £500, which was expended in forming approaches to the ground through Moore Park.

(6.) Nothing has been paid by cricket clubs, except the fees usually charged for the use of the ground. A sum of £784 3s. 3d., less £268 3s. 2d. paid on account of the New South Wales Cricket Association, was received from the New South Wales Cricket Association, and it was so paid during a period when the total expenses of intercolonial matches were defrayed from the funds at the disposal of the trustees.

(8.) Hawkesbury Railway Bridge:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the departmental estimate for the construction of the Hawkesbury railway bridge?

(2.) What is the price at which the contract was taken?

(3.) Who would be responsible for any difference between the estimate and the contract price?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No departmental estimate of the cost was ever prepared for the bridge now being erected over the Hawkesbury River.

(2.) £340,000.

(3.) I should look to the professional officer submitting the estimate to frame one which would be near the actual cost.

(4.) Protestant Hall, Dubbo:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have the Government leased the Protestant Hall at Dubbo for a Land Office or other purpose; if so, what is the rent per annum, and how many years have they leased it for?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes; a portion of the premises known as the Protestant Hall has been leased for Local Land Board, District Survey, and Crown Land Agent's Offices, at a rental of £230 per annum, for twelve months, with the right of renewal of lease.

(5.) Consolidated Revenue Fund:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he be good enough to state the total amount of the outstanding liabilities on account of Votes for the service of the year 1887 chargeable to the Consolidated Revenue Fund on 1st January last, Votes in aid of the Treasurer's Advance Account, and to be afterwards repaid, excluded?

Mr. Burns answered,—The unexpended balances of appropriations on 31st December, 1887, for services of the year 1887, exclusive of amounts on the Supplementary Estimates not yet included in the General Appropriation Act, amounted to £1,036,009 0s. 5d.

(6.) Treasurer's Advance Account:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total amount of cash paid from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the year 1887 in anticipation of Votes of Parliament covering the same?

Mr. Burns answered,—The total cash payments in anticipation of Votes of Parliament, during the year 1887, out of the Treasurer's Advance Accounts (which were available during that year to the extent of £400,000), were £375,056 5s. 2d.

(7.) Molong Railway Line:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The amount of Messrs. Cain & Co.'s tender or contract for the construction of the Molong line—the formation work only?

(2.) The cost of the permanent-way materials, signals, points, crossings, water-supply works, stations, sheds, and other buildings?

(3.) The estimated cost per mile by the Engineer-in-Chief, and which appeared in the Loan Estimate of 1881.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) £151,091 8s. 4d.

(2.) Permanent-way material, £24,917 6s. 2d.; signals, £419 16s.; points and crossings, £1,050 7s. 4d.; water-supply works, £1,868 7s. 6d.; stations, £9,936 2s. 7d.; other buildings, £4,018 3s. 3d.

(3.) The estimated cost for the whole distance, from Orange to near Forbes, *via* Molong, was £8,500 per mile.

(8.) Districts of Forbes and Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The number of holdings in the district of Forbes to 31st December, 1886-7?

(2.) The area or number of acres under cultivation?

(3.) The number of hands employed in agricultural and pastoral pursuits?

(4.) The area or number of acres of land enclosed?

(5.) The area or number of acres unenclosed?

(6.) The total area of holdings?

(7.) The total amount of land revenue received annually?

(8.) The same information with regard to the district of Molong?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Forbes, 482; Molong, 846.

(2.) Forbes, 8,323 acres; Molong, 35,557 acres.

(3.) Forbes—Agricultural, 739; pastoral, 433; total, 1,222. Molong—Agricultural, 1,355; pastoral 162; total, 1,517.

(4.) Forbes, 540,801 acres; Molong, 434,455 acres.

(5.) Forbes, 41,779 acres; Molong, 52,165 acres.

(6.) Forbes, 590,903 acres; Molong, 522,177 acres.

(7.) The information cannot be supplied.

(8.) See above.

The above information refers to the Electoral Districts of Forbes and Molong, and was obtained from the Government Statistician's returns to 31st December, 1887.

(9.) The Aborigines:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the aborigines at La Perouse are not allowed meat in their rations?
- (2.) Will he advise the Aborigines Board to allow them, wherever it can be supplied, the usual ration of bread or flour, meat, tea, and sugar, as allowed by station owners to persons in their employ?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that there are a number of young children in the aborigines' camp at La Perouse who feel the want of meat?
- (4.) Will he advise the Board to get the aborigines a boat at La Perouse, so that they can go out to fish, which at present they cannot do, as the bottom of their boat is broken in?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Chairman of the Aborigines Protection Board:—

- (1 and 3.) Meat is now included in the rations issued to the aborigines at La Perouse.
- (2.) Rations of flour, tea, and sugar have been always supplied.
- (4.) There is a good serviceable boat now in use at La Perouse for fishing purposes. At present there are only two aboriginal males at La Perouse, which number is insufficient to work the boat now at their disposal. One boat, through gross carelessness on the part of the owner (an aboriginal), was allowed to be wrecked last week.

(10.) Electric Telegraph Department:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. McElhone* asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Telegraph Department has recently sent to England to purchase upwards of 200 tons of galvanized iron telegraph wire?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the price recommended by the Superintendent of Telegraphs to be paid for this wire is over £20 per ton?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the last galvanized iron telegraph wire obtained in England for the Department, which was certified by *Mr. W. H. Preece*, of the English Post Office, to be of the best quality and equal to all requirements, was purchased at less than £11 a ton free on board in London?
- (4.) What is the amount of the letter of credit (if any) which has been forwarded to the Agent-General for the payment of this wire?
- (5.) Is it his intention to afford an opportunity for the supply of wire by persons in the Colony?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Similar questions to 1, 2, 4, and 5, were asked by the Honorable Member for Mudgee (*Mr. Wall*) yesterday. Perhaps the Honorable Member for the Upper Hunter (*Mr. McElhone*) will accept the replies then given as the answers to his questions of to-day. With regard to question No. 3, it is a fact that iron telegraph wire was purchased in England at less than £11 per ton free on board; and, although £15 per ton is set down as the estimated cost of the wire (about to be imported), landed here, it does not follow that the sum mentioned will be paid; and I venture to think that the Honorable Member will see, upon reflection, that in ordering goods from England it is desirable that the letter of credit should be of such an amount as to meet any possible rise in the market, especially when it is known that the prices for the goods required are constantly varying.

(11.) Runs held by the Messrs. White in Upper Hunter Electorate:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What are the names of the various runs held by the Honorable James, Frank, and Henry White, in the Upper Hunter Electorate?
- (2.) What is the rent fixed by the Local Land Board and the Minister for Lands in each case?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Upper Hunter Electorate is wholly within the Eastern Division of the Colony. The only runs (*i.e.*, pastoral holdings) in that division standing in the names of the Messrs. White, are Aberfoyle (No. 148), held by J. & F. White, and Mihi Creek (No. 152), held by F. R. White. In the case of Aberfoyle, the Board recommended 2d. per acre for the leasehold, and £5 6s. 8d. per section of 640 acres for the resumed area; the Minister fixed the rate at 3d. per acre for the leasehold, and £6 3s. 4d. per section of the resumed area. In the case of Mihi Creek the Board recommended 2d. per acre for the leasehold area, and £5 per section for the resumed area; the Minister fixed the rate at 4d. per acre for the leasehold, and £5 6s. 8d. per section of the resumed area.

(12.) The Civil Service:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many persons are there in the Civil Service at the present time who are entitled to a pension when they retire from the Service?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Civil Service Board that all the permanent salaried officers, and also those persons in receipt of wages who are contributors to the Superannuation Account, with over fifteen years' service, are entitled to a pension when they retire, subject to the provisions of the "Civil Service Act 1884."

(13.) Public School Accommodation, Borough of Alexandria:—*Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Stephen*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is there any Public School accommodation within the Borough of Alexandria; if so, where is it situated?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the erection of Public School buildings within the Borough of Alexandria; if so, when will they be commenced?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) There is no Public School actually within the Borough of Alexandria, but Macdonaldtown Public School is less than a quarter of a mile from the western boundary, and the Waterloo School faces the eastern boundary of the borough.

(2.) It is not intended at present to erect a Public School in Alexandria, inasmuch as the two schools already mentioned provide ample accommodation for children residing in that borough. Possibly however a school may be erected next year.

(14.) Alleged Sale of Statuary to present Government:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that any Member of the present Parliament has sold statuary to the present Government, either as a principal or an agent, for the sum of £1,300, or any other sum; if so, how much?

(2.) If so, who was the Member who sold it, and which member of the present Government bought it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I do not know any Member of Parliament who has done anything of the kind.

(2.) I do not know the Member, and I do not know the member of the present Government. I believe they both belong to that region far beyond the realm of this matter-of-fact world. I know nothing about it.

(15.) Moree Land Board:—*Mr. Stokes*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—On what grounds was *Mr. F. C. Lamotte*, who held the position for many years as member of the Moree Land Board, removed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The services of *Mr. Lamotte* were dispensed with for reasons of economy. His travelling expenses amounted to between £150 and £200 per annum; and by obtaining the services of a gentleman whose residence was less remote from Moree so large an expense was avoided.

(16.) Condobolin Land Board:—*Mr. Stokes* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it true that there is at the present time an accumulation of fifty or sixty land cases at Condobolin awaiting the decision of the Land Board, and much inconvenience caused thereby?

(2.) Will he make inquiry, with a view to ascertain if more frequent sittings are necessary?

(3.) In view of portion 114, area 301 acres 2 roods, being situated within the population area of the town of Condobolin, county of Cunningham, and required for public purposes, will he take steps towards withdrawing the same from sale, as requested by the residents of that town, by letter dated 27th ultimo?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am not in a position to state whether there is such an accumulation of work as that mentioned by the Honorable Member; but I will make immediate inquiry, and if more frequent sittings prove to be necessary, will give the necessary instructions therefor.

(3.) The letter in question did not come to hand until the 10th instant, but will receive attention so soon as I have an opportunity of considering the matter.

(17.) Mineral Lands held by *Mr. Garrett*:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has *Mr. Garrett* applied to convert any of his mineral permits under 28th or any other section of the Mining Act, particularly one in the vicinity of Newcastle, into a mineral lease; if so, which one?

(2.) Is it usual to adopt this course; and, in the case referred to, is he aware that *Mr. Garrett* has arranged with the proprietors of the Stockton Coal-mine to work the coal under the ocean at a royalty of 6d. or 4d. per ton?

(3.) Will he cite a case where mineral land has been taken up under the 28th section of the Mining Act and converted into a mineral lease; if so, who were the persons who had this privilege conferred on them?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Yes; permit No. 104, land under the Pacific Ocean.

(2.) It is expressly provided for in the Act 48 Vic., No. 10. It is known that the land is to be worked in connection with the Stockton Company's mine, but the conditions between *Mr. Garrett* and the company are not known.

(3.) Since the passing of the Act 48 Vic. No. 10, thirty applications to convert permits into leases have been lodged. The privilege was conferred on every person who held a permit in force on the date the Act was passed.

2. TERALBA COAL-MINING RESERVE:—*Sir Henry Parkes* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Order for printing the Return to Order (*in completion*)—"Teralba Coal-mining Reserve"—laid upon the Table on 10th July, 1888, be rescinded.
Question put and passed.

3. MESSRS. HUGH McNEILL AND PARTY—MINERAL LEASE AT CAPTAIN'S FLAT:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, 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 24th April, 1888, together with Appendix.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4. MINING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abigail* 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 repeal and amend the Mining Laws, and to make better provision for the regulation of mining.
Question put and passed.

5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Sir Henry Parkes*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the provisions of the Electoral Act of 1830 in respect to the return of additional Members by Electoral Districts.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Sir Henry Parkes* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the provisions of the Electoral Act of 1830 in respect to the return of additional Members by Electoral Districts*,"—which was read a first time.

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

6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Gould, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until Tuesday next.*
 - (2.) Liverpool Church of England Grammar School Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*
 - (3.) Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Friday, 20th July.*
 - (4.) Totalizator Legalizing Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 20th July.*
 - (5.) Church of England Property Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—*until to-morrow.*
 - (6.) Sydney Hydraulic Power Company's Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until to-morrow.*
 - (7.) Grafton School of Arts Trustees Enabling Bill; third reading;—*until to-morrow.*
7. **PRECEDENCE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY OF GENERAL BUSINESS** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Orders of the Day of General Business shall take precedence of Motions on Fridays.
Question put and passed.
8. **PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS** :—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read, and (after Debate) postponed until Thursday, 26th July.
9. **LAND TAX BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abigail moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Henson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Toece,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Tonkin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Brunker.

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Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Stokes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Burdakin,	
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. W. J. Allen,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Kelly,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to impose a Land Tax, to establish an Authority to assess and collect such Tax, and to make other provisions in connection with such Tax.*"

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 impose a Land Tax, to establish an Authority to assess and collect such Tax, and to make other provisions in connection with such Tax,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

10. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend in certain respects the 'Government Railways Act of 1888,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1888.

- (2.) Silvertown Tramway Act Amending Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Silvertown Tramway Act of 1886,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

SILVERTOWN

SILVERTON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th July, 1888.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.Page 1, clause 2. *Omit* clause 2, *insert* the following new clause:—

“ 2. It shall be deemed to have been lawful for the parties authorized to make and construct
“ a tramway under the ‘Silvertown Tramway Act of 1886,’ to construct the said tramway, not only
“ as therein authorized, but also along Sturt-street, in the town of Silvertown.”

Page 2, clause 3. *Omit* clause 3, *insert* the following new clause:—

“ 3. In the construction of the said tramway, it shall be lawful to deviate from the line of
“ tramway described in the Schedule to the ‘Silvertown Tramway Act of 1886,’ and as herein
“ amended, on either side thereof, at any part thereof to a distance not exceeding one mile, but not
“ to any greater distance; and in consequence of such deviation, the said tramway line may be
“ increased in length to an extent of not more than one-tenth of the entire length of such tramway
“ line, as described in the said Schedule. This section shall be deemed to have been originally
“ contained in the said ‘Silvertown Tramway Act of 1886,’ and the said Act shall be read
“ accordingly.”

Page 2, Schedule. *Omit* the Schedule.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(3.) Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to legalize certain Conditional and other Purchases of Crown Land,*”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1888.JOHN HAY,
President.

CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 12th July, 1888.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.Page 9, Schedule A. At end of Schedule *add*—

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Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(4.) Companies Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled
“*An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act,’*”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying
Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1888.JOHN HAY,
President.

COMPANIES BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 12th July, 1888.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.Page 1, clause 3, line 15. *Omit* “and unissued capital”

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

11. BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Clarke, 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 an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Clarke (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

12.

Deviation in
construction of
Silvertown tram-
way validated.Deviation of
Silvertown tram-
way line.

12. **PROPERTY TAX 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 the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
13. **CROWN LANDS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Sullivan 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 consideration of a new clause."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Tece,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Leas,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Penzer,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Sec.	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Riley.
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Fletcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Creer,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Dowd,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. W. J. Allen,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Garran.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original 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 amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in respect of fencing Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leases.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved, 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 Crown Lands Act of 1884 in respect of fencing Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leases,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1888.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fletcher moved, That the following words be added to the Message:—"And this measure was conducted through this Assembly by the Colonial Secretary, in the absence of the Minister for "Lands."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and negatived.

Question then,—That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the Message,—put and passed.

14. **CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Vaughn.
Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Wilson,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Woodward.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 116.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 JULY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Supply of Water to Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many distributing reservoirs (or distributing and storage combined) are proposed for supply of Sydney and suburbs?

(2.) Where are they situated and at what height?

(3.) What is the capacity of each?

(4.) What is the amount expected to be available for daily supply from each, either for other reservoirs or for direct distribution?

(5.) How is each to be supplied—by gravitation or pumping?

(6.) If by gravitation, what is the maximum capability of supply-pipes?

(7.) If by pumping, from where, what height to be lifted, and maximum capability of pump and connections?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The information required by the Honorable Member is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(2.) Railway *viâ* Borenore:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Garland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The estimated cost of the proposed Borenore route of railway between Forbes and Long's Corner; also, of the portion thence to Borenore?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—From Forbes to Long's Corner, £226,712; from Long's Corner to Borenore, £139,038.

(3.) Marine Board:—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did the Marine Board, in the early part of 1887, submit to him for confirmation certain new Regulations, to wit, a Regulation making it compulsory on all persons requiring passenger certificates for harbour passenger steamers, after 1st September next, to construct in such steamers two bulk heads "sufficient to keep such steamers afloat in case of ordinary collision or other accident"; and another Regulation, rendering it compulsory that all "cabin and deck fittings of such harbour and passenger steamers shall be made of such material as will float"; and that "a plentiful supply of life-belts and life-buoys shall be distributed about the decks of such steamers"; and a further Regulation, limiting the speed of all steamers, "within Sydney Cove and within certain limits in Darling Harbour to 6 knots per hour."?

(2.) Were these proposed Regulations protested against in writing at the time by a large number of masters and owners of steamers, shipwrights, underwriters, and constant travellers by steamers, and by several Members of this House, experienced in nautical matters, as being impracticable, unnecessary, and injurious?

(3.) Did he then promise that he would withhold the Governor's Assent to such Regulations until he could reconstruct the Marine Board?

(4.) Did he, in the early part of this year, at the urgent request of the Marine Board, give the assent of the Government to these Regulations?

(5.) Has he, since giving assent to the Regulations, taken the opinion of the Attorney-General as to the power of the Marine Board to make such Regulations?

(6.) Did the Attorney-General give an opinion that the Marine Board has the power to make and enforce these Regulations?

(7.) Will he withdraw the Government approval to these Regulations, or is it his intention that they shall be enforced? (8.)

(8.) Why is it that these Regulations as to bulkheads "sufficient to keep vessels afloat in case of ordinary collision or other accident" are only intended to apply to "harbour passenger steamers," and not to steamers applying for limited coasting or other passenger certificates?

(9.) Did he promise last year that during this year he would introduce a Bill to reconstruct the Marine Board on a better elective basis?

(10.) Will he, during the recess, take steps to carry out any promises he may have made in this respect?

Mr. Burns answered,—I did not see these questions on the Business Paper until this afternoon. I desire to say that I shall not answer these questions until I have had an opportunity of reviewing the whole of the papers, which I shall not be able to do for some days. In the meanwhile, I do not admit any of the statements made in the questions which imply that I had made certain promises. However, I will ask the Honorable Member to postpone the questions until next Thursday, by which time I hope to be able to give him an answer on the whole case.

(4.) Alignment of Streets at Gladesville:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers in connection with the alignment of Bayview-terrace, Meriton-street, and Ashburton-place, at Gladesville, be forwarded to the Municipality of Ryde?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There are no papers which at present require to be sent to the Municipal Council of Ryde. The plans of the alignment of the streets named have been examined, and the case will shortly be ready for preliminary notification in the *Government Gazette*.

(5.) Erection of Wharf at Bourke:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the erection of a wharf at Bourke be commenced?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A wharf was erected at Bourke in 1887. There are no funds available for the erection of another wharf.

(6.) Railway Employés:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) Is it a fact that, notwithstanding the statement made to this House, several of the men employed on the Railways are working at 6s., 7s., and 7s. 6d. per day?

(2.) Is it his intention to increase the wages of the lowest grade to the maximum, and when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Any new hands employed—men without previous experience—are taken on the Probationary Staff, and paid 6s. per day for six months; if at the end of that time they are found to be efficient, they are paid 7s. per day. The minimum rate for men who have been previously employed is 7s. per day. If they are re-employed in positions, the minimum wages of which are above 7s., they are paid the minimum of the class they are in.

(7.) Proposed Field of Mars Tramway:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the route for the proposed Field of Mars tramway be decided upon by the Government?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The matter is now under the consideration of the Government.

(8.) Costs in Law Suits in which Crown is successful:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Neild*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Does the Crown claim or accept costs in law suits in which the Crown is the successful party?
(2.) If so, are such costs paid into the Consolidated Revenue, or how otherwise dealt with?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes; such costs are paid into the Treasury.

2. BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. William Clarke*, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the 'Bankruptcy Act, 1887.'*"

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 'Bankruptcy Act, 1887.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th July, 1888.*

3. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*)—on motion of *Mr. William Clarke*, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Appeals from Summary Convictions under the 'Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883' in certain cases.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Appeals from Summary Convictions under the 'Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883' in certain cases,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th July, 1888.*

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Fuel Bill postponed until Friday next.

5. PARRAMATTA MUNICIPAL QUARRIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. J. P. Abbott moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate continued.
 Question put and negatived.
 Original Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Taylor, 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. Taylor, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
6. PARRAMATTA CHURCH-STREET AMENDED ALIGNMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Taylor, 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. Taylor the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
7. MUNICIPAL LOANS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Day moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Day, 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 an amended Title.
 On motion of Mr. Day (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
8. COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Day 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. Day, 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. Day (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
9. GOULBURN AND TUENA TRAMWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stevenson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Burns moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate continued.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
10. CHURCH OF ENGLAND PROPERTY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Point of Order:—Mr. Haynes requested a ruling on the Point of Order whether this Bill, which originated in the Legislative Council as a Private Bill, should be permitted to pass as such, inasmuch as it amends and repeals certain Public Acts.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill, although introduced in the Council as a Private Bill, should, under the 69th Standing Order of this House, be proceeded with in all respects as a Public Bill, and that if any irregularities existed in its provisions the House itself should deal with them.
 Mr. Abigail moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.
 Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
 Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Barbour, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Day, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Ives, Mr. Jeanneret, Mr. Melville, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Roberts, Mr. See, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. Wall,—
 Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at two minutes after Eight o'clock, until Monday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 117.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 16 JULY, 1888.

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

QUESTION:—

- (1.) Water Supply to certain Suburbs:—Mr. Davis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the ground level of a large number of houses in Burwood, Ashfield, and Petersham is higher than the outflow of the water from Potts Hill?

(2.) If so, will the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply take steps to provide a water supply to these higher levels in the electorate of Canterbury, as they are doing in the electorate of St. Leonards, and as has been done in the electorate of Paddington?

(3.) Does the Board propose to levy a water-rate in respect of properties to which they cannot supply water?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Department for Public Works:—

(1.) For Ashfield there is a group of premises near the intersections of Victoria-street, Prospect Road, and Seaview-street, where the floor level is above the high-water at Potts Hill. About the Petersham reservoir, near the police station, the houses can receive a ground floor supply. At the intersection of the New and Old Canterbury Road, which is in the parishes of Petersham, Marrickville, and Ashfield, there is a small area where the supply will be precarious. On the Liverpool Road, Enfield, there is a small spot where the supply will also be precarious. Burwood can receive a good supply over the greater part.

(2.) A small scheme for the supply of these isolated localities is under consideration.

(3.) No premises which cannot receive a supply will be rated.

2. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF JAMES KENNEDY BROUGHAM, PARISH OF PICTON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Walker, for Mr. Chanter, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, correspondence, papers, &c., relating to the mineral conditional purchase taken up by James Kennedy Brougham, in the parish of Picton, county of Yancowenne, Albert Gold-fields.

Question put and passed.

3. PARRAMATTA MUNICIPAL QUARRIES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Hugh Taylor, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Taylor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to purchase or rent lands either within or without the Borough for use as Stone Quarries in connection with the Municipal Works within the said Borough, and to purchase lands within the said Borough for the purpose of amending the alignment of Church-street in the vicinity of Albert-street, and for the other purposes hereinafter 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 Council of the Borough of Parramatta to purchase or rent lands either within or without the Borough for use as Stone Quarries in connection with the Municipal Works within the said Borough, and to purchase lands within the said Borough for the purpose of amending the alignment of Church-street in the vicinity of Albert-street, and for the other purposes hereinafter 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.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th July, 1888.

4. PARRAMATTA CHURCH-STREET AMENDED ALIGNMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Hugh Taylor, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Taylor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to adopt and declare valid an amended alignment of Church-street in the Borough of Parramatta, and to authorize the Council of the said Borough to erect a public fountain and other buildings on land now part of said street, and for the other purposes hereinafter 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 adopt and declare valid an amended alignment of Church-street in the Borough of Parramatta, and to authorize the Council of the said Borough to erect a public fountain and other buildings on land now part of said street, and for the other purposes hereinafter 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.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th July, 1888.*

5. MUNICIPAL LOANS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable Municipal Corporations to borrow money, by way of mortgage, on land held or purchased for the erection of Town Halls or Municipal Chambers, and also to give, as security for any such Loan, the said land and any buildings already erected or hereafter to be erected upon such land.*"

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 Municipal Corporations to borrow money, by way of mortgage, on land held or purchased for the erection of Town Halls or Municipal Chambers, and also to give, as security for any such Loan, the said land and any buildings already erected or hereafter to be erected upon such land,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th July, 1888.*

6. COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize and empower Robert Dawson, the surviving Trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma, in the Colony of New South Wales, purchased from the Crown for the Church of England, at Cooma aforesaid, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds 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 authorize and empower Robert Dawson, the surviving Trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma, in the Colony of New South Wales, purchased from the Crown for the Church of England, at Cooma aforesaid, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds 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.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th July, 1888.*

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

(1.) District Government Bill; second reading;—*until Monday next.*

(2.) Sydney Hydraulic Power Company's Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Friday next.*

8. MINING BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abigail, 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 repeal and amend the Mining Laws, and to make better provision for the Regulation of Mining.

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 repeal and amend the Mining Laws, and to make better provision for the Regulation of Mining.

On motion of Mr. Abigail, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Abigail then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal and amend the Mining Laws, and to make better provision for the Regulation of Mining,*"—which was read a first time.

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

9. PAPER:—Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on the 16th May, 1888, "*Formation of Street north of the General Post Office.*" (*As an Exhibit only.*)

10. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT 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.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. See,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Riley.
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Jeanneret,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henson,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Garland.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Fletcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	
Mr. Woodward,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. W. J. Allen,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Stevenson.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

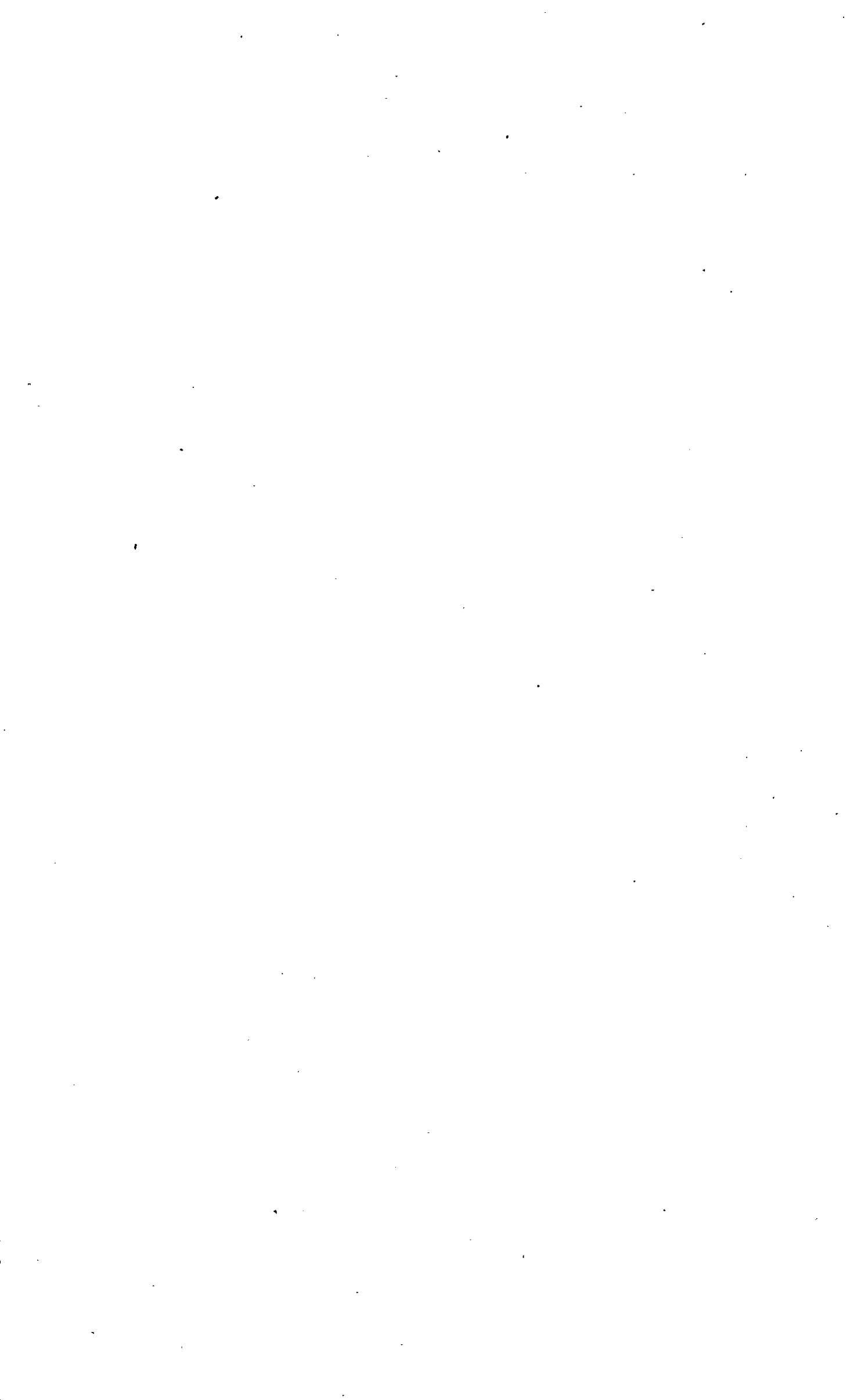
And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 17 JULY, 1888, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 118.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 JULY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Railways of New South Wales:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What average return upon capital have the railways of New South Wales paid for the past ten years, as shown by latest published reports?
- (2.) What rate of interest, based on the last published reports, would the New South Wales railways have earned had they not been encumbered with the loss sustained on the non-productive lines, such as Mudgee, Hay, and Jerilderie branch?
- (3.) Can he state what average return upon capital the railways of America have paid for the past ten years, according to published reports?
- (4.) Can he give similar information regarding the railways of the United Kingdom?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) 4·13 per cent.
- (2.) 4·35 per cent.
- (3.) 4·42 per cent. on cost of construction; but there are other expenses which would decrease this return to investors.
- (4.) 4·21 per cent.

- (2.) *Quan's Selection, North Arm, Tweed River*:—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a person named *Quan* selected land on North Arm of the Tweed River, about the end of 1885, and that selection was not approved of for two-and-a-quarter years afterwards?
- (2.) If such delay did take place, will he inform the House the reason for it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) A person named *Quan* applied in December, 1885, for a conditional purchase in the locality named, and his application was not confirmed until March last.
- (2.) As the papers relating to the purchase are in the hands of the Local Board Officers, it is not possible to give the information desired. The Chairman at Grafton will, however, be called upon to report the circumstances.

- (3.) *Railway Line to Condobolin*:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The name of the engineer who asserts that it would cost £1,266 7s. more per mile to construct a railway from *Molong* to *Condobolin*, *via Parkes*, than it would cost to construct a similar line from *Borenore*, *via Forbes*, to same place?
- (2.) How many trains, in addition to the regular morning mail train, were run weekly between *Orange* and *Molong*?
- (3.) How many gallons of water were consumed daily by the locomotive engine whilst standing idle at *Molong*?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The Engineer-in-Chief reports that an error was made through a discrepancy contained in the papers from which the information was obtained. The assumed average cost per mile of a railway between *Molong* and *Condobolin*, *via Parkes*, is £5,434, and from *Borenore* to *Condobolin*, *via Cudal* and *Forbes*, £4,418; difference, £1,016 per mile.
- (2.) 470 extra trains were run in 1886 and 435 in 1887.
- (3.) No water consumed while engines are standing idle at *Molong*.

(4.)

(4.) Appointments to Offices in Civil Service:—*Mr. Fitzgerald*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it true that Mr. Garrett, a son of the Secretary for Lands, has been lately appointed to an office in the Works Department; if so, what salary is he to receive per year?
- (2.) What office (if any) did he hold previously, and what salary did he receive?
- (3.) Has a son of Mr. Colls, M.L.A., been promoted to an office in the Works Department; if so, at what salary per year, and what salary did he receive previously?
- (4.) Has a son of Mr. Nobbs, M.L.A., been lately appointed to an office in the Civil Service; if so at what salary per year, and has he passed the necessary Civil Service Examination to entitle him to the appointment?
- (5.) Has a nephew of Mr. Abigail, Secretary for Mines, been lately promoted to the Railway Department; if so, what salary is he to receive per year, and what was his previous salary?
- (6.) Was this Mr. Abigail the same who some time ago held a position in the Railway Service; if so, will he inform the House under what circumstances Mr. Abigail left that Service?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Mr. Garrett was employed in the Railway Audit Office at Redfern, and was receiving £90 per annum. As he complained of the unhealthiness of the office he was engaged in, he was allowed to exchange with a clerk in the Examiner's Branch, Bridge-street, accepting a lower salary of £75 per annum in his new position.
- (3.) Mr. Colls was promoted to a vacancy in the Head Railway Office, and is paid £130 per annum. He was previously in receipt of £105 per annum in the Audit Branch. Mr. Colls has had five years service.
- (4.) Yes; a vacancy existing for a clerk in the Accountant's Office at £110 per annum, Mr. Nobbs, who was qualified for the position, was appointed at £100 per annum. Mr. Nobbs has been informed it will be necessary for him to pass the Civil Service Examination.
- (5 and 6.) No.

(5.) Cast-iron Syphon in George-street West:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Sydney Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Who is the contractor for laying the cast-iron syphon in George-street West, and what is the amount of his tender?
- (2.) Did the contractor represent to the Department that he had made a mistake in making up his tender, and request to be allowed to amend same by increasing the amount?
- (3.) What decision did he arrive at in regard to the matter?
- (4.) Has he any objection to lay the papers in the case upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Mr. John Ahearn's tender was accepted on the 26th June for the sum of £2,673 2s. 9d.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) On the matter being submitted to me, I decided that Mr. Ahearn's request could not be complied with, and the tender was accepted for the original sum.
- (4.) No; and I will presently do so.

(6.) Technical Education:—*Mr. See* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he inform the House what authorities have been consulted by him in formulating his new scheme of technical education?
- (2.) Has he consulted the University Senate and the Board of Technical Education on the matter?
- (3.) Does he consider the officers of the Public School system know enough about the technicalities of the trades and professions of the people to be able to direct special instruction for the improvement of the workers in such trades?
- (4.) Will he direct that professional and trade experts should be consulted in collating information as to the technical educational requirements of the industrial classes?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) I do not think I can reasonably be expected to answer this question at the present time. If I should have the honor to submit to the House a Bill on technical education, I hope to be able to afford full information on all essential points.
- (2.) I have already furnished the House with an answer to the Honorable Member's question.
- (3.) Among the officers of the Education Department there are several gentlemen who, being educationists in the widest sense, know sufficient about the trades and professions to be able to organize classes, select competent teachers, and direct the special instruction required for the improvement of the workers in such trades and professions; but, for the efficient performance of this work, it is not necessary that such officers or other gentlemen undertaking it should be conversant with the practical details of all branches of industrial occupation. Moreover, as regards the all-important qualifications really required, the gentlemen referred to must necessarily possess them in a far higher degree than they are likely to be possessed, say for example, by the Secretary of the existing Technical Board and the very few Board members in whose hands the management of technical education has been left for a considerable time past.
- (4.) When a qualified staff of educational experts has been appointed, either from the qualified officers of the Education Department or the outside public, it will come within the province of such staff, working with the Minister, to consult other professional and trade experts in collating all useful information obtainable as to the technical education requirements of the industrial classes.

(7.) Technical Education:—*Mr. Frank Smith* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Was a portion of the last Annual Report of the Board of Technical Education expunged at his special request; if so, will he lay a copy of such part of the original report upon the Table of the House?
- (2.) Has the Acting President of the Board of Technical Education recently addressed a circular letter to the other members on important matters; and, if so, will he lay a copy of such letter upon the Table of the House?

Mr.

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Yes; a portion of the last Annual Report of the Board of Technical Education, which criticised the policy of the Government, was excised at my request. I do not think it would serve any useful purpose to lay a copy of such part of the original report upon the Table of the House.

(2.) I am not aware of the issue of any such circular letter.

(8.) Public Works Committee:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many persons have applied for the appointment of Secretary to the Public Works Committee?

(2.) How many of the applicants are now in the service of the Government?

(3.) How many of such applicants are on the *Hansard* Staff?

(4.) Will he consider the whole of the applications before making any appointment?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Only two applications were received by the Secretary for Public Works.

(2.) Both are in the service of the Government.

(3.) One.

(4.) Yes.

(9.) Technical Education:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Having reference to recent statements by him, that he intended to introduce new arrangements for technical education, does he intend any alterations to be made during the forthcoming recess?

(2.) Is it intended that the changes in technical education referred to in his recent report shall be submitted to Parliament before coming into operation?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) I have already stated more than once to the House that the subject of technical education is at present engaging the attention of the Cabinet.

(2.) It is not intended to re-organize the system of technical education without first consulting Parliament.

(10.) Captain's Flat:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Captain's Flat has been gazetted a township?

(2.) Is it a fact that a number of applications have been made by residents at Captain's Flat to purchase business sites?

(3.) Is it a fact that these applications were made more than six months ago, and that the sites have not yet been sold?

(4.) Are the sites to be sold by auction or privately?

(5.) Is he aware that the longer these sales are delayed the more complicated and difficult the matter will become?

(6.) Will he take steps to protect the holders of the business sites referred to till the sales are completed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes; on 23rd June, 1888.

(2 and 3.) Applications were made more than six months ago to purchase in virtue of improvements, but were refused.

(4.) This has not yet been decided.

(5.) Yes; the matter is receiving prompt attention. A statement is daily expected as to the position of mineral leases supposed to interfere with the lands desired.

(6.) In view of what has already been explained herein, it is impossible to state what action will hereafter be taken in the matter of these business sites; but so far as the Crown lands are concerned, all reasonable care will be taken to recognize the just claims of the holders.

(11.) Complaint of Mr. Joseph Bolton, of Ginnindera:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he received a complaint from Mr. Joseph Bolton, of Ginnindera, with reference to the manner in which he has been treated by Mr. W. H. Margil, late Clerk of Works under the Education Department?

(2.) Was the complaint referred to the Architect for Public Schools for report?

(3.) If so, what was the reply received thereto?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Architect reports that he has twice written to the contractor, who is indebted to Mr. Bolton, requesting him to pay the amount due, but as yet has not received a definite reply.

(12.) Rookwood Railway Station:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has anything been decided by the Government as to the construction of a subway at Rookwood railway station?

(2.) If so, will he state what has been done, and if the Government contemplate proceeding with the work at once?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The question of a subway has been inquired into, but it has been decided to allow the matter to stand over for the present.

(13.) Refunds to Conditional Leaseholders:—*Mr. Stokes* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he be guided by the verdict in the case of *Allison v. the Colonial Treasurer*, now pending in the Supreme Court, in reference to the refund to all conditional leaseholders, under the 49th section, of all payments beyond the rents fixed by the Local Land Boards?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In the case referred to, the right was reserved to either party to appeal to the Privy Council.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statistical Register for 1887, Part V—Monetary and Financial.
- (2.) Report of Board of Health on Treatment of Typhoid Fever at the Coast Hospital.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption of Land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes at Thanowring.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Contract for Laying Cast-iron Syphon, George-street West, Contract No. 35, Sydney Sewerage.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on the 8th February, 1888—"Railways—Orange to Molong, Bathurst to Bourke, and the Mudgee Line."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Regulation, under the Electric Telegraphs Act, regarding Messages in Cypher.

Ordered to be printed.

3. OAKEY PARK COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from Sarah Doyle, of Penrith, praying that the Report from the Select Committee on this Bill may be again referred back to the said Committee for further consideration and report, and that Petitioner be permitted to attend in person or by Counsel before such Committee in opposition to the Bill.
Petition received.

4. SELECT COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day, for Mr. Barbour, moved, pursuant to Notice, that this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, Members attending Select Committees upon private Bills should be remunerated for such services.
 - (2.) That the promoters of such Bills should pay into the Treasury the sum of £30, in addition to the £25 already provided for, to cover the remuneration for such attendance, at the rate of two guineas per sitting for each Member.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Liverpool Church of England Grammar School Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until to-morrow*.
- (2.) Divorce Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neild;—*until Friday next*.

6. ACCOMPLICES EVIDENCE AMENDING BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to accomplices, discharged, on motion of Mr. Hassall.

7. NEW TRIALS LIMITATION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. Hassall.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

8. TOLLS OR FERRY DUES ON GOVERNMENT FERRIES:—Mr. Bowes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to abolish all tolls or ferry dues on Government ferries throughout the Colony.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

9. THE MINING INDUSTRY:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, every reasonable encouragement should be given to the mining industry.
 - (2.) That, with the view to such, the fees now charged for timber licenses should be abolished in all cases where the timber is being used as fuel for smelting purposes.
- Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Day.

Tellers,

Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Lakeman.

Noes, 40.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Crear,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Garland,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. De Courey Browne,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. McElhonn,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Bowman.
Mr. Street,	
Mr. Chapman,	Tellers,
Mr. Nobbs,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Leo.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. **EXTENSION OF TELEGRAPH LINES**:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the extension of telegraph lines to centres of population should not in all cases depend on whether they are likely to pay from the commencement or not.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Ewing.

Tellers,

Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Waddell.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Martin,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Fitzgerald,	Dr. Ross.
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Tecece,	
Mr. Bowman,	

Tellers,

Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Haynes.

And so it passed in the negative.

11. **ASSOCIATION CRICKET GROUND**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a competent and duly qualified accountant be appointed by the Government to audit the accounts of the trustees of the Association cricket ground, from the time they were first appointed up to the end of March, 1888.
(2.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a certified copy of such auditor's report, &c.
Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 25th April, 1888.

12. **CLAIM OF ISAAC BARCLAY**:—Mr. Martin, 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 18th November, 1887, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
13. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendment in the Crown Land Purchases Validation Bill postponed until to-morrow.
14. **DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Inglis,	Mr. See,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Martin,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. Tecece,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Ives,	Mr. R. Burdett Smith.
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	
Mr. Riley,	
Mr. Waddell,	

Tellers,

Mr. Garland,
Dr. Ross.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. O'Mara,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Penzer,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. McFarlane,	

Tellers,

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

15. FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1887, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1888 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 73.

In accordance with the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Further Supplementary Estimates for 1887 and previous years, and Additional Estimate for 1888.

*Government House,
Sydney, 17th July, 1888.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

16. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1888 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 74.

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 Further Additional Estimate of Expenditure for 1888.

*Government House,
Sydney, 17th July, 1888.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

17. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE ON ACCOUNT OF REPAYMENT OF LOANS, PROPOSED TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 75.

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 Additional Estimate on account of repayment of Loans proposed to be provided for by Loan.

*Government House,
Sydney, 17th July, 1888.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

18. LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1888 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 76.

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 Loan Estimate for 1888.

*Government House,
Sydney, 17th July, 1888.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

19. SUPPLY (*Financial Statement*) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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.

20. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at thirteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 119.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Municipal Chambers at Forbes and Parkes:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) The total cost of the erection of Municipal Chambers at Forbes, and the aggregate amount of debt owing by that municipality?
 (2.) The same information with regard to the municipality of Parkes?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Forbes Council have not acquired Municipal Chambers. The aggregate amount of debt owing by that municipality is about £5,000.
 (2.) The cost of the Municipal Chambers at Parkes is £765 15s. The municipality is not in debt.

- (2.) Trial Survey Lines of Railway to Forbes:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Garland*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he allow all the various trial survey lines to Forbes to be submitted for the consideration of the Parliamentary Railway Routes Committee in order that that Committee may be better able to recommend to Parliament the most desirable one in the interests of the country?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have on several occasions given the substance of the answer that I must give to this question. In my judgment it would not be lawful to submit anything of the sort to the Public Works Committee. I have explained before that this Committee is created simply to check the proposals submitted by the responsible Minister, and to submit two or more lines to the Committee would simply be to remove out of the hands of the responsible Government one of their most important duties, and to transfer it to an irresponsible Committee. The proposition will not bear a moment's examination. The Committee was not created for that purpose, but simply in the interests of Parliament to sift the proposals made by the responsible Minister.

- (3.) Bridge over the Castlereagh River:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to bridge the Castlereagh River, at or near Mundooran; and, if so, when?
 (2.) Is it not a fact that settlement on the northern side of the Castlereagh River is retarded, and that the present population of that quarter is inconvenienced by reason of there being no bridge across the Castlereagh?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is proposed to build a bridge at Beni, for which money has been voted, this point being recommended in many official reports as the best site. A bridge being about to be built at this place, one will not be required at Mundooran. Tenders for a bridge at the former place will be invited as soon as detailed drawings are prepared.

- (4.) Customs Duties:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) What are the separate items and amounts of Customs collection for each article, aggregated in the lines of so called specific duties, as follows:—(1) For the year ending 30th June, 1887, £377,716 6s. 6d.; (2) for the year ending 30th June, 1888, £377,256 16s. 9d.?
 (2.) Will he cause the future Comparative Statements of Revenue to include the separate items and receipts for each article now included under the head of Specific Duties?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have given instructions that each separate item of specific duties shall be included in the Comparative Statements of Revenue commencing from the 1st instant. The detail of those duties for the years ended 30th June, 1887, and 30th June, 1888, will be given as soon as possible.

(5.)

(5.) Government Printing Office :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did he receive a communication, dated 1st May, 1888, from the compositors employed in the Government Printing Office, protesting against having to pay the stamp duty before receiving their wages each month, and asking to be relieved from such payments?
- (2.) If so, is it his intention to entertain the protest?
- (3.) Under what provision of the law are these men compelled to pay the stamp duty?

Mr. Burns answered,—A communication was received on the 4th May last, signed by twenty-one employes in the Government Printing Office, protesting against the deduction of stamp duty from their monthly payments. Upon inquiry, I find that the employes in the Department referred to are divided into two classes, under Regulations approved by the Governor in Council, namely :— Class 1, the "Permanent Salaried Staff," who are paid monthly; and Class 2, the "Temporary Staff," who are paid weekly or fortnightly. Under the "Stamp Duties Act," wages are exempt from duty, but salaries are chargeable therewith; and, in common with all other salaried persons in the Service, the Permanent Salaried Staff of the Government Printing Office are charged with the duty. The Temporary Staff receive their wages free of duty.

(6.) Railway Fares of Ladies accompanying Mr. W. J. Allen, M.L.A., to Bourke :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Did Mr. W. J. Allen, M.L.A., lately travel to Bourke with other Ms.L.A. and Mrs. W. J. Allen and his daughter and the wife of Mr. A. Allen, M.L.A.?
- (2.) Were the railway fares to Bourke and back paid for Mrs. A. Allen and Mrs. W. J. Allen and daughter?
- (3.) If not, under what circumstances were these ladies allowed to travel without payment of the usual fares?
- (4.) Will he now call upon Mr. Alfred Allen, M.L.A., and Mr. W. J. Allen, M.L.A., to pay the said fares?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) I am informed no fares were paid. On the application of one of the Members of the district, who represented that an important show was to be held at Bourke, and that it was the intention of a number of the Members of the Legislature to attend it, I approved of accommodation being provided for them. It appears that some of the Members understood that their wives might accompany them free of charge, but the concession I made did not extend so far as this.
- (4.) As it was a misunderstanding, I do not propose to ask for the payment of the fares.

(7.) Municipality at Smithfield :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he postpone his decision as to granting a municipality at Smithfield until he hears what those who are opposed to it have got to say in support of their opinions?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I certainly shall not take any final step in this matter without hearing what is to be said by the opponents of the proposal.

(8.) Postmaster at Glen Innes :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Have there been any complaints made of late against the Postmaster at Glen Innes?
- (2.) Was there an inquiry instituted in consequence of said complaints?
- (3.) If so, what was the result of the inquiry?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Complaint was made that the Postmaster at Glen Innes treated the officials under his command somewhat harshly.
- (2.) An inquiry was made by Mr. Inspector Tucker, who reported that although the Postmaster conducted the duties of his office very well, yet he was afflicted with an infirmity of temper which was extremely unpleasant to his subordinates.
- (3.) It has been decided to transfer him to another office.

(9.) Rookwood Reformatory :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many men are employed in the garden or orchard of the Rookwood Reformatory, and what wages are they paid?
- (2.) Is there any produce from the orchard; and, if so, what does it consist of, and what is done with it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied to me :—

- (1.) Three—one gardener in charge, at £2 10s. per week, and two men temporarily employed, at 7s. per diem.
- (2.) The trees being but two years old, there is naturally very little fruit of any kind from them at present.

I ought to explain that these premises have never been used as a reformatory, and it is at the present time in contemplation to convert them into an Agricultural College. The plants and trees must be taken care of until some step of the kind is taken.

(10.) Delay of Mail Train between Granville and Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cause of the delay between Granville and Parramatta in the mail train leaving Sydney at 5 o'clock p.m.?
- (2.) Will he take immediate action to have the delay complained of remedied?

Mr. Sutherland answered—

- (1.) The delay is caused by a heavy suburban train which runs in front of the Western not being able to clear the line at Parramatta.
- (2.) An alteration in the time-table will be made as soon as possible.

(11.) Alleged Misconduct of an Official Assignee:—Mr. Levien asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Who brought under his notice that the Official Assignee of an estate, under the old Act, had acted in such a manner as to cause a large number of people to be defrauded, by giving a preferential claim to one institution in this country?

(2.) Was the information conveyed to him verbally or in writing; if in writing, would he have any objection to lay the document upon the Table of this House?

(3.) What was the name of the estate the creditors of which it has been alleged were defrauded?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—As proceedings might possibly be taken in the matter referred to so soon as the Bankruptcy Act Amending Bill has passed, it is not deemed advisable to give the information asked for.

(12.) Bench of Magistrates, Michelago:—*Mr. Dawson*, for Mr. Ryrie, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Upon whose recommendation or advice was the Police Magistrate (Mr. Woore) sent up at the public expense from Sydney to Michelago to hear a Police Court case, which was dismissed?

(2.) Is he aware that the Michelago Bench, by special circular, were requested to perform the duties of the Police Magistrate for the last six months, and have done so faithfully; and is it intended as a slight to the said Bench?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—It is almost unnecessary for me to state that my action in this matter was not intended as a slight to the Bench of Magistrates at Michelago. From representations made to me, I deemed it advisable that the Police Magistrate of the district should hear the case, and I gave directions accordingly.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that he had received from the Honorable Thomas Garrett a letter, resigning the office of Secretary for Lands. The letter was accompanied by a formal resignation of his Seat in the Executive Council.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of Addition to the Schedule of Classes of Fencing, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 7th March, 1888—"Ringbarking on Crown Lands."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Estimates of Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Plan in connection with Report of Mr. G. H. Stayton, M. Inst. C.E., on the Sewerage and Drainage of the Western Suburbs. (*To be appended to Report.*)

(2.) Notification of resumption of Land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, in the parish of Benerec, county of Bathurst, required in connection with the Water Supply Works for the town of Orange.

(3.) Notification of resumption of Land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, in the parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, required in connection with the Sydney Sewerage Works.

Ordered to be printed.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Liverpool Church of England Grammar School Land Sale Bill postponed until to-morrow.

5. YOUNG WALLSEND COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Bruncker presented a Petition from the Young Wallsend Coal Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Young Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) to construct a railway from the Young Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah railway.

And Mr. Bruncker having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Circular Quay Land Sale and Dedication Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the formation of a street in lieu of Queen-street, in the city of Sydney, to declare Queen-street vested in the Commissioner for Railways, and to provide for the sale and dedication of certain lands resumed for tramway purposes,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th July, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CIRCULAR

CIRCULAR QUAY LAND SALE AND DEDICATION BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 18th July, 1888.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, First Schedule. Omit paragraphs (C) and (D) insert the following new paragraphs:—

“(C.)

“Description of Land taken from A. W. Cormack.

“All that piece or parcel of land, part and parcel of seventy-five and three-quarter perches granted by the Crown to Isaac Nichols, deceased, by a certain deed poll dated the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ten, and situate in the town of Sydney, near the public wharf; bounded towards the east by lot six (other part of the said seventy-five and three-quarter perches of land formerly the property of Messrs. Naiben and Emanuel Solomon, but now the property of) forty-eight feet; towards the north by a reserved passage thirty-two feet; towards the west by lot one (other part of the said seventy-five and three-quarter perches of land, formerly the property of Mr William Barnes, and now the property of) forty-four feet; and towards the south by a line easterly thirty-three feet to the commencing point, be the same several dimensions respectively a little more or less.

“(D.)

“Description of Land taken from William Cliff and others.

“All that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement forty-two rods lying and situate in George-street, in the town of Sydney, county of Cumberland, and Colony of New South Wales; bounded on the north by Nichols' grant, bearing east eighteen degrees south one hundred and ninety feet; on the front south eighteen degrees and two-thirds of a degree west sixty-four feet to the corner of Boat's Crew Hut; on the south by a line east sixteen degrees south one hundred and ninety-eight feet, and east by a line connecting these points; and also all that piece or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in the parish of St. Philip, in the county of Cumberland, Colony of New South Wales, and be the hereinafter mentioned several dimensions a little more or less: Commencing at a point on the eastern side of George-street, fifty-three feet six inches southerly from the Queen's wharf road leading to the Circular Quay; and bounded on the west by George-street bearing southerly sixty-four feet; on the south by a line easterly sixty-four feet nine inches; on the east by a line bearing northerly twenty-two feet westerly two feet and again northerly forty feet, passing partly along the side of Volunteer Lane; and on the north by lines bearing westerly twelve feet three inches, northerly two feet, and westerly forty-five feet six inches to the point of commencement.”

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) Factories and Workshops Regulation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to provide for the regulation of Factories and Workshops, and for the supervision of Females, Young Persons, and Children employed therein,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th July, 1888.JOHN HAY,
President.

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

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

(3.) Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the 'Bankruptcy Act, 1887,'*”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th July, 1888.JOHN HAY,
President.

BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 18th July, 1888.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 5. Omit clause 5.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(4.)

(4.) Church and School Lands Mining Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for mining on Church and School Lands,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th July, 1888.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 18th July, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3. At end of clause *add* "Provided always that Regulations shall be made by the Minister, and obligatory conditions shall be imposed by him on the licensee, for preventing all damage to the lessee other than such as shall be unavoidable in effecting the objects of the said license, and also providing for the filling in or fencing off of all shafts and dangerous places and works sunk, made, or occasioned by or on behalf of the licensee in the prosecution of such search as aforesaid, or otherwise in connection with the occupation and work authorized by such license."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

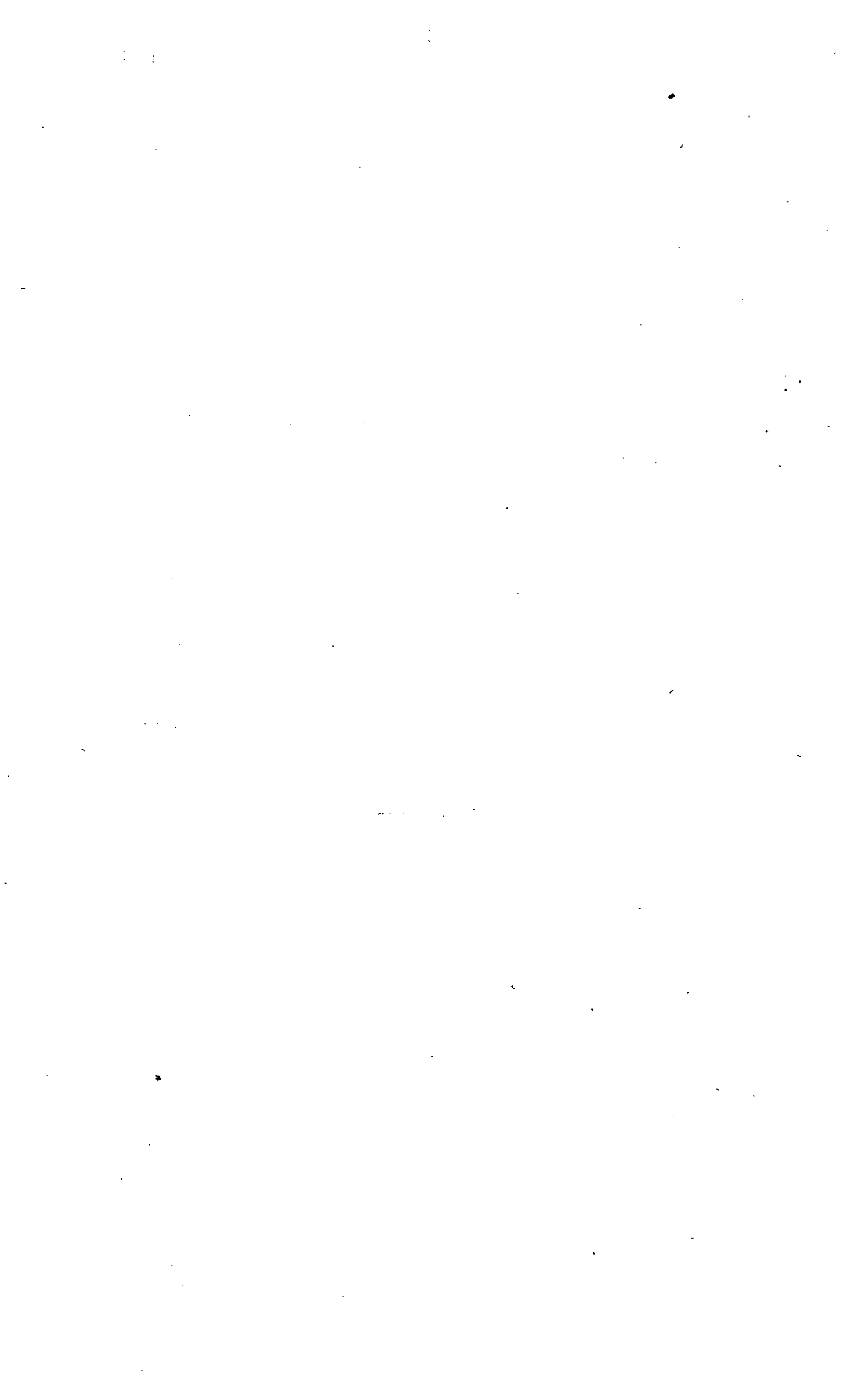
And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seventeen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 120.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 JULY, 1888.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Line from Molong to Parkes:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) The estimated cost per mile of the railway line from Molong to Parkes, including the massive cuttings in and near the town of Molong?
 (2.) The estimated cost of land resumptions in the town of Molong essential for the extension of the probable railway line to Parkes?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The estimated cost of constructing a railway from Molong to Parkes is £8,500 per mile. There are no massive cuttings in or near the town of Molong on the proposed route.
 (2.) No estimate has been made of the cost of land.

- (2.) Railway Line to Condobolin:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) With a view to accuracy, will he reconsider that portion of Question No. 7, submitted by Dr. Ross on 10th July, having reference to distance between Molong and Condobolin, *via* Parkes, to which the following reply was given:—"From Molong to Condobolin, *via* Parkes, 100 miles"?
 (2.) The distance between Borenore and Parkes, *via* Cudal, Toogong, Murga, Eugowra, and Forbes?
 (3.) The same between Borenore and Forbes, *via* Molong and Parkes?
 (4.) The cost per mile, and total of same respectively?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The Engineer-in-Chief reports that an error of 12 miles was made through a discrepancy contained in the paper from which the answer was obtained. Correct distance, 112 miles.
 (2.) Borenore to Parkes, passing Forbes at a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, 81 miles. Borenore to Parkes, passing through Forbes, 84 miles 40 chains.
 (3.) Borenore to Forbes, *via* Molong and Parkes, 82 miles 13 chains, of which 13 miles 6 chains are constructed, leaving 69 miles 7 chains to be constructed.
 (4.) Molong to Condobolin, *via* Parkes—Average assumed cost per mile, £5,434; total cost, £608,684. Borenore to Parkes, *via* Cudal, passing Forbes at a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles—Average assumed cost per mile, £5,500; total cost, £445,500. Borenore to Parkes, *via* Cudal, passing through Forbes—Average assumed cost per mile, £5,500; total cost, £464,750. Borenore to Forbes, *via* Molong and Parkes—Average assumed cost per mile from Molong, £7,609; total cost from Molong, £525,743.

- (3.) Teralba Coal-mining Reserve:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to the conditional purchases taken up by Mary Lane and one Thorne under the 13th section of the Lands Act, and which said selections were invalid, as Lane and Thorne had already selected the full area allowed by law, and which said conditional purchases of Lane and Thorne were included in the Validating Bill introduced by Mr. Garrett, and withdrawn therefrom at Mr. McElhone's request,—will he cause the usual course to be adopted, namely, to have the two selections forfeited in the usual course?

(2.) Is it not a fact that if the two selections above were validated they could be converted into mineral conditional purchases, and by doing so Lane and Thorne would escape paying the royalty of 6d. per ton?

(3.)

(3.) Is it not a fact that when Lane and Thorne took up these conditional purchases they were illegal selections, as they had already taken up the full area of land allowed by law under the 18th section of the Land Law; if so, why were not these two conditional purchases forfeited long ago?

(4.) Is he aware that from the thickness of the coal seams in the conditional purchases of Lane and Thorne, the coal on them at 6d. per ton would give the Crown at least £500 per acre; and will he cause the said two conditional purchases, or the land contained in them, to be reserved in the public interest, to secure it from land speculators?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Mr. Secretary Garrett decided in the Appeal Court, on the 12th September last, that the selections referred to were void, and effect would have been given to that decision had not the Legislative Assembly, on the 18th November last, in pursuance of a motion by Mr. Creer, who presented a petition in the matter from R. B. Wallace and J. R. M. Robertson, decided to refer the cases to a Select Committee inquiring into the merits of cases which should be included in Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill. The committee having inquired into the merits of the conditional purchases of Lane and Thorne, included them in the Schedule to the Bill referred to. Subsequently they were withdrawn from that Bill, and therefore Mr. Secretary Garrett's decision will be given effect to, and the voidance of the conditional purchases duly carried out. I am unaware of the value of the coal which may be found beneath the surface of this land.

(4.) Railway Workshops at Bathurst:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Cortis*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What alterations (if any) have been made in the administration of the railway workshops at Bathurst, as the result of the Ministerial inquiry held there by him during his late visit?

(2.) How many of the 140 men who had been discharged from the sheds and workshops at Bathurst have been reinstated since his visit?

(3.) Has any satisfactory explanation been received by him as to the erroneous information supplied in answer to questions in this House asking what number of men had been discharged?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1 and 2.) I have made no alteration, as I deem the time inopportune to do so, in view of the early alteration in the administrative arrangements of the Department. The Commissioner made a recommendation some little time ago to amalgamate the Permanent-way and Locomotive Staffs in relation to workshops, and to place them under one authority, as he was sure economic working would result. I concurred with the Commissioner, and the matter is to be submitted to the new administration.

(3.) As I explained in the House a few days after giving the information, the error arose in consequence of there not being time in the interval between notice of the question and the asking of it to obtain the information from the local officers, and dependence was placed upon the records in Sydney, which, it afterwards transpired, were not complete.

(5.) Burglaries in the Western Suburbs:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that extensive burglaries have taken place of late in the western suburbs?

(2.) Will he give this matter his consideration, with a view to the appointment of additional police, and also to employ night-watchmen as well as day?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am asked by the honorable and learned Member a question which seems to me a rather singular one. I am asked am I aware that extensive burglaries have taken place of late in the western suburbs. Now, I should have thought that, as the honorable and learned Member has taken up his residence in the western suburbs, he would have taken steps to secure the observance of the peace. At all events, I do not see how I can very well interfere. The question goes on to ask: "Will he give this matter his consideration, with a view to the appointment of additional police, and also to appoint night-watchmen as well as day?" All that I can say is that I will consult with the acting Inspector-General of Police; but I feel very adverse to appointing night-watchmen. Not only does the honorable and learned Member live in the western suburbs, but my most valiant colleague, the Minister of Public Instruction, lives there also. They are both Scotchmen, and if they cannot protect the houses I do not know what we are to do. Then I am reminded that the honorable and gallant Member for South Sydney, *Mr. Toohey*, resides there too, and surely the Honorable Member might join with the Scotchmen in preserving the peace. I really do not believe that anyone would have the courage to break into the house of the honorable and learned Member for Central Cumberland. Not only so, but I give burglars credit of having some nous, and they would never think of breaking into a Scotchman's house anywhere.

(6.) Penny-postage System:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Postmaster General,—Will he, during the recess, consider and decide upon submitting to the Cabinet the question of extending the penny-postage system to all towns accessible by railway carriage?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The Government does not contemplate extending the penny-postage system until it has been decided to make it universal within the Colony, and this question will be considered during the approaching recess.

(7.) Proposed Works at Crooked Creek and Lake Albert:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What steps (if any) have been taken to divert the flood waters of Crooked Creek into Lake Albert?

(2.) Has an inspection of the proposed works been made; if so, has a report, favourable or otherwise, been submitted?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) None have been taken, no money being yet available for this purpose.

(2.) Yes; and a generally favourable report has been received. This is one of the works that will be submitted for consideration in the scheme of water conservation as soon as a vote is obtained.

(8.)

(8.) Railway Employés:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the increases due to railway servants under the Commissioner's classification, though promised to be paid, in answer to a question by Mr. Fletcher, have not yet been paid?
- (2.) What is the reason the increases due are not paid?
- (3.) Is it the practice to pay increases (say) due in May, 1887, in May, 1888, and thus deprive the employés of a year's increase of pay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Authority has been given for the payment of increases as they become due under the classification. As has been previously explained, the classification has been revived from the 1st of January, 1888. It was null and void as regards increases for 1887, and employés due for increases during 1887 receive them at a corresponding period of 1888. For instance, if an employé was due for an increase in January, 1887, he would receive it from January, 1888; but if the employé was not entitled to an increase until May, 1887, it would only date from May, 1888. It would be manifestly unfair to make all increases date from the 1st January, irrespective of circumstances.

(9.) Technical Education:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make any alterations in the system of technical education during the recess?
- (2.) Will the Government submit their new scheme for a Technical College to Parliament before putting it into operation?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) I have already, on several occasions, informed the House that the subject of technical education is even now engaging the attention of the Government.
- (2.) Any Bill dealing with the subject will, as a matter of course, be submitted for the approval of Parliament.

2. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 77.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend in certain respects the 'Government Railways Act of 1888,'*"—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, 19th July, 1888.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—By-law of the Borough of Bathurst.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on the 22nd March, 1888—
"Pastures and Stock Protection Boards."

Ordered to be printed.

4. YOUNG WALLSEND COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Bruncker moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Young Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) to construct a railway from the Young Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah railway.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Bruncker having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Young Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) to construct a Railway from the Young Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah Railway,*"—read a first time.

5. THE CASE REGINA v. CHRISTENSON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kelly 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 depositions in the case Regina v. Christenson, tried at the Dubbo Circuit Court, holden on the 11th day of April last, together with the Judge's notes thereon.

Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow:—

(1.) Liverpool Church of England Grammar School Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(2.) Factories and Workshops Regulation Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.

(3.) Silverton Tramway Act Amending Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.

7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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, 20 JULY, 1888, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Melville reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Melville reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

Mr.

Mr. Melville then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time as follows:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1887 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1885 and Previous Years.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,543 13s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1885."

Services of 1886.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,201 2s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1886."

Services of 1887.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £306,467 6s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1887."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1888.

No. I.—SCHEDULES.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1888, a sum not exceeding £1,064, 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.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,038, for Executive Council, for the year 1888.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,505, for Legislative Council, for the year 1888.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,220, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1888.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,595, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1888.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,720, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1888.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,360, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1888.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,567, for Department of Colonial Secretary, for the year 1888.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £375, for Department of Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1888.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,450, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1888.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £177,109, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, for the year 1888.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,814, for Naval Brigade, for the year 1888.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £770, for Volunteer Naval Artillery, for the year 1888.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for Training-ship "Wolverene," for the year 1888.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, for Torpedo Defence, for the year 1888.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £285,773, for Police, for the year 1888.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £84,803, for Lunacy, for the year 1888.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,936, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the year 1888.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Medical Board, for the year 1888.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,978, for Medical Adviser to the Government, for the year 1888.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,851, for Department of Audit, for the year 1888.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,885, for Department of Registrar-General, for the year 1888.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,850 for Department of Government Statistician, for the year 1888.

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,367, for Department of Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1888.

(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,975, for Immigration, for the year 1888.

(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £745, for City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year 1888.

(37.)

- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £42,892, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1888.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,208 for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1888.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,000 for Fire Brigades, for the year 1888.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,860, for Civil Service Board, for the year 1888.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,247, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1888.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £570, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1888.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,458, for Government Domains, for the year 1888.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,250, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1888.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36,908, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1888.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £97,269, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1888.

NO. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,710, for Treasury, for the year 1888.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,315, for Stamp Department, for the year 1888.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £58,127, for Customs, for the year 1888.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,348, for Colonial Distilleries and Refineries, for the year 1888.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £235, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1888.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500 for Gold and Escort, for the year 1888.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £60,389, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1888.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £118,596, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1888.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,561, for Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1888.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,282, for Board of Health, for the year 1888.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1888.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,687, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1888.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,480, for Glebe Island Abattoirs, for the year 1888.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £47,531, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1888.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, for Lifeboats, for the year 1888.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,071, for Public Wharves, for the year 1888.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £140,008, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1888.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

NO. V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £569,708, for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23, for the year 1888.
- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £780, for Public Schools Cadet Corps, for the year 1888.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,123, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1888.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,124, for Observatory, for the year 1888.
- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,270, for Museum, for the year 1888.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £3,400, for Technological Museum, for the year 1888.
- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,597, for Free Public Library, for the year 1888.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,410, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1888.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £52,550 for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1888.

No. VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,702, for Department of Justice, for the year 1888.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,689, for Department of Master in Equity, for the year 1888.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,537, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1888.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Divorce Court, for the year 1888.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,275, for Curator of Intestate Estates, for the year 1888.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,590, for Department of Sheriff, for the year 1888.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,431, for Insolvency Court, for the year 1888.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,328, for District Courts, for the year 1888.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,290, for Coroners' Inquests, for the year 1888.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75,287, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1888.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £109,208, for Prisons, for the year 1888.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £980, for the Shaftesbury Reformatory for Girls, for the year 1888.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,135, for Patents and Copyright, for the year 1888.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,930, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1888.

No. VII.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,594, for Department of the Attorney-General, for the year 1888.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,960, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsman, for the year 1888.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,241, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the year 1888.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,785, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1888.

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £193,518, for Department of Lands, for the year 1888.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £53,865, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1888.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,934, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1888.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £252,653 for Survey of Lands, for the year 1888.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,491, for Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony, for the year 1888.

No. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (97.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,240, for Department of Public Works, for the year 1888.
- (98.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £133,241, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation, for the year 1888.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £105,002, for Department of Colonial Architect, for the year 1888.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £659,401, for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1888.

No. IX.—RAILWAYS.

- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,870, for General Establishment, for the year 1888.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,575, for Engineering Establishment, for the year 1888.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,713,146, for Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1888.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,150, for Miscellaneous, for the year 1888.

No. X.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £435,870, for Post Office, for the year 1888.
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,770, for Money Order and Government Savings Bank Department, for the year 1888.

(107.)

- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £145,595, for Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1888.
 (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,014, for Telephone Branch, for the year 1888.
 (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,938, for Electric Lights, for the year 1888.
 (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,618, for British and Australian Cable Subsidy, for the year 1888.

No. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £73,255, for Department of Mines, for the year 1888.
 (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,365, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1888.
 (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,220, for Imported Stock, for the year 1888.
 (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1888.
 (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,992, for Public Watering Places and Reserves, for the year 1888.
 (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1888.
 (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £750, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1888.
 (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,213, for Miscellaneous, for the year 1888.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1887 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1885 and 1886.

- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,922 15s. 6d., to defray further supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1886 and previous year."

Services of 1887.

- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,883 8s. 5d., to defray further supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1887."

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1888.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Assembly."
 (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £34 13s. 4d., to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Council and Assembly."
 (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray additional charge under the head "Parliamentary Reporting Staff."

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (124.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray additional charge under the head "Colonial Secretary's Department."
 (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35, to defray additional charge under the head "Master in Lunacy."
 (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray additional charge under the head "Registrar-General."
 (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £926 1s., to defray additional charge under the head "Fisheries Commission."
 (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray additional Charge under the head "Fire Brigades."
 (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,400, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Institutions."
 (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."
 (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75,053 3s., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24 8s. 3d., to defray additional charge under the head "Glebe Island Abattoirs."
 (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £70 7s. 3d., to defray additional charge under the head "Public Wharves."
 (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £68,239 1s. 8d., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (135.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £170 16s. 8d., to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Public Instruction."
 (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge under the head "Public School Cadet Corps."
 (137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £590, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £567 18s. 4d., to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Justice."
- (139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, to defray additional charge under the head "Prothonotary."
- (140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,170, to defray additional charge under the head "Examiner of Patents."
- (141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £580, to defray additional charge under the head "Bankruptcy Court."
- (142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,088 15s. 3d., to defray additional charge under the head "Petty Sessions."
- (143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £415, to defray additional charge under the head "District Courts."
- (144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, to defray additional charge under the head "Coroners."
- (145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. VII.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £946 2s. 2d., to defray additional charge under the head "Attorney-General."

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £240, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Lands."
- (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £690, to defray additional charge under the head "Local Land Board Offices."
- (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £263 5s., to defray additional charge under the head "Public Parks."
- (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray additional charge under the head "Land Agents, Appraisers, and Others."
- (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,227 3s. 5d., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."
- (152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,440, to defray additional charge under the head "Survey of Lands—Survey Staff."
- (153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37 3s. 2d., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,100, to defray additional charge under the head "Water Supply and Sewerage Department."
- (155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £415, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Public Works."
- (156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,892 4s. 3d., to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Department."
- (157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,969, to defray additional charge under the head "Colonial Architect—Public Works."
- (158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Colonial Architect—Re-votes."
- (159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,290, to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."
- (160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges—Re-vote."

No. IX.—RAILWAYS.

- (161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,328 4s., 10d., to defray additional charge under the head "Railways."

No. X.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- (162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £111 17s. 7d., to defray additional charge under the head "Post Office."
- (163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,153 5s. 3d., to defray additional charge under the head "Electric Telegraph Department."
- (164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £225, to defray additional charge under the head "Telephones."

No. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,010 9s. 8d., to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Mines."
- (166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30, to defray additional charge under the head "Prevention of Scab in Sheep."
- (167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to defray additional charge under the head "Imported Stock."
- (168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,530, to defray additional charge under the head "Conservation of Water."
- (169.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,940, to defray additional charge under the head "Public Watering Places and Reserves."
- (170.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray additional charge under the head "School of Mines and Assay Works."

ADDITIONAL

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF REPAYMENT OF
LOANS PROPOSED TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN.

(171.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1888, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,390,600, under the head "Repayment of Loans"; being £499,200 to meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due 1st July, 1888, and £891,400 to meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due in 1889.

LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1888.

III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(172.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1888, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £272,280, under the head "Fortifications"; being £250,000 for cost of Warlike Materials ordered from England in 1885, and other expenses connected with the fortifications of the Colony, and £22,280 for cost of Warlike Stores, new Submarine Mining and Electric Light stores, boats, &c.

IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(173.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1888, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £304,008; being £275,000 for purchase of Land at Circular Quay from the Australasian Steam Navigation Company for extension of wharf accommodation, and £29,008 for purchase of Land at Dawes' Point, Circular Quay, for extension of wharf accommodation.

IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(174.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1888, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,301,500, under the head "Harbours and Rivers Branch": being £50,000 towards Newcastle Harbour Improvements, Shipping Facilities, and Removal of Rock; £120,000 for Circular Quay Improvements; £42,000 for Woolloomooloo Bay Improvements; £10,000 for Trial Bay Harbour Works, further sum; £8,000 for Dredge and Punts to be used first on the Myall River; £3,000 for Byron Bay Jetty, further sum; £13,500 for Lake Macquarie Harbour Works (North Breakwater Extension), further sum; £5,000, towards reclamation of Snail's Bay; £85,000, towards completion of New Dock Biloela, further sum; £20,000, towards improving the navigation of the Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers; £150,000, further for Country Towns Water Supplies, inclusive of Loans in certain cases to be made to Municipalities which have constructed, or may be authorized by the Governor-in-Council to construct, Waterworks, but subject to similar terms of repayment as are prescribed by the fifth part of the Act, intitled "An Act to establish a System of Water Supply and Sewerage for certain Towns," 44 Victoria, No. 14; £150,000, towards extending the reticulation, and carrying out other necessary works relating to the Sydney and connected Water Supplies in the County of Cumberland; £55,000 for Sydney Water Supply, further sum; £120,000, for construction of a Storage Reservoir at Potts' Hill, in connection with Sydney Water Supply; £165,000 for laying a second pipe between Potts' Hill and Crown-street, in connection with Sydney Water Supply; £150,000 for extension of Sydney Water Supply to Western Suburbs and District north of the Parramatta River; £30,000 for Dredge and Plant for Sydney Harbour; £50,000 for Richmond River Improvements; £75,000 for Reclamation and Dredging Works, Cook's River.

(175.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1888, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £559,175, under the head "Colonial Architect": being £12,000 for Australian Museum Extension; £125,000 for Fortifications and Defence Works generally, further sum; £5,000 for Darlinghurst Court-house Additions, further sum; £12,000 for Erection of Bathurst Gaol, further sum; £30,000 for New Central Police Court; £165,000, towards completion of buildings and other works in connection with Naval Stations; £18,000 for Light-house, Smoky Cape; £160,000 for completion of Lands Office; £16,500 for compensation for land taken for New General Post Office; £8,675 for purchase of Site for Court-house at Parramatta; £7,000 for General Post Office, further sum for additional works.

(176.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1888, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £152,030, under the head "Roads and Bridges": being £12,000 for Bridge over Goulburn River; £11,000 for Iron Bridge over Hunter River, between Aberdeen and Singleton; £12,400 for Iron Bridge over Hunter River, between Maitland and Branxton; £62,000 for Bridge at Spit, Middle Harbour (30 feet headway); £12,000 for Bridge, Darling River, Wilcannia; £15,000 for Bridge over Darling River, at Wentworth; £15,630 for Bridge over Bega River, at Tarraganda; £12,000 for Bridge over the Murrumbidgee, at Narrandera.

(177.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1888, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £146,812, under the head "Sewerage Department": being £18,000, further sum for completion of works reported upon by the late Mr. Clark, M.I.C.E.; £5,914 for Bourke-street Branch; £4,898 for Riley-street Branch; £15,000 for Pyrmont Branch; £10,000 for Potts' Point and Elizabeth Bay Branch; £5,000 for Darling Point Branch; £13,000 for Paddington; £10,000 for Woollahra; £7,000 for Waverley; £18,000 for Waterloo; £14,000 for Alexandria; £16,000 for Parramatta; £10,000 for resumption of land, temporary occupation; claims for damage, contracts 21 and 22; further sum for Comber-street Sewer, and alterations to Syphon Bridge at Cook's River, including moving span and rolling-stock for Sewage Farm.

(178.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1888, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £905,500, under the head of "Railways": being £405,000 for Homebush to Waratah Railway—amount required to cover cost of constructing nine iron bridges and eight tunnels for a double line; £70,500 for North Shore Railway, from Junction to near Crow's Nest; £200,000 for Rolling Stock and Machinery for Railways generally; £30,000 for Trial Surveys; £200,000 for Alterations and Additions to Railway Station Buildings, increased Siding Accommodation, and other facilities to meet increasing traffic on the Railways and Tramways.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolutions were read a second time and agreed to.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' in respect of fencing Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leases,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th July, 1888.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the Remedies of Judgment Creditors,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th July, 1888.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.) Parramatta Church-street Amended Alignment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to adopt and declare valid an amended alignment of Church-street in the Borough of Parramatta, and to authorize the Council of the said Borough to erect a public fountain and other buildings on land now part of said street, and for the other purposes hereinafter mentioned,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th July, 1888.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(4.) Municipal Loans Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Municipal Corporations to borrow money, by way of mortgage, on land held or purchased for the erection of Town Halls or Municipal Chambers, and also to give, as security for any such Loan, the said land and any buildings already erected, or hereafter to be erected, upon such land,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th July, 1888.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

9. COMBINATION TRUCKS :—Mr. Hassall, 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 8th November, 1887, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

10. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 78.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Appeals from Summary Convictions under the 'Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883' 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, 20th July, 1888.*

11. PAPER :—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Statistical Register for 1887, Part VIII—Miscellaneous.
Ordered to be printed.

12. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND SALE AND DEDICATION 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 Mr. Melville 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 authorize the formation of a street in lieu of Queen-street, in the city of Sydney, to declare Queen-street vested in the Commissioner for Railways, and to provide for the sale and dedication of certain lands resumed for tramway purposes.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th July, 1888.*

13. **BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read—on motion of Mr. William Clarke, 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 *Mr. Melville* reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Clarke, 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 amend the 'Bankruptcy Act, 1887.'*"

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Sydney, 20th July, 1888.*

14. **CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS MINING BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Inglis, 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 *Mr. Melville* reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Inglis, 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 make better provision for Mining on Church and School Lands.*"

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Sydney, 20th July, 1888.*

15. **CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—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 amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Melville* reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Garrett, 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 legalize certain Conditional and other Purchases of Crown Land.*"

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16. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Diseased Animals and Meat Bill, postponed until Tuesday next.

17. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Melville* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Melville also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

Mr. Melville then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(10.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1887 and previous years, the sum of £370,418 6s. 9d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(11.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1888, the sum of £6,676,610 0s. 1d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(12.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £1,390,600 be raised by the sale of Debentures, or the issue of Inscribed Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum for the Repayment of Loans.

(13.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £3,641,305, be raised by the sale of Debentures, or the issue of Inscribed Stock, 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 and Services of the Colony, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolutions were read a second time and agreed to.

18. **APPROPRIATION BILL:**—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. 10 and 11, 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 1888 and for the year 1887 and previous years.

(2.) Mr. Burns then 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 1888 and for the year 1887 and previous years,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

19. REPAYMENT OF LOANS BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 12, to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Repayment of Loans.
- (2.) Mr. Burns then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Repayment of Loans,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

20. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 13, to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.
- (2.) Mr. Burns then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

21. POSTPONEMENTS.—

- (1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business;—*until Monday next.*
- (2.) The remaining Notices of Motions of General Business undisposed of;—*until Monday next.*
- (3.) Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Gould, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until Thursday, 2nd August.*
- (4.) Goulburn and Tuena Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stevenson, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until Monday next.*
- (5.) Oakey Park Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill (*as further amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Monday next.*
- (6.) Grafton School of Arts Trustees Enabling Bill; third reading; *until Monday next.*

22. COMPANIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Day, 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 Mr. Melville reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Day, 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 amend the 'Companies Act.'*"

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23. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 21 JULY, 1888, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter past Twelve o'clock a.m., until Monday next at Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 121.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 23 JULY, 1888.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Parramatta Church-street Amended Alignment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 79.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to adopt and declare valid an amended alignment of Church-street in the Borough of Parramatta, and to authorize the Council of the said Borough to erect a public fountain and other buildings on land now part of said street, and for the other purposes hereinafter 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.

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Sydney, 23rd July, 1888.

- (2.) Circular Quay Land Sale and Dedication Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 80.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the formation of a street in lieu of Queen-street, in the city of Sydney, to declare Queen-street vested in the Commissioner for Railways, and to provide for the sale and dedication of certain lands resumed for tramway purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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 July, 1888.

- (3.) Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 81.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Bankruptcy Act, 1887,'*"—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 July, 1888.

- (4.) Church and School Lands Mining Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 82.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for Mining on Church and School Lands,*"—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.

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(5.) Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 83.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to legalize certain Conditional and other Purchases of Crown Land*,"—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.

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Sydney, 23rd July, 1888.

(6.) Companies Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 84.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.

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(7.) Municipal Loans Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 85.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Municipal Corporations to borrow money, by way of mortgage, on land held or purchased for the erection of Town Halls or Municipal Chambers, and also to give, as security for any such Loan, the said land and any buildings already erected, or hereafter to be erected, upon such land*,"—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 July, 1888.

(8.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 86.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the Remedies of Judgment Creditors*,"—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.

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Sydney, 23rd July, 1888.

(9.) Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor,

Message No. 87.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' in respect of fencing Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leases*,"—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 July, 1888.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Technical Education :—Mr. Cooke asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that fully one-fifth of the Parliamentary grant for technical education has been annually spent by the Technical Board on general management alone, exclusive of rent for offices and class-rooms, salaries of instructors, the purchase of appliances, &c.; and has the Board repeatedly urged him to ask that a larger grant might be placed at their disposal?

(2.) Is it a fact that there are as many as sixty-six separate classes organized in the Sydney Technical College, and that the total cost for technically instructing the average number of students enrolled is at the rate of £16 7s. 4d. per student per annum, or 5s. 7d. per student for each lesson received?

(3.) Is it a fact that there was a decrease of 444 in the number of individual students enrolled at the Sydney Technical College in 1887, as compared with the number enrolled in 1886; and is it also a fact that of the 1,930 enrolled in 1887, fully one-half were on the rolls in one quarter, and that only 372 were on the rolls in the four quarters?

(4.) Considering the education already provided in the Public Schools of the Colony, and the very limited period the Sydney Technical College is attended each year by the majority of its students, does he think it advisable that the Board of Technical Education should be allowed to expend the State

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State grant on such subjects as photography, book-keeping, caligraphy, shorthand, actuarial science, German, French, Latin, elocution, materia medica, pharmacy, pharmaceutical chemistry, dispensing, dentistry, telegraphy, &c., to the possible partial neglect of the subjects more useful to artisans and to the working population generally?

(5.) Will he state what educational training the Secretary had received before his appointment, and also what special knowledge he possessed, and the experience he had had in connection with technical education to render him qualified for the work since left in his hands?

(6.) What was the amount of salary paid to Mr. Dowling on his appointment as Secretary to the Board of Technical Education; how many increases has he received since; what is his present salary; does he receive any fees or allowances in addition to his salary?

(7.) Is it a fact that Mr. Norman Selfe, acting as President of the Board of Technical Education, proposed that £1,000 should be placed on the Estimates for 1888 as such President's salary?

(8.) Was Mr. Blacket one of the members of the Technical Board when the alterations in the teaching of applied mechanics were made that caused Professor Warren to sever his connection with the Board?

(9.) Is it a fact that immediately after the changes were made, Mr. Blacket resigned his seat on the Board, and, by the meeting that received and accepted his resignation, was appointed to the position vacated by Professor Warren?

(10.) Are any buildings occupied by the Technical Board rented from a Member; if so, what rent is paid for such premises?

(11.) Is any inquiry made by the Board of Technical Education as to the qualifications of the persons employed as lecturers?

(12.) Are any steps taken to ascertain whether the lectures given serve to promote technical instruction; if so, what steps?

(13.) Is it a fact that many of the so-called lectures are mere extracts from common text-books, and have no real connection with technical education?

(14.) What action is taken by the Board of Technical Education to see that the classes under its supervision are properly and efficiently conducted?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) In the Board's report, the sum of £2,691 10s. 2d., or nearly 16 per cent. of the Parliamentary grant, is set down as the expenditure on administration. If to this amount be added all the sums spent by the Board on printing, advertising, stationery, and general and petty expenses, an expenditure of £3,498 17s. 1d., or over one-fifth of the total grant, will be shown for general management. The Board has repeatedly asked that a larger grant might be placed at its disposal.

(2.) Yes; there were sixty-six classes. In 1887 the total expenditure in connection with the Sydney Technical College was £16,359 0s. 9d. (£14,699 7s. 9d. from the State grant, and £1,659 13s. from students' fees); and the average quarterly enrolment of students was 969. These figures will give an average cost of nearly £16 17s. 8d. per student per annum. If the sum of £289 16s. paid for lectures be deducted from the total expenditure, then the average cost per student per annum must be given as £16 11s. 8d. - The students received an average of fifteen lessons each per quarter, or sixty lessons per annum; and sixty lessons for £16 17s. 8d. would give 5s. 7d. per lesson, or sixty lessons for £16 11s. 8d. would give 5s. 6d. per lesson. These figures are taken from the Board's Report for 1887.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) I do not consider it advisable that the Board should expend public money in imparting instruction in the subjects enumerated. I am satisfied that the whole curriculum needs revision, with a view to radical changes being effected.

(5.) Mr. Dowling received his education in a Sydney primary school; and afterwards he was, he states, three years in a merchant's office. He was twenty-seven years in the Government Printing Office; but nearly all his experience in connection with Technical Education has been obtained from the classes, Committees &c., organized by the Sydney School of Arts. He also states that he has recently visited some of the principal technical institutions in Great Britain.

(6.) A salary of £400 was paid to Mr. Dowling on his appointment as Secretary of the Technical Board. He has since had three increases, namely, one of £100, and two of £25 each. His present salary is £550. He receives no fees or other allowances in addition to his salary.

(7.) Yes.

(8.) Yes.

(9.) It would appear that Mr. Blacket resigned his seat, and immediately after was employed under the Board.

(10.) No.

(11.) The testimonials and other qualifications of candidates for employment are considered by the Board.

(12.) Reports are obtained from experts as to the qualifications of the Sydney lecturers. The lecturers and the local authorities are asked to report upon the country lectures delivered.

(13.) From reports that have reached me, some of the lectures would seem to be of that character.

(14.) Monthly class examinations are held by the teachers, and yearly ones by "experts selected from the several industries and from the staff of other educational institutions." The Sydney and suburban classes are visited by members and officers of the Board.

(2.) Technical Education:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will the Colonial Secretary inform the House whether it is the intention of the Government to reorganize the system of technical education during the Parliamentary recess?

(2.) Will such reorganization be carried out without any reference to the opinions of Honorable Members of this House?

(3.) Will any previous consultation be held, or advice sought, with or from the University or the State Board of Technical Education?

(4.) Will Parliament have an opportunity of dealing with any proposed scheme or alteration, or amendment, prior to any steps being taken to put such into force?

Mr.

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) I have already, on several occasions, furnished the House with the desired information.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) I am unable to say. Any action of the kind indicated must necessarily depend upon circumstances.
- (4.) Yes.

(3.) *Railway Accident at Peat's Ferry*:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the papers in the late Peat's Ferry accident be laid upon the Table, as promised some months ago?
- (2.) What is the cause of the extraordinary delay in the production of these papers?
- (3.) Can the papers be obtained by Honorable Members before or during the forthcoming recess?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It was considered inexpedient to lay the papers upon the Table so long as any of the claims remained unadjusted. As the outstanding claims, however, are now reduced to two, I will presently lay the papers upon the Table.

(4.) *Railway Brakes*:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a large order is about to be given for automatic brake apparatus?
- (2.) When will he lay upon the Table papers and report of Brakes Board promised on 18th October last?
- (3.) Has he any objection to furnish *Mr. Schey* at once with a copy of such report?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2 and 3.) I will presently lay the report of the Board upon the Table of the House.

(5.) *Electric-light Apparatus of Macquarie Lighthouse*:—*Mr. Frank Smith*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Under the supervision of what Department has the electric-light apparatus of the Macquarie lighthouse been since 26th February, 1882?
- (2.) What person is in charge of the working of the electric-light apparatus of this lighthouse?
- (3.) What assistance has he?
- (4.) Has the apparatus ever failed to do its work since its installation?
- (5.) What was the original cost of the electric-lighting plant, and what has it cost for repairs or renewals of parts since?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The Treasury Department has furnished me with the following answers, viz. :—

- (1.) Under the Marine Board.
- (2.) *H. Patterson*, Engineer.
- (3.) He is assisted by *W. H. Thompson*.
- (4.) No.

The Colonial Architect informs me, with reference to question No. 5, that "the original contract price of the electric-lighting plant, including dioptric apparatus, magneto-electric machines, gas-engines, &c., amounted to £5,516 6s. No expense has been incurred in repairs."

(6.) *Marine Board*:—*Mr. Jeanneret* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did the Marine Board, in the early part of 1887, submit to him for confirmation certain new Regulations, to wit, a Regulation making it compulsory on all persons requiring passenger certificates for harbour passenger steamers, after 1st September next, to construct in such steamers two bulk heads "sufficient to keep such steamers afloat in case of ordinary collision or other accident"; and another Regulation, rendering it compulsory that all "cabin and deck fittings of such harbour and passenger steamers shall be made of such material as will float"; and that "a plentiful supply of life-belts and life-buoys shall be distributed about the decks of such steamers"; and a further Regulation, limiting the speed of all steamers, "within Sydney Cove and within certain limits in Darling Harbour to 6 knots per hour."?
- (2.) Were these proposed Regulations protested against in writing at the time by a large number of masters and owners of steamers, shipwrights, underwriters, and constant travellers by steamers, and by several Members of this House, experienced in nautical matters, as being impracticable, unnecessary, and injurious?
- (3.) Did he then promise that he would withhold the Governor's Assent to such Regulations until he could reconstruct the Marine Board?
- (4.) Did he, in the early part of this year, at the urgent request of the Marine Board, give the assent of the Government to these Regulations?
- (5.) Has he, since giving assent to the Regulations, taken the opinion of the Attorney-General as to the power of the Marine Board to make such Regulations?
- (6.) Did the Attorney-General give an opinion that the Marine Board has the power to make and enforce these Regulations?
- (7.) Will he withdraw the Government approval to these Regulations, or is it his intention that they shall be enforced?
- (8.) Why is it that these Regulations as to bulkheads "sufficient to keep vessels afloat in case of ordinary collision or other accident" are only intended to apply to "harbour" passenger steamers, and not to steamers applying for limited coasting or other passenger certificates?
- (9.) Did he promise last year that during this year he would introduce a Bill to reconstruct the Marine Board on a better elective basis?
- (10.) Will he, during the recess, take steps to carry out any promises he may have made in this respect?

Mr. Burns answered,—The matters referred to by the Honorable Member have been brought under my notice both by petition from a large number of the travelling public and by deputations from the parties more immediately interested; and, as there are grave doubts as to whether the Regulations can be legally enforced, it is my intention to reconsider the whole subject in a few days.

(7.) Country Roads :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he inform the House why the sum of £10,000, recommended as absolutely necessary to meet certain claims promised by the Government for country roads months since, was omitted from the Additional Estimates?

(2.) Will he bring down a Supplementary Estimate to cover that amount?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The amount in question was omitted from the Additional Estimates, because it appeared to the Cabinet that, as provision had already been made in the Estimates-in-Chief for a larger sum by £49,000 than was granted in 1887 (apart from the special grant for the repair of the drainage to country roads caused by excessive rains), the Vote should not be extended.

(2.) I cannot undertake to bring down a Supplementary Estimate for Roads; but efforts will be made by the Department of Roads and Bridges to meet the more urgent claims for districts which have not had their due proportion of the original Vote.

(8.) Department of Public Instruction :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) The number of persons at present employed in the Department of Public Instruction who have attained the age of sixty years, with their respective names and offices?

(2.) Is it not a fact that several teachers and officers have already been compelled to retire on small pensions from the Department, although able and willing to perform the duties required; if so, is it his intention to compel all persons of sixty years of age, and still retained in the Service, at once to retire therefrom?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) I will presently lay upon the Table of the House the information in reply to this question in the form of a Return.

(2.) It is not a fact that several teachers and officers have already been compelled to retire who were able and willing to perform the duties required.

(9.) Extension of the Lands Office :—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the names of the persons who tendered for the extension of the Lands Office?

(2.) What was the amount of their respective tenders on both occasions when tenders were called?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

(10.) Tramway to Dulwich Hill :—Mr. Henson, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does he intend to ask Parliament, before the Session closes, for any Vote to enable the Government to extend the Marrickville tramway to Dulwich Hill, a distance of less than 1 mile?

(2.) Is it true that the officers of his Department have reported that such extension is desirable in the interests of the public and of the Department alike?

(3.) Is it correct that the Vote for tramway extension has been expended, and there has lately been no money available for the Dulwich Hill extension without a Vote from Parliament?

(4.) What is the estimated cost of such extension?

(5.) What is the estimated population of the area to be benefited by such extension?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Not specially for this service.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) From £5,000 to £6,000.

(5.) Inquiry will be made.

(11.) Tramway Construction :—Mr. Henson, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he made any provision, either in the Estimates-in-Chief, the Additional Estimates, or the Loan Estimates, for tramway construction?

(2.) If not, will he state whether there is any money otherwise available for tramway construction, and what is the amount thereof?

(3.) Has the Government decided to construct the Ashfield to Druitt Town or the Field of Mars tramway; if not, will he say what further information (if any) is required before the Government will be in a position to decide?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes; and provision is also made by the Act providing for the sale of land at Circular Quay.

(2.) There is no money available otherwise.

(3.) No final decision has been arrived at in regard to the line to Druitt Town. It has been decided to construct a tramway to the Field of Mars, but the route to be followed has not yet been settled.

(12.) Drainage of Marrickville :—Mr. Henson, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any report been received from any officer of the Government as to the drain or channel cut through the flats at Marrickville toward Cook's River, or as to any means to mitigate the nuisances for drainage complained of by the residents there?

(2.) If so, will he cause the same to be laid upon the Table of the House before the close of the present Session?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I will endeavour to do so.

(13.) Endowments to Municipalities:—*Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to lay upon the Table of the House copies of all cases submitted to, and opinions given by, the several Attorneys-General upon the question of endowments to municipalities upon special contributions?

Mr. Burns answered,—The whole of the opinions referred to have been copied, and the copies will be laid upon the Table to-morrow morning.

(14.) Drainage of Western Suburbs:—*Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Carruthers* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the urgency of the necessity for some proper system of sewerage and drainage for the western suburbs, will he, before the close of the Session, submit his proposals for the same, so that they may be considered by the Public Works Committee before next Session?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes; and it has been my intention from the first to do so, as I am most deeply impressed with the extreme urgency of the whole question.

(15.) Lock-up at Arncliffe, Rockdale, Kogarah, or Hurstville:—*Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, owing to the want of a public lock-up at Arncliffe, Rockdale, Kogarah, or Hurstville, the police there are compelled to travel with persons under arrest for several miles, to the neglect of their duties in the districts under their charge?

(2.) Is it a fact that in the majority of cases where persons should be arrested for drunkenness and other public offences, the police, rather than leave the districts unprotected, choose the alternative course of summoning offenders, with the result that they escape punishment through non-service of summonses?

(3.) Is it a fact that, in consequence of the advent of the unemployed on relief works in the neighbourhood of George's River, the good order of the community there has been menaced?

(4.) Is it a fact that over six years ago the Government decided to erect a lock-up at Rocky Point Road, and contracted to purchase 3 acres of land there whereon to erect the same?

(5.) Will he call for reports in reference to the foregoing matters to be sent in by the police stationed at the suburbs named, through the Inspector-General of Police; and, upon receiving the same, will he take such action either to cause a lock-up to be erected, or to provide more efficient police protection, according to the exigencies of the circumstances disclosed to him by such reports?

Sir Henry Parkes answered:—The following information has been supplied by the Acting Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) There is no urgent necessity for a lock-up at the suburbs named. The average number of arrests during the last year being only three a month. There being railway communication with Cook's River, where there is a lock-up, no inconvenience is experienced in conveying prisoners.

(2.) Persons in all the Sydney suburbs are frequently summoned for drunkenness and other minor offences. The number who escape in the suburbs named through non-service of summonses is not exceptional.

(3.) There have been a few cases of drunkenness and other trifling offences at Relief Works, and additional police have been stationed there for some time.

(4 and 5.) It was not decided to erect a lock-up at Rocky Point Road. Land was offered to the Government for the purpose, but not purchased.

(16.) Electric Telegraph Department:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Are the increments of salary due for the present year to operators in the Telegraph Department included in the Additional Estimates?

Mr. Burns answered,—The subject of the claims of the operators in the Telegraph Department to increments in their salaries will be considered by the Government during the recess.

(17.) Deepening the Parramatta River:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the report been received which was ordered by him for deepening the Parramatta River from Newington to the Queen's Wharf, Parramatta, a distance of about 2 miles; if so, is it the intention of the Government to carry out the work, and when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes. I can only refer the Honorable Member to the answer given to a somewhat similar question of his of the 29th February last, wherein I stated that the question of carrying out the work would be considered when we had further dredging appliances; but I regret to say we have no dredge yet available.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 7th June, 1888—"Conditional Purchases made by *Mr. and Mrs. Poole*, *Messrs. Parnell*, and the *Misses Parnell*."

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(6.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(7.) Return to an Order made on the 6th March, 1888—"William Skene's Pre-lease at Conargo."

(8.) Regulations of the Deniliquin Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.

(9.) By-laws of the Borough of North Willoughby, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.

Ordered to be printed

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Tenders for the Completion of the Lands Office, Sydney.
- (2.) Return respecting Silver Ore carried by Railway.
- (3.) Return respecting Continuous Brake for Goods Trains.
- (4.) Return respecting Supply of Water to Sydney and Suburbs.
- (5.) Return to an Order made on the 7th June, 1888—"Harbours and Rivers Department."
- (6.) Return respecting Grants for Roads within Municipal Boundaries.
- (7.) Return to an Order made on the 8th November, 1887—"Railway Accident at Peat's Ferry."
- (8.) Four Sections of proposed Sewers in connection with Report of Mr. G. H. Stayton, M. Inst. C.E., on Sewerage and Drainage of Western Suburbs. (*To be appended to Report.*)

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Persons employed in the Department of Public Instruction, who have attained the age of sixty years, with their respective names and offices.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Thirty-third Annual Report of the Postmaster General, being for the year 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Order made on the 22nd March, 1888—"Pastures and Stock Protection Boards."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional Rules of the Supreme Court.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Return to an Address adopted on the 3rd May, 1888—"Police Magistrate for Parramatta."

4. PRODUCTION OF WINE:—Mr. Haynes presented a Petition from certain Winegrowers of New South Wales, representing that the industry of the production of wine requires a considerable investment of capital, and demands, in addition to constant trouble and care, the application of the highest branches of agricultural science; and that the Petitioners have devoted energy and capital in its development; and suggesting measures which Petitioners believe will materially assist that industry, and lead to the opening of new wine producing areas.
At the request of Mr. Haynes, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Garvan rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of calling attention to certain actions of the present Government."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

Mr. Garvan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Haynes submitted that the subject for discussion in the notice given for the motion for adjournment was not "a definite matter" of urgent public importance, and therefore not in order under the Additional Standing Order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker,—referring to his previous ruling in which he decided that the duty devolved upon him of determining whether the subject of that notice was "of urgent public importance," which decision was overruled by the House,—stated that, in his opinion, the action of the House on that occasion had relieved him of the responsibility of deciding, in the first instance, what was a definite matter of urgent public importance; and that objection should have been taken, if taken at all, before the motion was stated from the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on the 3rd July, 1888—"Assault with intent on Anne Maxwell."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Report on the Railways and Tramways of New South Wales for 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

7. MINERAL LICENSE TAKEN UP BY MICHAEL CHARLES RENHAM, PARISH OF PICTON (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Chaunter, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, correspondence, papers, &c., relating to the mineral license taken up by Michael Charles Renham, in the parish of Picton, county of Yancowenne, Albert Gold-fields, on the 20th day of September, 1883.
Question put and passed.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) North Shore, Manly, and Pittwater Tramway and Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction of a Tramway from the northern terminus of the North Shore Cable Tramway to the Spit at Middle Harbour, together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point and Middle Head, and from the Spit aforesaid to Manly Village, and a Light Railway thence to Pittwater, Broken Bay, and the erection of a Bridge over the waters of Middle Harbour, at the Spit aforesaid,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd July, 1888.

JOHN HAY,

President.

NORTH SHORE, MANLY, AND PITTWATER TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd July, 1888.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title. *Omit* "together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point and Middle Head"
- Page 1, Title. *Omit* "and the erection of a bridge over the waters of Middle Harbour at the Spit
"aforesaid"
- Page 1, preamble, lines 6 and 7. *Omit* "together with branch lines therefrom to Cremorne Point
"and Middle Head"
- Page 1, preamble, lines 9 to 11. *Omit* "and for the purposes of such tramway, and also for the
"public general traffic and convenience to construct a bridge over the waters of Middle
"Harbour at the Spit aforesaid"
- Page 1, preamble, line 11. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 1, preamble, line 14. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 1, preamble, line 16. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and light"
- Page 1, preamble, line 16. *Omit* "s" from "runs"
- Page 2, preamble, line 1. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, preamble, line 1. *Omit* "and the said bridge"
- Page 2, preamble, line 4. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 16. *Add* "s" to "Schedule"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 16. *After* "Schedule" *insert* "A and B"
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 18 to 22. *Omit* "and also to make and construct branch lines from the said
"tramway or railway at the points named in the Schedules to this Act, and thence by the
"lines described in such Schedules, in accordance with section ninety-nine of the
"Government Railways Act of 1858";"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 23. *Add* "s" to "Schedule"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 24. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 27 to 38. *Omit* "and also to construct and build a bridge for the purposes
"of such tramway or light railway and for the public general traffic over the waters of
"Middle Harbour at the Spit aforesaid, connecting the lines of the said tramway or
"railway at the places where such lines terminate on the waters of the said Middle
"Harbour, as shown in the Schedules hereto; and to dig and make proper foundations
"in or under the said waters, and to cut, remove, take, and carry away all trees, beds of
"sand and rocks, and any other impediments whatsoever which may in anywise hinder the
"erecting and completing the said bridge; and generally to do and execute all and
"every other acts, matters, and things requisite and necessary for erecting buildings,
"repairing and maintaining the said bridge"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 38. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 39. *Omit* "(subject to clause two of this Bill)"
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 41 to 43. *Omit* "and the said bridge shall be completely erected, in
"accordance with the provisions in Schedule D to this Act, within the space of five years"
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 43 and 44. *Omit* "and the said bridge"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 45. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 48. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 51. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 51 and 52. *Omit* "(with the exception of the said bridge over the waters of
"Middle Harbour)"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 53. *After* "completed" *insert* "and in the event of the works provided by
"this Act or any of them not being commenced and carried out to the satisfaction of the
"Engineer-in-Chief for Railways or other officer charged by the Government with the
"construction of railways within the times in this Act prescribed, all the works and
"property of the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors,
"administrators, or assigns, in connection with the said tramway or light railway shall go
"and belong to the Government, to be disposed of as the Governor, with the advice of the
"Executive Council, may direct, and as regards lands resumed or obtained in connection
"with the said tramway or light railway works the same shall revert to the former owners
"thereof as of their former estate"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 53. *After* "that" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "The authorities, powers,
"and privileges given by this Act shall not extend beyond thirty years from the passing
"thereof"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 58. *Omit* "or light railway"
- Page 2, clause 2, lines 58 and 59. *Omit* "until the completion of the said bridge"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 60. *Omit* "D" *insert* "C"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 5. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 8. *After* "tramway" *omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 13. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 14. *Omit* "three feet six inches" *insert* "four feet eight and a half inches"
- Page 3, clause 5, line 15. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 3, clause 5, line 17. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"
- Page 3, clause 5. At end of clause *add* "or the Railway Commissioners"
- Page 3, clause 6, lines 37 and 38. *Omit* "Secretary for Public Works or Commissioner for
"Railways" *insert* "Railway Commissioners"
- Page 3, clause 6, line 40. *After* "the" *insert* "said"

Page 3, clause 7. *Omit* clause 7.

Page 4, clause 10, line 42. *Before* "railway" *insert* "light"

Page 4, clause 10, line 43. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and light"

Page 4, clause 11, line 49. *After* "tramway" *omit* "or" *insert* "and"

Page 4, clause 11, line 51. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"

Page 4, clause 11. *After* clause 11 *insert* the following new clause:—

11. "The Railway Commissioners shall, at all times hereafter, upon twelve hours' notice in writing to the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, have the right to run locomotives, carriages, and trucks, whether loaded or otherwise, on and along the said tramway and light railway, and for such period or periods, or at such time or times as the said Railway Commissioners shall in the said notice specify. Provided that the said Railway Commissioners shall pay to the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, such rates or tolls for the exercise of such rights as aforesaid as the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall from time to time determine"

Running powers
to Railway
Commissioners.

Page 4, clause 12, line 58. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"

Page 4, clause 12, line 60. *Omit* "above specified" *insert* "hereinafter provided"

Page 5, clause 12, line 5. *After* "tramway" *omit* "or" *insert* "and"

Page 5, clauses 13 and 14. *Omit* clauses 13 and 14 *insert* the following new clauses:—

13. "The said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall be responsible for all injuries caused by the negligent or improper construction, maintenance, or working of the said tramway and light railway, and all claims in respect of such negligence and improper conduct may be enforced against the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns. Provided that the damages which may be recovered against the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, in respect of any such claim shall in addition to all other remedies for their recovery be a first charge upon the tolls, fares, or charges charged for the carriage of passengers on the said tramway and light railway and upon all property used in and upon and necessary for the working of the said tramway and light railway."

Liability of
carriers.

14. "It shall be lawful for the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, to charge fares for the carriage of all passengers and goods to and fro and upon the said tramway and light railway, by and with the sanction of the Railway Commissioners, and at rates to be approved of by them."

Tolls.

Page 5, clause 15, line 25. *Omit* "Commissioner for Railways" *insert* "Railway Commissioners"

Page 5, clause 15, line 34. *Omit* "issuing" *insert* "using"

Page 5, clause 15, line 35. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"

Page 5, clause 15, line 38. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"

Page 5, clause 15, line 42. *Before* "railway" *insert* "tramway and light"

Page 5, clause 15, line 45. *After* "tramway" *omit* "or" *insert* "and"

Page 5, clause 15, line 51. *Before* "railway" *insert* "tramway and light"

Page 5, clause 15, line 59. *Before* "railway" *insert* "tramway and light"

Page 6, clause 16, line 2. *Omit* "Government"

Page 6, clause 17, line 5. *Before* "light" *omit* "or" *insert* "and"

Page 6, clause 17, line 8. *Omit* "so described" *insert* "taken for such purposes"

Page 6, clause 19, line 24. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"

Page 7, clause 27, line 58. *Omit* "7" *insert* "8"

Page 9, clause 36, line 47. *Before* "railway" *insert* "light"

Page 9, clause 36, line 47. *Omit* "and bridge"

Page 9, clause 36, line 49. *Before* "railway" *insert* "light"

Page 9, clause 36, line 49. *Omit* "and bridge"

Page 9, clause 36, line 51. *Before* "railway" *insert* "light"

Page 9, clause 36, line 51. *Omit* "and bridge"

Page 9, clause 36, line 54. *Before* "railway" *insert* "light"

Page 9, clause 36, line 54. *Omit* "and bridge"

Page 9, clause 36, lines 56 to 59. *Omit* "twenty-seventh and other sections subsequent thereto of the 'Government Railways Act of 1858,' twenty-two Victoria number nineteen, for settling cases of disputed compensation, and subject to the terms and conditions therein contained" *insert* "Arbitration Act thirty-one Victoria number fifteen"

Page 10, clause 36, line 1. *After* "tram" *insert* "way"

Page 10, clause 36, line 2. *Before* "railway" *insert* "light"

Page 10, clause 36, line 3. *Omit* "Commissioner of Railways" *insert* "Railway Commissioners"

Page 10, clause 36, line 6. *After* "said" *insert* "tramway and light"

Page 10, clause 37, line 9. *After* "before" *insert* "a Stipendiary or Police Magistrate or"

Page 10, clause 38, line 11. *Omit* "7" *insert* "8"

Page 10, Schedule A, line 20. *Omit* "proposed bridge over" *insert* "waters of"

Page 10, Schedule A. *Omit* "paragraphs 2 and 3"

Page 10, Schedule A, line 28. *Omit* "bridge" *insert* "said waters"

Page 10, Schedule A, line 29. *Omit* "from the end of the bridge" *insert* "therefrom"

Page 10, Schedule A. At end of Schedule *add*, "Subject to power for the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, to deviate to the extent of fifty feet from either side of the above lines"

Page 11, Schedule B. At end of Schedule *add*, "Subject to power for the said Clement Alban Benbow and Leslie Johnston, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, to deviate to the extent of fifty feet from either side of the above line"

Page 11, Schedules C and D. *Omit* Schedules C and D.

Examined—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Mr.

Mr. Garrard moved, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration "at a later hour of the day."

Mr. Levien moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "at a later hour of the day," and the insertion in their place of the words "this day six months."

Debate ensued.

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

Original Question then put and passed.

(2.) Divorce Extension Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to extend the Law of Divorce*,"—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 July, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd July, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 1, lines 1 and 2. *Omit* "by continued habits of drunkenness"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 2. *After* "upwards" *insert* "been an habitual drunkard and"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 5. *Omit* "by such habits"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 5. *After* "period" *insert* "by continued habits of drunkenness"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 9. *After* "months" *insert* "and is still in prison"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 9. *Omit* "sentence or"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 10. *Omit* "for any felony"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 12. *Omit* "by reason of" *insert* "during two years undergone"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 12. *After* "crime" *insert* "and"
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "of an assault upon the petitioner, occasioning actual
"bodily harm or"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 17. *Before* "assaulted" *insert* "of having"
- Page 2, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "Provided that no dissolution of marriage shall be decreed
"if it be proved that at the time of the marriage the petitioner knew the respondent was
"a person of habitually drunken habits, or was a person against whom a decree of
"divorce had been granted for any cause whatever. Provided further, that in such cases
"the Court may grant a judicial separation."
- Page 2, clause 2, line 22. *Omit* "or contributed to"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 23. *Omit* "may" *insert* "shall"
- Page 2, clause 2, lines 24 and 25. *Omit* "it shall be lawful for"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 25. *Omit* "to" *insert* "shall"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 26. *After* "marriage" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "Provided always
"that it shall not be lawful for the respondent to contract another marriage before the
"expiration of two years from the time when such decree was made absolute; and if he or
"she shall contract another marriage within the said time, such respondent shall be guilty
"of a misdemeanour and such marriage shall be void."

Examined,—

ARCIB. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Neild moved, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Fletcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Neild.
Mr. W. J. Allen,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Cooke,	
Mr. Kethel,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Scher,	
Mr. J. P. Abbott,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Levien.	

Noes, 39.

Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. De Courey Browne,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Davis,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ivos,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Sec.
Mr. Alfred Allen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. O'Mara.
Mr. Garrard,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Neild (*by consent*) moved, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

Question put and passed.

9. APPROPRIATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 24 JULY, 1888, A.M.

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 consideration of the Bill.

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

On motion of Mr. Burns (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

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

Mr. Burns 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 Service of the year 1888 and for the year 1887 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 Service of the year 1888 and for the year 1887 and previous years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th July, 1888, A.M.

10. COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS SALE 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 authorize and empower Robert Dawson, the surviving Trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma, in the Colony of New South Wales, purchased from the Crown for the Church of England, at Cooma aforesaid, to sell the said lands and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*"—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 July, 1888.

JOHN HAY,

President.

COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS SALE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd July, 1888.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, Preamble, lines 3 to 9. *Omit* "it was erroneously supposed on the part of the said Trustees that the lands mentioned in the First and Second Schedules hereto, having been purchased from the Crown, it was not necessary to have them included in the Bill of Parliament hereinbefore mentioned and referred to. And whereas the parsonage having been removed into the town of Cooma from the land referred to in the said Act of Parliament rendered"

Page 2, Preamble, line 10. *After* "hereto" *insert* "are"

Page 2, clause 1, line 22. *Add* "s" to "land"

Page 2, clause 2, lines 35 and 36. *Omit* "within a period of five years from the passing of this Act" *insert* "directly after the receipt thereof."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

11. REPAYMENT OF LOANS 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 now read a third time.

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

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Repayment of Loans.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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 raising of a Loan for the Repayment of Loans*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th July, 1888, A.M.*

12. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns 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. 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 with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Burns (*with the concurrence of the House*) the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

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

Mr. Burns then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony 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 raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th July, 1888, A.M.*

13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Wharfage Accommodation, Woolloomooloo Bay* :—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of carrying out certain improvements and additions to the wharfage accommodation, Woolloomooloo Bay, as explained by him to this Honorable House.
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Improvements to the Circular Quay* :—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of carrying out certain improvements to the Circular Quay, as explained by him to this Honorable House.
Question put and passed.

(3.) *Storage Reservoir at Potts' Hill* :—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a Storage Reservoir at Potts' Hill, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, as explained by him to this Honorable House.
Question put and passed.

(4.) *Dredge and Plant for Sydney Harbour* :—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of providing a Dredge and Plant for Sydney Harbour, as explained by him to this Honorable House.
Question put and passed.

(5.) *Second Pipe between Potts' Hill and Crown-street* :—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of laying a second pipe between Potts' Hill and Crown-street, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, as explained by him to this Honorable House.
Question put and passed.

(6.) *Improvements to the entrance of the Richmond River* :—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to consider and report on the expediency of carrying out certain improvements to the entrance of the Richmond River, as per plans of Sir John Coode, and explained by Mr. Sutherland to this Honorable House.
Question put and passed.

(7.) *Bridge at The Spit, Middle Harbour* :—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of erecting a bridge at The Spit, Middle Harbour, as explained by him to this Honorable House.
Question put and passed.

(8.) *New Central Police Court* :—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of erecting a new Central Police Court, as explained by him to this Honorable House.

Question put and passed.

(9.) *Improvements to the entrance of the Clarence River*.—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of carrying out certain works to complete the improvements to the entrance of the Clarence River, as per plans of Sir John Coode, and explained by Mr. Sutherland to this Honorable House.
Question put and passed.

(10.) *Drainage Works, Manly*.—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of carrying out drainage works, Manly, as explained by him to this Honorable House.
Question put and passed.

(11.) *Drainage Works, North Shore*.—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to consider and report on the expediency of carrying out drainage works, North Shore, as explained by him to this Honorable House.
Question put and passed.

(12.) *Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs*.—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of carrying out drainage works for the Western Suburbs, including the Boroughs of Alexandria, Ashfield, Balmain, Burwood, Camperdown, Darlingtown, Glebe, Macdonaldtown, Marrickville, Newtown, Petersham, Redfern and Waterloo, with the Municipal Districts of Canterbury, Concord, Five Dock, Leichhardt, St. Peters, and Strathfield, as explained by him to this Honorable House.
Question put and passed.

(13.) *Harbour Improvements at Newcastle*.—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of carrying out certain works of harbor improvements, including shipping facilities, at Newcastle, as explained by him to this Honorable House.
Question put and passed.

14. SILVERTON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Day, 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. Day, 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 'Silverton Tramway Act of 1886.'*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th July, 1888, A.M.

15. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in the North Shore, Manly, and Pittwater Tramway and Railway Bill, postponed until to-morrow.

16. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

17. COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS SALE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Day, 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. Day, 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 and empower Robert Dawson, the surviving Trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma, in the Colony of New South Wales, purchased from the Crown for the Church of England, at Cooma aforesaid, to sell the said lands and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.*"

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Sydney, 24th July, 1888, A.M.

18. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes explained what extensions of Railways the Government had decided upon for submission to Parliament, with a view to their being referred to the Parliamentary Committee.

19. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Appropriation Bill:—

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 1888, and for the year 1887 and previous years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th July, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Repayment of Loans Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Repayment of Loans,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th July, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.) Public Works Loan Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th July, 1888.

JOHN HAY,
President.

20. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 11th July, 1888—"Public Wharf at Watson's Bay."

(2.) Opinions of several Attorneys-General in the years 1876 and 1888, on the question of endowments to Municipalities.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Gold-mining Leases at Armidale.

Ordered to be printed.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council, where Mr. Speaker addressed His Excellency as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Her Majesty's faithful subjects in this Colony have, by their representatives, granted to Her Majesty the Supplies required for the current year, and for the Services of previous years not hitherto provided for. They have, in like manner, voted sums of money to be raised by Loan for the repayment of Loans, and for the purpose of effecting certain public works. I have now the honor to present to your Excellency for the Royal Assent three Bills passed to embody these Supplies, and intituled respectively,—

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 1888, and for the year 1887, and previous years.

An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Repayment of Loans, and

An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker also presented to His Excellency for the Royal Assent,—

An Act to amend the Silvertown Tramway Act of 1886.

An Act to authorize and empower Robert Dawson, the surviving trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma, in the Colony of New South Wales, purchased from the Crown for the Church of England, at Cooma aforesaid, to sell the said lands and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.

22. ASSENT TO BILLS:—His Excellency was then pleased to subscribe, and declare his Assent, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, to the Bills presented by Mr. Speaker, viz. :—

(1.) "*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 1888 and for the Year 1887 and previous years.*"

(2.) "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Repayment of Loans.*"

(3.) "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes.*"

(4.) "*An Act to amend the 'Silvertown Tramway Act of 1886.'*"

(5.) "*An Act to authorize and empower Robert Dawson, the surviving trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma, in the Colony of New South Wales, purchased from the Crown for the Church of England, at Cooma aforesaid, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.*"

23. PROROGATION:—His Excellency then delivered to both Houses of Parliament the following Speech:—

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

It affords me much satisfaction to release you for a time from your Parliamentary labours. The protracted Session now brought to a close, though in some degree disappointing, has been fruitful of measures the importance of which will be generally admitted, and, in some essential respects, while subjects of the first magnitude have been adequately treated, the lines of legislation have been more clearly defined, and a valuable contribution of precision in the functions and limits of authority has been made to the body of our laws. This may be justly said of the laws under which a new *régime* will be commenced in relation to the public works of the Colony.

2. The Act to make better provisions for the management of the railways open to traffic is a gratifying evidence of your patriotic solicitude to give the fullest effect of public benefit and improved revenue results to the great arteries of communication by which the wisdom of former Parliaments has connected the principal districts of the country. During the recess the utmost care will be taken to secure, in the completion of the Board of Commissioners, the highest qualifications that can be obtained for successfully working these national properties; and at the same time no pains will be spared in the execution of surveys and the preparation of plans to enable Parliament, at an early date, to sanction much-needed extensions of our railway system.

3. I anticipate the best results from the operation of the Act to constitute an authority for the investigation of future proposals of expenditure on public works. In its clear discernment Parliament has so carefully distinguished between the Legislative and the Executive powers that, while Ministers will be held strictly to their responsibility in submitting such proposals, the two Houses will possess a controlling authority to insist upon the most searching investigations, and to protect the people from the burdensome consequences of ill-considered schemes of improvident expenditure. The system established by this law is so entirely new that its importance will only be fully seen by the provisions of the Act being carried out in their integrity, and by its effect in checking extravagance and preserving the constitutional control of Parliament.

4. After many delays and mischances in former years, the Session now closing has produced an Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to Bankruptcy, which affords improved means of redress to large classes of the community, and has been received with much approval by the general public.

5. The Act to relieve certain valuable classes of settlers from the oppressive provisions of the Land Act of 1834, in respect to improvements, will be regarded by them and the public as a step in the direction of salutary reform.

6. The Acts to constitute the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and to extend and amend the Country Towns and Sewerage Act of 1880 are both eminently measures of practical value to the health and well-being of the community. Several other measures of scarcely less importance have been passed into law.

7. Some time ago public feeling throughout Australia became excited by the congregating of large numbers of Chinese in the Northern Territory of South Australia, and subsequent events in connection with the arrival of Chinese in the ports of Melbourne and Sydney intensified this feeling. While admitting the obligation of Government to use every precaution against aiding in any class-feeling on this question, it cannot be denied that the working classes, more than any other class, are intimately affected by the influx of needy foreigners, whom they naturally regard as unfair competitors in the walks of labour; and it may be justly assumed by those who know the working classes, that the more valuable portion, the fathers and mothers of families, take higher grounds of opposition, deeply and rationally entering into the structure and progress of society. They cannot regard with less anxiety than their more fortunate fellow-citizens the conditions and surroundings of the future home of their children. At this juncture my advisers decided to adopt the severest measures to arrest or in any case diminish what appeared to them, under all the circumstances, an unmixed national evil. A Bill of a highly restrictive character was introduced, and this Bill, without any amendments weakening its provisions in regard to the future arrival of Chinese in this Colony, is now law. In view of all that has taken place, and the uncertain prospect at the present hour of the hoped-for uniform legislation in the other Colonies, notwithstanding the agreement of the late Conference, I think the Colony may be congratulated that this Government had the foresight and perseverance to pursue a course which has practically set the disturbing question at rest. And I cannot but believe that the firm and self-reliant attitude of New South Wales, equally loyal to the Empire and to herself, will strengthen, rather than weaken, the hands of Her Majesty's Imperial Government in any negotiations with the Emperor of China.

8. Among the larger measures of the Session is the Act for uniting New South Wales with the sister Colonies in contributing to the maintenance of an additional Naval Force for the protection of Australian interests at sea. Whether regarded as arming the Colony for its own security, or as promoting the federal spirit throughout Australasia, or as drawing closer the ties of kinship with Great Britain and the other divisions of the Empire, this measure is one for general congratulation. It is impossible for the Australian people, who have advanced to their present position of recognized importance as "an integral part of the Empire," not to look forward with a higher trust in the truest loyalty and their own hereditary stock of indomitable energies, from this firm step of national equality.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

9. The Supplies which you have so liberally provided will be used with continuous care to combine efficiency with economy in the Public Service. The authority to raise further loans for public works will be exercised with an anxious desire to consult only the welfare and progress of the Colony.

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

10. No time will be lost in carrying out and completing the changes in the defence works of the Colony, and in the reorganization of the land forces, for which such ample provision has been made.

11. Early in the recess it is hoped that arrangements will be completed for putting the public charities in a condition which will secure to the inmates the most considerate treatment and to the public the satisfaction of strict and vigilant supervision.

12. The Royal Commission appointed some months ago to inquire into the Civil Service have made considerable progress in the difficult and arduous work entrusted to their hands. My advisers will not relax in their efforts, aided by the recommendations of the Commission, to diminish the expenditure of the Departments of Administration, and it is confidently hoped that the next Estimates will show a marked reduction, arrived at after full inquiry and without injustice to individuals.

13. I pray that the Divine blessing may be with you in your private avocations, and that you may be sustained by the consciousness of having performed your high duties in Parliament with zeal and singleness of purpose.

I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the 28th of August.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

1887-8.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 24 JULY, 1888.)

QUESTIONS:—

MR. WALL *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—

- (1.) Upon whose recommendation was the electric-lighting of the Eveleigh railway sheds undertaken?
- (2.) Under whose plans was this installation carried out, and by what electrical authority were these plans approved of?
- (3.) By what firm was the work done; was it done under public tender or by special contract?
- (4.) What was the amount of the original tender or agreement, and what has been the cost of extras added (if any); by the recommendation of what officer were these extras authorized?
- (5.) On what date was the original work commenced, and on what date was the installation completed, and by whom approved?
- (6.) Have alterations or repairs since been found necessary; if so, for what reasons, what has been their cost, and on the recommendation of what officer were they made?
- (7.) On what date were these recommendations made?

MR. J. P. ABBOTT *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

- (1.) Whether his attention has been directed to an open sewer, called Vallack's Drain, situated in Parramatta, running through the populous part of the town and the hospital grounds, and discharging itself into the dam in front of the hospital and King's School?
- (2.) Will he obtain a report from the Chief Government Medical Officers upon the same, and take steps to deal with the matter during the recess?
- (3.) Is he aware that this drain is supposed to have been the cause of many cases of typhoid fever in the Borough of Parramatta?

MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Will he state the amount that the unemployed have cost since they first became a charge on the Government, stating the entire expense to the Government from all sources—wages, provisions, tools, tents, and whatever has caused the expenditure of public funds in their interest?

MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) Have the people petitioned the Government to erect a platform and siding at Carlingford on the Great Northern railway line?
- (2.) Has the Department inquired into the matter, and reported in favour of the work being done?
- (3.) Will the Government execute this small matter without delay, as it would largely convenience the people of the district?

MR. SCHEY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

- (1.) What is the Regulation time for answering a letter in the Lands Department?
- (2.) When will Mr. Schey's letter of 27th March last, complaining of a certain person fencing across the foreshores to 100 feet below low-water mark, at Lillipilli, near Maroubra Bay, be replied to?
- (3.) What steps have been taken in this matter?
- (4.) What is the name of the person so offending?
- (5.) When will the fences complained of be removed?

MR. R. B. WILKINSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

- (1.) Whether he has received a report from Senior-constable Deane, of Dandalloo, of the illegal occupation of certain Crown lands at Dandalloo by one John Meizer?
- (2.) If so, what action does he intend to take in the matter?

MR. McEILHONE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What are the names of wives of Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly who have travelled free by railway, with or without free passes, together with the names of any members of their families, during the year 1887, and to 1st July, 1888, exclusive of those who obtained or were sent free passes during the Centennial Festival month?

MR. McELHONE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) What is the age of Mr. Rowe, President of Water and Sewerage Board?
- (2.) Is it a fact he is sixty years of age, or over; if so, is he not ineligible to become a member of the Civil Service, as Civil Servants can be compelled to retire when they are sixty years of age and over?

MR. SCHEY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that men entirely new to the Railway Service are being put on in various places, particularly as mechanics and labourers in the Locomotive Department, while old servants of years standing, put off though retrenchment and promised the first opening, are being passed over?
- (2.) Will he give instructions that in all cases old hands, if competent, shall have the preference?

MR. HENSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Has the route for the tramway line to connect the Field of Mars with the metropolis been fixed; if so, what route has been adopted?

MR. HENSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

- (1.) Will he, with a view to the comfort and health of the Members of this Assembly, cause some better provision to be made for the ventilation and lighting of the Chamber?
- (2.) Will he instruct the Colonial Architect to effect some improved system of ventilation and lighting during the recess?

MR. O'SULLIVAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of newspaper proprietors are in the habit of issuing with their journals, and transmitting unstamped through the post, supplements, or other portions of their papers, which have not been printed within the Colony?
- (2.) Is not the free transmission of such supplements through the post unlawful?
- (3.) Has it not also been decided by the Crown Law Officers that publications which have been printed from stereotypes of types set outside the Colony are also liable to postal charges?
- (4.) Have any steps been taken to prevent the free transmission through the post of such publications?
- (5.) Will he take steps, without delay, to put a stop to the practice?

MR. O'SULLIVAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a son of Mr. Abigail, Minister for Mines, has been promoted over the head of a junior clerk named Lane, who had superior claims?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the son of Mr. Abigail referred to received an increase in salary of £30 in November, and another increase of £20 in May last, making £50 in all, while Lane has only received an increase of £5?

MR. O'SULLIVAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—By whose authority were a Police Magistrate and a force of the Northern police sent to overawe the shearers at the Boorooma woolshed, near Bourke, at the commencement of the shearing season this year?

MR. DAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that W. Stimson is still stacking wood in the Fairfield railway yard after receiving notice twice not to do so?
- (2.) Is it also a fact that W. Stimson has a private entrance to the Fairfield railway yard, which he can use at any hour?
- (3.) How long has W. Stimson occupied the yard at Fairfield, and what rent has he paid?

MR. NOBBS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Will the Government, during the recess, consider the advisableness of submitting to the Railway Board the question of the duplication of the railway line between Granville and Liverpool?

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

Proposed Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Standing Orders proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 29th May, 1888.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

District Government Bill; second reading.

Mining Bill; second reading.

Supply; resumption of the Committee.

Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

Electoral Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Property Tax Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Formation of Street north of the General Post Office; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—

- (1.) That this House approves of the expenditure of the sum of fifteen thousand pounds (£15,000) for the purpose of purchasing certain frontages to George and Pitt Streets, and of making compensation to the lessees of said land, with the view of securing a uniform width of 70 feet in the formation of the street north of the General Post Office, the designs of the buildings to be erected on the northern side of the new street to be subject to the approval of the Government.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Crown Lands Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.

Rabbit Pest Suppression Bill; second reading.

Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Act Repeal Bill; second reading.

Colony of Australia Bill ; second reading.

Agricultural College and Experimental Farms Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a College of Agriculture in the county of Cumberland, and Experimental Farms in connection with the same in the Northern, Southern, and Western Districts.

Diseased Animals and Meat Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

MR. McELHONE to move (on Mr. Burdekin's Motion on the Notice Paper), That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the following words :—
 "the Refreshment Room Committee exceeded their authority by causing the offensive placard, as
 "to payment for refreshments, to be placed in the Smoking Room.
 "(2.) That it is doubtful if they had any right to cause the offensive placards to be hung up in the
 "Refreshment Room.
 "(3.) That the said placards are offensive and insulting to those Members who have paid their
 "entrance fee of £3 3s, and who have also paid for whatever refreshments they obtained ; and that,
 "in the opinion of this House, the said offensive placards should be removed, and in place of them
 "notices should be posted, giving the names of Members of the Legislative Council or Legislative
 "Assembly who have not paid their entrance fee of £3 3s., and who are indebted for refreshments
 "obtained by them."

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

MR. LEVIEN to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Mineral Conditional Purchases Parish of Metz," brought up on the 5th July, be now adopted.

MR. HAWKEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no proposition should be entertained with the object of leasing or selling or otherwise disposing of the management of the Government tramways without the consent of Parliament.

MR. HAWKEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when, in the interest of the general defence of the country, some scheme should be devised by the Government for the special elementary training of officers (with the view of issuing minor dormant commissions, under the hand of the Governor, to efficient persons) in connection with our Public School system of education.

MR. MARTIN to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Claim of Isaac Barclay," brought up on 17th July, 1888, be now adopted.

MR. HAYNES to move, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Patents.

MR. DOWEL to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the charges made for conveying letters and transmitting telegrams throughout the Colony be reduced ; and that, on and after the 1st August, 1888, the rates charged shall be as follows :—On all letters, for delivery within the Colony, not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. in weight, a charge of 1d. to be imposed ; that telegrams transmitted between all stations in New South Wales shall be charged 6d. for the first ten words, and each additional word $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ; press messages of twenty words and under to be charged 6d. ; and for every additional word up to fifty words, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ; every additional fifty words, or portion thereof, 6d.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. BOWMAN to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the "Petition of George Matcham Pitt, junior," brought up on the 26th April, 1888, be now adopted.

MR. WALL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a tramway from Mudgee to Wellington.

MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with our restrictive laws against the Chinese to subsidise a line of mail steamers manned, or partly manned, by members of that race.

MR. TONKIN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it would be advisable, in populated districts such as Bathurst, that the Stock Boards should have power to deal with rabbits in the same manner as they do with marsupials.

MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That the report of the Select Committee "Messrs. Hugh McNeill and Party—Mineral Lease at Captain's Flat," brought up on 12th July, 1888, be now adopted.

MR. FRANK SMITH to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of permitting the Government Printing Office to execute work of any description other than that ordered by and for the actual use of the Government, or for Parliament, should be forthwith abolished.

MR. J. P. ABBOTT to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a telegraph line should be constructed from Wilcannia to Tibbooburra, *via* Morden, Cobham, and Milparinka.

MR. GORMLEY to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the cases of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, selectors in the Wagga Wagga Land District.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Gale, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Colls, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Lakeman, and the Mover.

(3.) That all papers in such cases, laid upon the Table of this House and ordered to be printed on the 16th January, 1884, together with the report of the Select Committee brought up on 9th April, 1884, be referred to such Committee.

MR. J. P. ABBOTT to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mrs. Ann Rouse's Conditional Purchase, parish of Kahibah," brought up on the 6th June, 1888, be now adopted.

MR.

MR. NEILD to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the condition of the warlike stores of the Colony.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Melville, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Black, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. F. Jago Smith, and the Mover.

MR. DAY to move, 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 correspondence which has passed between Mr. Joseph Harrington and the Department of Mines in respect of certain prosecutions under the Sheep Act, in which Mr. Harrington was the defendant; also, copies of the depositions taken before the Court in Urana in such cases; also, copies of evidence taken in the case held before the Urana Board of Sheep Directors—Harrington v. Brett.

MR. TONKIN to move, That it be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Combination Trucks" to include in their investigation the particulars of the truck submitted to the Government by Mr. G. J. Mulholland.

MR. STOKES to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the case of John F. Connelly's application to mine upon portion 423, parish of Curragong, county of Ashburnham, Billabong Gold-field, and the withdrawal of the permit held by him.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Colls, Mr. Jones, Mr. Day, and the Mover.
- (3.) That all the papers in such cases laid upon the Table of this House and ordered to be printed on the 3rd of November, 1887, be referred to such Committee.

MR. FITZGERALD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the construction of the railway from Muswellbrook to Cassilis, for which a sum of £700,000 was included in the Loan Act of 1884, should be proceeded with at once.

MR. BUCHANAN to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the protective policy of the Government in getting fifty locomotives manufactured in the country, and thus promoting and fostering the iron trades, should be extended to the advancement and protection of all other industries.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. COPELAND to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the calling for tenders and recent letting of contracts for certain locomotives to be made in the Colony.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Garrard, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Sydney Smith, and the Mover.

MR. BUCHANAN to move,—

- (1.) That the intention of the Minister of Education to compel all the young persons (male and female) who pass the necessary examination qualifying them to enter the training colleges, to continue there for three years instead of one year, as at present in force, is an infringement of the law as laid down in the Public Schools Act, and a serious injury and wrong to the children of poor parents, and should not be carried out.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. R. BURDETT SMITH to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that immediate steps be taken to provide for the erection of new Law Courts.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. THOMPSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return giving particulars as to all orders given by the Superintendent of Telegraphs without the previously obtained authority of the Postmaster General, between 1st January and 31st May, 1888, such Return to specify the date of the order, the date of the supply, the nature of the goods, the firm from whom purchased, and the cost of each lot of goods so ordered.

MR. WALKER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to compel all traders who sell goods manufactured by Chinese to have the same branded as of Chinese manufacture.

MR. O'CONNOR to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the growing importance of the mercantile interests, and the necessity of securing greater efficiency and economy for all classes of the community, the time has arrived for the introduction of a Bill to establish a Harbour Trust.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. O'CONNOR to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a statue should be erected to Captain Phillip, the first Governor of New South Wales, in recognition of his priceless services in promoting the colonization of Australia.
- (2.) That the Government should use their best efforts to have the same completed and erected within the centennial year.
- (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. BURDEKIN to move, That the report of the Refreshment Committee, brought up on 12th June, 1888, be now adopted.

MR. TONKIN to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, there ought to be added to the railway policy just brought forward by the Government a line from Tarana to the Jenolan Caves.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr.

MR. MELVILLE to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of the foreshores of Lake Macquarie recently sold by the Government to the Excelsior Land Investment Building Company should be resumed.
- (2.) That no further alienation of the foreshores of Lake Macquarie should be permitted.
- (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. FLETCHER to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the dismissal of Charlotte Brenning as a teacher under the Department of Public Instruction.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Inglis, Mr. Reid, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Melville, Mr. Creer, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gale, and the Mover.

MR. TONKIN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the advancement of agriculture in the Western District of the Colony, it would be judicious to establish forthwith a Model Farm in the Bathurst District, on some portion of land between Tarana and Kelso, there being in that portion of the Colony all the adjuncts necessary for such a farm, and land thoroughly suitable for that purpose.

MR. MOORE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of Major-General Schaw's report on the state of the defences of this Colony.

MR. FLETCHER to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the system known as differential and competitive rates now in force on the various railways of the Colony.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Lyne, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Creer, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Street, and the Mover.

MR. FLETCHER to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, differential rates charged for the conveyance of goods and passengers on the various railways of the Colony, should not be applied to one portion of the Colony to the detriment of another.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. FLETCHER to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all matters connected with the incorporation of the Municipality of Merewether, near Newcastle.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gale, Mr. Jones, Mr. Walker, Mr. Melville, Mr. Creer, Mr. W. J. Allen, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hugh Taylor, and the Mover.

MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the despatch recently forwarded to Lord Salisbury by the representative of the Emperor of China, relative to the imposition of a poll-tax on Chinese, is a document that cannot be entertained and endorsed by the British Government without the most serious consequences resulting to the white colonists of Australasia.

MR. HURLEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the speech delivered by the Member for Queanbeyan (Mr. O'Sullivan), on the 10th May, 1888, as reported in pages 4,664 and 4,665, is a gross libel, and tends to the demoralization of our Parliamentary Institutions, and should be expunged from *Hansard*, as it reflects on the honour, character, and integrity of Parliament.

DR. WILKINSON to move,—

- (1.) That steps should be taken to introduce a system of compulsory vaccination.
- (2.) That an institution should be established from which vaccine, taken directly from the calf, could be obtained.
- (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. FLETCHER to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of Islington, Wickham, and Waratah justifies the Government in constructing a tramway from Newcastle to those important suburbs.
- (2.) That, for like reasons, a tramway should be constructed from Newcastle to The Glebe, Adamstown, and Merewether.
- (3.) That the routes already surveyed should be adopted, and the work commenced immediately.
- (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to his Excellency the Governor.

MR. WITHERS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the power of the Municipal Council of the city of Sydney to take over certain streets and lanes, as formed or laid out under the subdivision of the Blackfriar's Estate.

MR. VAUGHN to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Robert Mackrell's Conditional Purchase at Forbes," brought up on the 20th March, 1888, be now adopted.

MR. WISE to move, That the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate on the second reading of the Church of England Property Bill, which lapsed on 13th July, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

MR. GARVAN to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the manner in which the Government has dealt with the Public Accounts is unsatisfactory.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. BRUNNER to move—

- (1.) That the Young Wallsend Coal Company's Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Martin, Mr. Day, and the Mover.

MR.

MR. HASSALL to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Parry's Conditional Purchases on Currugundi and Warren South Runs," brought up on the 31st May, 1888, be now adopted.

MR. CHANTER to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances relating to the mineral license granted to Michael Charles Renham, on the 20th day of September, 1883, and to the mineral conditional purchase made by James Kennedy Broughm in the same year.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Wall, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Black, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Cooke, and the Mover.

MR. CROUCH to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the conditional purchase of Zachary Benn, in the district of the Richmond River, recommended for forfeiture by the Casino Land Board.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. See, Mr. Ewing, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Moore, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Frank Farnell, and the Mover.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

Goulburn and Tuena Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stevenson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

Bull Colliery Disaster Fund Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Gould, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

Electorates of the Gwydir and Inverell Boundaries Amendment Bill; second reading.

Sydney and Suburban Hydraulic Power Company's Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Select Committees on Private Bills; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, Members attending Select Committees upon private Bills should be remunerated for such services.

(2.) That the promoters of such Bills should pay into the Treasury the sum of £30, in addition to the £25 already provided for, to cover the remuneration for such attendance, at the rate of two guineas per sitting for each Member.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Oakey Park Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill (*as further amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Grafton School of Arts Trustees Enabling Bill; third reading.

Attorneys Bills of Costs and Practice of Conveyancing Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Totalizator Legalizing Bill; second reading.

Fuel Bill; second reading.

Sydney Hydraulic Power Company's Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Divorce Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neild,—

"(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the recent Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of the Divorce Extension Bill demands the gravest consideration of Parliament and of the country.

"(2.) That, in the Session of 1886, a Bill, substantially the same as that to which Her Majesty's Government declines to advise Assent, was passed by the Legislative Council of this Colony and (as to its second reading) by this House, supported by petitions (among others, from 4,800 citizens of Sydney and its suburbs), and, it is believed, with the approval of a large majority of their fellow Colonists.

"(3.) That, in the Session of 1887, the previous measure having lapsed by prorogation of the Parliament, and a General Election having in the interval taken place, the Bill was submitted to the newly elected Assembly, by which it was passed by large majorities, and finally it passed the Legislative Council, notwithstanding strenuous efforts in each House to defeat it.

"(4.) That, from the time of its first introduction to Parliament, the measure received from the public press throughout the Colony ample and reiterated discussion; so that not Parliament alone, but the community at large, had full information as to its character, with time and opportunity for its consideration.

"(5.) This House protests, therefore, against any assumption or suggestion, by whomsoever made, that the Bill was not the result of deliberate resolve by the community which Parliament represented; and protests against the decision, founded, apparently on that assumption, not to advise Her Majesty's Assent to any like measure, unless passed by a future Parliament. In the opinion of this House, nothing justified such an assumption, if entertained; and, if not entertained or not warranted by the facts, no Government had a right to require, as a condition of approval, the subjecting of this measure to a third ordeal.

"(6.) This House protests equally against the doctrine implied, if not expressed, in the Despatch—that a great measure of this character may, constitutionally, and without doing violence to the independent action of each Australian Colony, be suspended, or defeated in its action, because of its being at the time unsupported by some other or others of the group. Such a doctrine, if acted on with respect to the existing Divorce Acts passed in Australia, would have defeated or indefinitely postponed them, even when in unison with the English Statute. Each of these, although alike in general resemblance, originated necessarily in some one Colony. Those which followed, more or less differing in detail, were passed at various intervals. Concerted action was impracticable.

"(7.)

“(7.) That this House, recognizing the principle referred to in the Despatch respecting legislative jurisdiction in divorce cases, is of opinion that it was not violated by the Bill; and that the substitution of domicile for actual residence, sought to be imposed as the condition of Assent to the measure, would, in many cases (by reason of the technicality of the term, and of its application), operate simply as a delusion and a snare. By law, the wife’s domicile is that of her husband; and, although the latter may have occupied their matrimonial home in the Colony for several years previous to desertion, his legal domicile may always have been elsewhere. The difficulties which would then arise are not inappropriately illustrated by the case cited in the Despatch.
“(8.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor, with the request that he will be good enough to forward them to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State.”

Liverpool Church of England Grammar School Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Factories and Workshops Regulation Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.

Original Grants of Land Boundaries Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading.

Hunter Street Newcastle Extension Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Sydney and Suburban Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

North Shore Boroughs Wharves Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.

West Maitland Cattle Sale-yards Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Trade Marks Amendment Bill; second reading.

City of Sydney Mayoral Election Bill; second reading.

Merchandise Marks Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to fraudulent marks on merchandise.

Broken Hill Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Ministerial Election Bill; second reading.

Cremation Bill; second reading.

Postage on Correspondence re-directed for Members; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Chanter, “That, in the opinion of this House, all Departmental and other correspondence addressed to Members of Parliament, and delivered at Parliament House, and upon which postage has been paid, should bear no further charge, when occasion requires such correspondence to be re-directed and forwarded to Members at their private residences.”

Claims of Captain Rossi; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hurley, “That the report of the Select Committee on the Claims of Captain Rossi, brought up on the 9th February, 1888, be now adopted.”

Association Cricket Ground; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. McElhone,—

“(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a competent and duly qualified accountant be appointed by the Government to audit the accounts of the trustees of the Association cricket ground, from the time they were first appointed up to the end of March, 1888.

“(2.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a certified copy of such auditor’s report, &c.”

North Shore, Manly, and Pittwater Tramway and Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council’s amendments.

Divorce Extension Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council’s amendments.

Seduction Punishment Bill; third reading.

*Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 24th July, 1888.*

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1887-8.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES:

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1887-8.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, Joseph, Esq. (<i>from 7 February, 1888</i>)	20	22	.....	42
Abbott, Joseph Palmer, Esq.	37	37	.....	74
Abigail, Tho Hon. Francis, Esq.	65	72	3	140
Allen, Alfred, Esq.	32	39	1	72
Allen, William Johnston, Esq. (<i>from 7 February, 1888</i>)	30	20	.....	50
Ball, Edward Joseph, Esq.	34	53	.....	87
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	48	31	2	81
Black, Reginald James, Esq.	23	20	.....	43
Bowes, John Wesley, Esq.	22	15	.....	37
Bowman, Alexander, Esq.	35	39	.....	74
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	27	25	2	54
Browne, Thomas Frederic DeCourey, Esq. (<i>from 18 October, 1887</i>)	29	22	.....	51
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq.	31	43	1	75
Buchanan, David, Esq. (<i>from 17 May, 1888</i>)	17	6	.....	23
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq.	30	23	.....	53
Burns, The Hon. John Fitzgerald, Esq.	81	89	3	173
Cameron, Angus, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	48	.....	.....	48
Carruthers, Joseph Hector, Esq.	52	56	1	109
Chanter, John Moore, Esq.	20	27	.....	47
Chapman, Michael, Esq.	54	53	1	109
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	29	31	.....	60
Clarke, The Hon. William, Esq.	77	79	1	157
Colls, Thomas, Esq.	40	20	.....	60
Cooke, Henry Harry, Esq.	50	58	.....	117
Copeland, Henry, Esq.	17	29	.....	46
Cortis, William Richard, Esq.	38	23	2	63
Creer, Joseph, Esq.	38	36	.....	74
Crouch, Frederick George, Esq.	34	41	.....	75
Dalton, Thomas, Esq.	33	32	.....	65
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons, Esq.	33	17	.....	50
Davis, William Lovel, Esq.	50	41	1	92
Dawson, Henry, Esq.	58	51	.....	109
Day, George, Esq.	44	28	3	75
Dibbs, George Richard, Esq.	65	56	1	122
Dowel, William Springthorpe, Esq.	17	20	.....	37
Ellis, James Cole, Esq.	28	37	.....	65
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	30	20	.....	50
Farnell, Frank, Esq.	54	56	1	111
Farnell, James Squire, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Ferguson, David Alexander, Esq.	8	6	.....	14
Fitzgerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	13	23	.....	36
Fletcher, James, Esq.	40	46	.....	86
Foster, William John, Esq.	15	26	.....	41
Gale, John, Esq.	28	24	.....	52
Garland, Charles Launcelot, Esq.	58	31	.....	89
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	47	46	.....	93
Garrett, The Hon. Thomas, Esq.	69	69	2	140
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq.	36	36	.....	72
Gibbes, Frederick Jamison, Esq.	15	3	.....	18
Goodwin, Thomas Henry Hall, Esq.	21	18	.....	39
Gordon, James, Esq.	20	23	.....	43
Gornly, James, Esq.	50	51	2	103
Gould, Albert John, Esq.	26	32	.....	58
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq.	31	33	.....	64
Hawken, Nicholas, Esq.	67	66	2	135
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq.	50	47	1	98
Hayes, James, Esq.	12	36	.....	48
Haynes, John, Esq.	65	75	1	141
Henson, William, Esq.	48	43	1	92
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq.	29	49	1	79

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Hurley, John, Esq.	20	17	37
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq.	44	47	91
Inglis, The Hon. James, Esq.	76	77	2	155
Ives, Isaac Ellis, Esq.	37	45	1	83
Jeanneret, Charles Edward, Esq.	33	25	2	60
Jones, Travers, Esq.	36	43	1	80
Kelly, John Edward, Esq.	42	54	1	97
Kethel, Alexander, Esq.	26	26	.....	52
Lakeman, Allen, Esq.	16	26	1	43
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	43	52	.....	100
Lees, Samuel Edward, Esq.	54	45	1	100
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	19	17	.....	36
Lyne, William John, Esq.	37	25	.....	62
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq.	14	7	.....	21
Martin, William Fraser, Esq.	21	27	.....	48
Matheson, George McLeod, Esq.	23	6	.....	29
McCourt, William, Esq.	41	32	.....	73
McCulloch, Andrew Hardie, junr., Esq.	7	6	.....	13
McElhone, John, Esq.	27	33	.....	60
McFarlane, John, Esq.	32	32	1	65
McMillan William, Esq.	38	47	.....	85
Melville, Ninian, Esq.	57	50	2	109
Merriman, George, Esq.	34	17	.....	51
Mitchell, Joseph, Esq. (from 28 February, 1888)	15	23	.....	38
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson, Esq.	47	45	.....	92
Neild, John Cash, Esq.	15	23	.....	38
Nobbs, John, Esq. (from 20 March, 1888)	27	25	.....	52
O'Connor, Daniel, Esq.	24	10	1	35
O'Mara, Thomas Chrysostom, Esq.	42	49	.....	91
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq.	63	50	.....	122
Parke, The Hon. Sir Henry, K.C.M.G.	76	71	2	149
Parkes, Varney, Esq.	12	5	.....	17
Penzer, Joseph, Esq.	15	14	.....	29
Reid, George Houston, Esq.	15	24	.....	39
Riley, Alban Joseph, Esq.	20	23	.....	43
Roberts, The Hon. Charles James, Esq., C.M.G.	86	81	2	169
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	44	29	.....	73
Ryrie, Alexander, Esq.	28	29	.....	57
Schey, William Francis, Esq.	47	56	.....	103
Seaver, Jonathan Charles Billing Pockorage, Esq.	25	29	.....	54
See, John, Esq.	30	38	1	69
Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq.	30	18	.....	48
Smith, Fergus Jago, Esq.	19	15	.....	34
Smith, Frank James, Esq.	53	54	.....	107
Smith, Robert Burdett, Esq.	44	61	1	106
Smith, Sydney, Esq.	47	49	1	97
Stephen, William, Esq.	51	58	1	110
Stevenson, Richard, Esq.	80	84	4	168
Stokes, Alfred, Esq.	45	26	.....	71
Street, John Rendell, Esq.	40	23	.....	63
Sutherland, The Hon. John, Esq.	80	65	3	148
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	41	9	.....	50
Teece, William, junr., Esq.	78	85	2	165
Thompson, Richard Wudeyer, Esq.	42	50	1	93
Tonkin, James Ebenezer, Esq.	58	54	.....	112
Toobey, James Matthew, Esq.	28	26	1	55
Trickett, William Joseph, Esq.	11	13	.....	24
Vaughn, Robert Matteson, Esq.	28	44	.....	72
Waddell, Thomas, Esq.	43	33	1	77
Walker, Thomas, Esq.	41	21	1	63
Wall, William Chandos, Esq.	24	22	1	47
Want, John Henry, Esq.	16	24	.....	40
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq.	16	16	.....	32
Wilkinson, William Camac, Esq., M.D.	26	22	.....	48
Wilson, Alexander, Esq.	27	11	.....	38
Wise, The Hon. Bernhard Ringrose, Esq.	42	67	.....	109
Withers, George, Esq.	36	16	.....	52
Woodward, Francis, Esq.	45	32	.....	77
Young, The Hon. James Henry, Esq. (Speaker) ....	.....	.....	.....	.....

1887-8.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1887-8.

1. New Writs issued	8				
2. Select Committees :—					
On Public Matters	28				
On Private Bills	27				
On Public Bills	2				
	57				
3. Standing Committees	4				
4. Public Bills :—					
Originated in the Assembly—					
Received the Royal Assent	34				
Assented to in Legislative Council Chamber	3				
Otherwise disposed of	50				
	87				
Brought from the Council—					
Received the Royal Assent	2				
Otherwise disposed of	1				
	3				
					90
5. Private Bills :—					
Originated in the Assembly—					
Received the Royal Assent	10				
Assented to in Legislative Council Chamber	2				
Otherwise disposed of	19				
	31				
Brought from the Council—					
Passed (<i>last Session</i>) and Assent reported	1				
Received the Royal Assent	6				
Otherwise disposed of	2				
	9				
					40
6. Petitions received :—					
Printed	191				
Not Printed	31				
	222				
7. Divisions :—					
In the House	88				
In Committee of the Whole	94				
	182				
8. Sittings :—					
Days of Meeting	121				
Hours of Sitting	1,111 h. 58 m.				
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	139 h. 37 m.				
Daily Average	9 h. 11 m.				
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—					
Before commencement of Business	1				
After commencement of Business	3				
	4				
9. Votes and Proceedings	121				
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—					
Of Business done	1,534				
Of Notices of Motion	3,944				
Of Orders of the Day	3,547				
Of Questions	2,057				
Of Contingent Notices	13				
	11,095				
Daily Average	91				
10. Contingent Notice Papers	15				
11. Orders for Papers	143				
12. Addresses for Papers	12				
13. Other Addresses	9				
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—					
By Message	35				
By Command	415				
By Speaker	2				
In Return to Orders	124				
In Return to Addresses	11				
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	45				
	653				
Ordered to be Printed	632				
Not ordered to be Printed	21				
	653				

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